



RAM Annual Family Membership and Cash Drive 2015-2016

What is RAM? You are! The Richmond Association for Montessori (RAM) is made up of the families of Montessori students at *Manoah Steves, Garden City and James McKinney Elementary* schools, who work together with the school district and school administration to support the Montessori program in Richmond.

Why become a RAM Member?

1. It is critical that all Montessori families join RAM, so all our children can benefit.
2. As a registered organization, we are required by law to maintain an annual paid membership.
3. Children do better when parents are connected. Research shows that children whose parents are involved get better grades and have fewer discipline problems school.
4. Although we had a better year in the past, financial support for RAM has been in decline. Unless we continue to turn this trend around, RAM and the Montessori program you chose for your child will be compromised.



Where does the money go?

1. All funds raised by RAM go directly into resources for our children's classrooms.
2. Starting in the 2015/2016 school year, the school district will assist with the funds necessary for the purchase of Montessori materials in our classrooms. RAM will continue to raise funds to support teachers' ongoing development and to assist with the funding of the Montessori education program in Richmond.

How can you help?

1. **Become a Member of RAM** - \$75 per family membership (tax receipts can not be given for membership fees)
2. **Donate any amount at any time** - tax receipts will be issued for donations more than \$10.
3. **Donate \$200 or more** and it will **include** your Membership Fee and you will receive a tax receipt for the **full amount**.
4. **Attend RAM meetings, and volunteer.** Visit our Facebook page and website www.richmondmontessori.ca for more information, updates and meeting dates.

Monthly payments or post-dated cheques are also welcome. To receive a tax receipt for the 2015 tax year, cheques must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31, 2015, otherwise tax receipts will be issued for the 2016 tax year.

EARLY BIRD DRAW! Get your RAM Membership Fees in before
Nov. 13th, 2015 and be eligible to win a \$150 Costco Gift Card

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Please print clearly: *Please circle your school;* Garden City, Steves, McKinney

Father's Name (or guardian) _____ Family Name _____

Mother's Name (or guardian) _____ Family Name _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

I give permission to be contacted via email by RAM for general information and fundraising purposes

Grade Division

Name of Child (1) _____

Name of Child (2) _____

Name of Child (3) _____

YES! We want to support RAM and the Montessori program in Richmond.

Enclosed is a cheque, made *payable to the Richmond Association for Montessori.*

for our **RAM Annual Family Membership**, in the amount of \$75, per family.
(Tax receipts cannot be provided for memberships.)

Hand in early, by Nov 13th, to enter our draw for a \$150 Costco Gift Card.

for a **donation of Other \$ _____**. I will receive a tax receipt for donation for amounts over \$10.

for a **donation of \$200** or Other \$ _____. I will receive a tax receipt for the donation amount, and my Annual Family Membership will be included.

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Signature: _____

Your completed form, with cheque payable to Richmond Association for Montessori, can be returned to your **child's teacher** or into the **office** at your school.



