



# RAM NEWSLETTER

October 2015

## 2015 – 2016 RAM Executives

Name	RAM Position	School
Yolanda Domingo	Co-Chair	Steves
Danny Yee	Co-Chair	Garden City
Kanny Chow	Treasurer	Garden City
Graham Barlow	Secretary	McKinney
April Tanzler	Secretary / Member at Large	Steves
Jacqueline Ip	Social Media Coordinator	McKinney
Faye Huang	Webmaster	Steves
Justine Ross	RAM PAC Liaison	Steves
Kushal Samy	RAM PAC Liaison	McKinney
	RAM PAC Liaison	Garden City
Natasha Mavis	Fundraisers	McKinney
Cassandra Chang	Fundraising	Steves
Tina Lau	Fundraising	McKinney
Lily Qiu	Translator	Garden City
Laura Zeng	Translator	McKinney

### RAM Meeting Schedule (all meetings commence at 7pm)

Oct. 1, 2015	Steves
Nov. 26, 2015	McKinney
Jan. 28, 2016	Garden City
Apr. 7, 2016	Steves
May 26, 2016 (AGM)	McKinney

## Message from the Chair

Welcome back to school parents and students! And welcome to the new parents of the Kindergarten classes!

RAM has had a very busy summer. One of our goals this year is to improve communication with our parents while saving some trees - You should have received an email sign-up sheet to receive future newsletters and notifications electronically. Please send it back to your school at your earliest convenience.

We have also revamped our website with a fresh new look and have made it easier to navigate and to find information. Check it out at: [www.richmondmontessori.ca](http://www.richmondmontessori.ca)

Over the summer, RAM has completed our discussions with the school district regarding their involvement in the Montessori program. We are pleased to announce that for this school year, the school district will provide funding of \$4,000 to each of the Montessori schools!

As many parents understand, the Montessori program is material based. 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. RAM is committed to assist the school district and continue to raise the needed funds to support the program in terms of teacher bursaries, teacher training, and additional materials as needed.

We are very excited to work together with the school district and the school administration to better improve the Montessori program in Richmond. 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

# PARENTS, what can YOU do to help?

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## Upcoming Dates & Events:

### November 13, 2015

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

\* All donations must be dated no later than December 31, 2015 in order to receive a tax receipt for the current year (Otherwise, a tax receipt will be issued for the following year).

### November 26, 2015

- RAM Meeting at McKinney school

### January 28, 2016

- RAM Meeting at Garden City school

### February 2016

- RAM Pub Night (date TBA)

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

Our children are depending on us!

**RICHMOND ASSOCIATION FOR  
MONTESSORI**

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LIKE us on FACEBOOK to win prizes:

[www.facebook.com/RichmondMontessori](http://www.facebook.com/RichmondMontessori)

All Membership and Cash Drive forms received by November 13<sup>th</sup> will automatically be entered into a prize draw for a **\$150 Costco gift certificate!!**

## *Get involved in your child's education...*

### **1.** Take part in the **Membership and Cash Drive**


attached to this newsletter. As a registered organization, we are required by law to maintain annual paid memberships.

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. Check our website for our meeting schedule.

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

We welcome your ideas and feedback. Email us at [info@richmondmontessori.ca](mailto:info@richmondmontessori.ca) or contact us on our facebook page. 

We'd love to hear from you!