



# Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association

## The VICPA – What's That?

Dear Parent:

Your preschool is a member of the Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association that is an umbrella organization for parent participation “co-op” preschools. All member preschools have the common philosophy of “learning through play”.

The VICPA Executive is a group of volunteer parents who share their time and experience for the benefit of all our preschools. The VICPA works on behalf of all its members to provide services that make running a co-op preschool easier.

These services include:

- Workshops – training and support of preschool executive
- Standards – ensuring VICPA's standards are met in all preschools
- Board and Committees – addressing issues relevant to preschools
- Equipment loan – sharing commonly held equipment amongst member preschools
- Information exchange including the Coverall newsletter

The VICPA provides a forum for networking between preschools. This sharing is invaluable to the school's executive members as it allows them to do their jobs more effectively and ultimately provides you with a well run preschool. Your VICPA fees allow us to run a small office, hire an Executive Coordinator and an Early Childhood Educator Consultant, publish our newsletter and present our annual spring parenting conference, Making Tomorrow.

Please consider the above information when filling in the VICPA Membership Form **(which is on the back of this sheet)**.



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## Membership Application Form

Please complete the following application and return to you preschool's Enrolment officer as soon as possible in order for you Preschool to remain a member in good standing with the VICPA.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_  
your name(s) parent/guardian

At \_\_\_\_\_ preschool, a group member in good standing with Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association (VICPA) hereby apply to be an individual member with VICPA.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

### Enrolment Form for VICPA

Occasionally projects arise within the association requiring specific skills. Just as your preschool benefits from its members' talents, so can our association of preschools. While we understand that you lead busy lives, we ask that you consider volunteering with VICPA. Please look over the many suggested areas below and circle ones of interest and/or expertise denoting which parent. Also, please feel free to offer any skills that have not been listed.

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Most convenient time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a returning parent? Y N

If yes, how many years have you been with a VICPA co-op? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know who or what VICPA is? Y N

Accountant (CA/CGA)\_\_\_ Bookkeeper\_\_\_ Carpenter (painter, repair skills)\_\_\_ Graphic Artist\_\_\_  
Calligraphy\_\_\_ Media (radio, TV, Newspaper, Magazine)\_\_\_ Advertising/Public Relations\_\_\_ Publishing\_\_\_  
Organisational Skills\_\_\_ Drama/Actor\_\_\_ Salary Negotiation\_\_\_ Hiring Experience\_\_\_ Lawyer\_\_\_  
Health professional (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Word processing (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Making Tomorrow Conference\_\_\_ Sewing \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_