

**Fall Creek Elementary PTA
Curriculum Enhancement Committee
Funds Request Form 2011-12**

The Curriculum Enhancement Committee (“CEC”) is comprised of Fall Creek teachers and parents. The CEC works to support staff members’ initiatives to keep students excited about learning. This includes writing grants, helping staff to write grants, and brainstorming ways to get resources without spending money.

Fall Creek teachers: Please use this form to request money or assistance that involves the CEC. This request should be used if you are requesting: (1) money from the PTA; or (2) assistance with the grant writing process.

1. Please provide a description of the grant project you propose:

2. Requests for money from the PTA:

\$100 per teacher per year has been allocated by the PTA for use for a class project or field trip. This money can be combined with the other teacher of the same grade for a total of \$200.

I would like to request (circle one):

\$100 (for one class) or

\$200 (for 2 classes) from the PTA for the following project/field trip.

3. Requests for assistance with the grant writing process:

Most of these grants are written to the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) and the Fine Arts Booster Group (FABG). The CEC can connect you with a member/parent partner that can help you write the grant. In the grant application, you are asked to list other funding sources. Combining the grant money with the PTA teacher funds mentioned above for a larger project is a great way to leverage the PTA funds!

I would like a CEC member/grant writer to help me in the grant application process.

Please provide a budget for your project. Remember it helps to use resources from others (such as money requested from the PTA) to leverage the grant:

4. Applicants:

teacher	date	grade
co-teacher (if applicable)	date	grade

Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) Grant Guidelines (application forms are online)

IPEI Teacher Grants

Application deadline: November 1, 2011

From IPEI's website: <http://www.ipei.org/index.php?page=ig-application-procedure>

IPEI's Teacher Grant program provides grants up to \$1,500 to ICSD teachers interested in implementing an innovative educational project. Any proposal designed to enhance the education of ICSD students will be considered provided that the described project:

- directly involves and/or benefits students
- enlists the support of a Community Partner with whom the project will be completed
- cannot be funded through existing avenues of school district support

Any ICSD teacher or group of teachers are eligible to apply for a grant.

IPEI has clear guidelines on the grant procedure. Please check the website or contact the CEC for questions.

IPEI Red and Gold Grants

Application deadlines: October 24, December 6, March 5, and May 7

From the IPEI website: <http://www.ipei.org/index.php?page=red-gold-grants>

The Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) will award one-time grants of up to \$500 each during the 2011-12 school year to enrich learning for students in the Ithaca district. Any district staff member, student, parent, or community member may apply for a Red & Gold grant.

Fine Arts Booster Group (FABG) mini-grants:

From the FABG website: <http://fabgithaca.org/Receive>

Application Deadlines:

Applications will be considered twice this school year. The schedule for 2010-11 is as follows:

Fall Deadline: October 30 Decision date: mid November

Spring Deadline: to be determined if funds available

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date to be considered.

Application Criteria: *Your application will be reviewed based on the following criteria:*

- Improves and expands learning opportunities
- Reaches a large number of children or provides an in-depth experience
- Focuses on enhancing classroom curriculum
- Supports fine and performing arts needs
- Supports but does not supplant district responsibilities
- Addresses under-served – arts area or students

IMPORTANT NOTE: Teachers are responsible for submitting a brief summary reports to the funders after completion of the project .