



RAM Newsletter

November 2014

Your 2014-2015 RAM

Executive Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Danny Yee	Co-Chair	Garden City
Yolanda Domingo	Co-Chair	Steves
Kanny Chow	Treasurer	Garden City
Graham Balow	Secretary	McKinney
Tina Zhu	Volunteer Coordinator	Garden City
Bonnie Jagpal	Volunteer Coordinator	Garden City
Connie Fung	Materials Receiver	Steves
Dan Yang	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Ileana Chen	Materials Receiver	McKinney
Sheila Lau	Purchasing	Steves
Simone Guo	Purchasing	Garden City
Sara Campos	Purchasing/Materials	Garden City
Cindy Uy Sun Hung	Purchasing	Garden City
Ellen Leung	Fundraising	McKinney
Natasha Mavis	Fundraising	McKinney
Cassandra Chang	Fundraising	Steves
Tina Lau	Fundraising	McKinney
Danny Yu	Webmaster	McKinney
Jacqueline Ip	Webmaster	McKinney
Faye Huang	Webmaster	Steves
Yvonne Lee	Webmaster	McKinney
Deborah Hansson	Materials Receiver	Steves
Maila Villafuerte	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Katheryn Cham	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Alana Yee	Materials Receiver	McKinney
Maria Ong	Materials Receiver	McKinney
Madhu Kanwar	Materials Receiver	McKinney
April Wilson	Materials Receiver	Steves
Yinghua Zhuang	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Tony Wang	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Gordon Feng	Materials Receiver	Garden City
Kushal Samy	RAM PAC Liaison	McKinney
Justine Ross	RAM PAC Liaison	Steves
Nick Bower	RAM PAC Liaison	Garden City
April Tanner	Member-at-large	Steves
Alan Chuck	Member-at-large	Garden City
Lily Qiu	Translator	Garden City
Laura Zeng	Translator	McKinney

Message from the Chair

On November 13th, RAM held its first annual general meeting and elections. After many months of desperate pleas for parent volunteers, the turnout at this meeting brought unprecedented numbers! This is proof that we are all stronger when we all stand together. With a new team in place, RAM is able to continue its operations in support of the Montessori program in Richmond.

Given the slow start to the school year, we know that many parents are eager to get more information about RAM. We cannot emphasize the importance of parental support for this program. Our children's classrooms rely on our continued support. The Montessori program does not receive additional funding from the Richmond School District. What does this mean? All costs associated with this alternate program are the responsibility of the participating families.

The specialized materials that our children use every day in their classrooms are expensive and, when damaged, need repair or replacement. These materials are essential to the program that we've chosen for our children and RAM is the only source of funds available for them.

Last year, RAM provided \$600 of teacher bursaries and purchased \$8,500 of Montessori materials that were distributed among our classrooms. Our fundraising goal for this year is \$25,000 - this cannot be achieved without your support.

Let's look ahead with great enthusiasm and work together to continue to support our teachers and their classrooms. Together we make a difference in our children's education and ensure that the Montessori program is the best that it can be!

~ Yolanda Domingo, RAM Co-Chair
 ~ Danny Yee, RAM Co-Chair

As we welcome our new RAM team, we also give a great big thanks to our previous RAM committee, in particular, **Ally Medweth**, who has shouldered the Chair position for the past six years. Thank you for all your support and time commitment, you have left us with some pretty big shoes to fill!

PARENTS, what can YOU do to help?

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Upcoming Dates & Events:

December 12, 2014

- **Early bird deadline** for Membership and Cash Drive form.

* All donations must be dated no later than December 31, 2014 in order to receive a tax receipt for the current year (Otherwise, a tax receipt will be issued for the following year).

January 2015

- RAM Meeting at Steves School (date TBA)

February 2015

- Pub Night Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Help us support our kids and make the Montessori program the best it can be...

Our children are depending on us!

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All Membership and Cash Drive forms received by December 12th will automatically be entered into a prize draw for **a Fuji XQ1 Digital Compact camera worth \$400!!**

*~courtesy from our friends at
Broadway Camera*

***Our fundraising goal for the year is
\$25,000.***

Help us reach this goal:

1. Take part in the **Membership and Cash Drive** attached to this newsletter. This is our largest source of fundraising!

Remember, **every donation of \$200** or more will include your annual membership at no extra cost.

Tax receipts provided for all donations over \$10!

2. Join us at our **meetings**.

Our meetings are generally held every other month, rotating between the three schools. Our next meeting will be in January 2015 (TBA).

3. **Questions, comments, suggestions, or ideas?**

We welcome your ideas and feedback. Email us at info@richmondmontessori.ca or contact us on our

facebook page. 