



*" In the words of a child:  
I hear and I forget.  
I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.  
-Maria Montessori (1879-1952)*

**RICHMOND ASSOCIATION FOR MONTESSORI**  
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## **Application for Montessori Membership 2008-2009 (Annual Membership Fee - \$50.00 per Family)**

### **Early Bird Draw**

Get your membership in to us by October 8, 2008 and be eligible to win a 2009 Entertainment Coupon Book and a RAM t-shirt (over \$50.00 value). Lucky Draw will be held at the RAM Meeting on October 9, 2008.

#### **PLEASE PRINT**

Father's Name		Family Name	
Mother's Name		Family Name (If different)	
Home Address		School (Garden City, Steves or McKinney)	
Home Phone Number		Work Phone Number	
Name of Child 1	Birthdate (YY/MM/DD)	Grade	Div
Name of Child 2	Birthdate (YY/MM/DD)	Grade	Div
Name of Child 3	Birthdate (YY/MM/DD)	Grade	Div
Can we call you to help out for RAM events? (please circle)		Yes	No
Area of your professional expertise? (please circle)		Marketing	Web design
Communications, Other: _____		Law	
E-mail address			

**Membership forms with membership fee can be 1) returned with the child to your child's teacher or 2) mailed to : Richmond Association for Montessori, Ste 211 – 8155 Park Road, Richmond BC, V6Y 3C9.  
Please make cheques payable to RAM (Richmond Association for Montessori)**

## Montessori Membership 2008-2009

It is time for our Montessori Annual Membership Drive. In order to continue with the Montessori Philosophy and Methodology within the Richmond Public School System, we encourage that all Montessori parents become members of RAM by completing this application form. The membership for the year 2008-2009 is \$50.00.

What is the Montessori Philosophy?

Montessori is a philosophy of education that recognizes in children a natural curiosity and desires to learn. Certified Montessori teachers and special Montessori teaching materials transform this curiosity into a learning experience. For the "sensitive period" in a child's life Dr. Montessori designed the "prepared environment" where, "...the child, set free from undue adult intervention, can live its life according to the laws of its development." The Montessori teachers, the Montessori equipment, and the prepared environment all stimulate and encourage the child to learn. Children enjoy using Montessori materials as they learn. By associating an abstract concept with a concrete sensorial experience, the process fosters understanding and not just memorizing.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER:

The Richmond School Board does **NOT** subsidize or pay for any Montessori materials that are critical for our Montessori classrooms. The money raised from our membership drive is used as follows:

- Purchase Montessori Materials for every Montessori class. These materials are an essential part of the prepared environment. The Montessori trained teacher, using the Philosophy & Psychology of the Montessori Methodology, becomes the dynamic link between this environment and the learning situations for our children in all the grades.
- Subsidize Montessori teachers for training and seminars as enhancement and further development in the application of the Montessori Philosophy.
- Repay School Board Loan.

Montessori practice is always up-to-date and dynamic because observation is a continuous process and meeting the needs of the child are specific. When physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional needs are met, children glow with excitement and play and work with enthusiasm with a drive to learn, and to create. They exhibit a desire to teach, help, and care for others and for their environment.

The high level of academic achievement so common in Montessori schools is a natural outcome of experience in such a supportive environment. The Montessori method of education is a model serving the needs of children of all levels of mental and physical ability as they live and learn in a natural, multi-age setting, very much like the society they will live in as adults.

**Please become a member and help your child.**