

# RAM NEWSLETTER

Richmond Association for Montessori - September 2019

## Message from the Chair

Welcome back to school, parents and students! And welcome to the new parents of the Kindergarten classes! This year also marks a temporary 2-year relocation of our Steves families to Grauer Elementary!

For those who are unfamiliar with the Richmond Association for Montessori, we are made of parents like you! If your child is in the Montessori programs at Garden City, McKinney and Steves, **you are a part of RAM!**

As many parents understand, the Montessori program depends heavily on the fundamental materials we use in our classrooms. The specialized materials that our children use every day 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 by way of additional materials and equipment for our classrooms; to facilitate in teacher bursaries and training; and for the first time last year, we implemented a scholarship applicable to our alumnis!

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and with your help, we can continue with our goals! For this year, we plan to continue with our \$5000 commitment per school to help improve our Montessori classrooms!

Unlike PAC, we rely solely on the donations from our Montessori families to help with our annual budgeting. You will see a RAM Membership Drive with this newsletter requesting your information and donations for the year. Submit your forms to your school offices by Nov 8<sup>th</sup> for our Early Bird draw for a chance at \$150 in Costco gift card!

One of our goals this year is to improve our communication and be more engaged with our members, but we cannot do this without your help! Together we can make a difference: come out to a meeting or volunteer for one of our open positions! Stay engaged with us!

Happy Back to School!

Jacqueline Ip, Co-Chair (McKinney)  
Rika Motohashi, Co-Chair (Steves)



## RAM Meetings

**September 17, 2019 7pm**

RAM Meeting @ McKinney

**November 19, 2019 7pm**

RAM Meeting @ Garden City

**January 28, 2020 7pm**

RAM Meeting @ Steves

**April 21, 2020 7pm**

RAM Meeting @ McKinney

**June 9, 2020 7pm (AGM)**

RAM Annual General Meeting  
@ Garden City

## 2019-2020 RAM Execs

**Co-Chair:** Jacqueline Ip (M)

**Co-Chair:** Rika Motohashi (S)

**Treasurer:** Daphne Yen (S)

**Secretary:** Aliaa Elkhashab (S)

**Social Media:** Jacqueline Ip (M)

**Webmaster:** Faye Huang (S)

**Fundraising:** Lydia Liu (S),  
Winnie Ng (S)

**Steves RAM/PAC Liase:**  
Justine Ross (S)

**McKinney RAM/PAC Liase:**  
\*position available\*

**Garden City RAM/PAC Liase:**  
\*position available\*

**Members at Large:** Alan Chuck  
(GC), Doris Lin (S), Fiona Yuen (S)

# PARENTS, what can YOU do to help?



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

Take part in the Membership and Cash Drive attached to this newsletter. We are required to maintain annual memberships (\$75) to facilitate voting on our budget and activities.

While there are no minimum required amounts, every donation of \$200 or more will include your annual membership at no extra cost.

## 2. Join us at our meetings and stay engaged.

Our meetings are generally held every other month, rotating between the three schools. This year's meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Check our website and Facebook events for more updates!

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

We welcome your ideas, suggestions and feedback. Consider helping us with idea implementation! Email us at [info@richmondmontessori.ca](mailto:info@richmondmontessori.ca) or contact us on our Facebook page.

**We'd love to hear from you!**

ALL MEMBERSHIP AND CASH DRIVE  
FORMS RECEIVED BY  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH**  
WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED  
INTO A PRIZE DRAW FOR A  
**\$150 COSTCO GIFT CERTIFICATE!!**

## In the RAM Community

### Annual Cash Drive

Submit your membership forms before **November 8<sup>th</sup>** to enter our Early Bird Draw!

### Kidropolis KIDS NIGHT OUT

Last year, we did our inaugural collaboration with Kidropolis - our kids were there to PLAY and DINE while parents had a night off. The event was successful and we wanted to repeat it again (or maybe more frequently this year - let us know!).

Mark Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> in your calendar! Stay tuned for more details around your School RAM Boards and on our Facebook page and website.

This event is a fun way for your kids and their friends to have the whole place to themselves while YOU get a night off! There will be a movie room for some of the older kids to hang out. Included with our ticket is a slice of pizza, juice box and popcorn!

*\*Our event is subject to a maximum number of tickets, but open to all friends of the RAM Families and Schools! **Bring your family and neighbourhood friends!!***

