

Mentor Schools Foundation Application

Applicant: Bonnie Cooney, Grade 4 Teacher
School: Headlands Elementary
Proposal Title: Family Math Night

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1. Describe the project (purpose and anticipated results).

A whole school Family Math Night is planned for late September, 2007. At this event, students and their families will be able to participate in math games, solve math problems, and experience and interact with the new math concepts that are being presented in all of the classrooms.

2. List the primary goals of your project and describe a favorite activity designed to meet one of these goals.

The primary goals of this project are:

- To provide parents with a glimpse of what goes on in the classroom and to see the mathematical ideas children are struggling with and mastering.
- To continue ongoing relationships that are respectful, collaborative and mutually beneficial.
- To involve family members in new ideas about mathematics.

A favorite activity designed to meet one of these goals is playing a math game called "Close to 100."

3. Describe any unique or special feature of your project/program.

Parents are reassured to learn that teachers will continue to be open and available for an ongoing collaborative relationship. More parents will become involved by volunteering in the classroom and by learning how to help their children at home. Parents will see the logic in children's mathematical ideas and why we need to expand our understanding of how our thinking about math is changing in a more positive manner and approach.

4. How many students will be involved?

Our whole school will be involved—up to 300 students in grades K through 6.

5. What is the projected cost?

\$500

6. **Will the program be ongoing? If yes, how do you intend to fund the program in the future?**

Yes, the program will be ongoing. Other grants will be written, and the PTA is supporting this event. Previous Math Nights were well-attended and big success.

7. **Will funding be requested of other organizations? What dollar amount do you expect to receive?**

PTA \$25

8. **What are the means of evaluating this project?**

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have already conducted a survey of our school's curriculum needs, and we are currently writing our building math goals for CCIP. We would like to improve our scores further on overall mathematical performance. This event is one piece of a larger plan for improvement.

9. **What are the methods for reporting the results of this project to the Mentor Schools Foundation?**

Improvement in skills would be shown in the math scores of achievement tests and off-year testing.

Attendance at the Math Family Night would be a measure, and another school survey would be conducted to assess our goals.

10. **What are the projected times/dates of implementation and duration?**

The Family Math Night is currently scheduled for September, 2007, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

11. Other comments: (Attach additional pages, if needed.)

None.

Bonnie Cooney
Signature of Project Director

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Assistant Superintendent

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Principal's Signature

6/19/07
Date

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