

RAM NEWSLETTER



Richmond Association for Montessori – November/December 2019

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!**

Message from the Chair

It's been a great start to the school year!

We held a Kids Night Out Event in October, our children had Kidtropolis to themselves and we raised \$325 in the process. We hope to repeat this event later in 2020, let us know if you want to see this again in the Spring!

With your help, we can continue with our goals of \$5,000 per school to help maintain and improve our Montessori classrooms. A kind reminder to send in your membership & cash drive forms this week for a chance to win \$150 at Costco!

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

Did you know you can help support RAM through your regular online shopping? We have an account with **Mabel's Labels** for your personalized stickers, and we have started an account with **FlipGive**, where RAM benefits a % of sales from your online shopping. There are lots of merchants, including gift card purchases too! Typically, the cash back is between 1-5%, but a purchase of an Indigo/Chapters e-gift card gives RAM 15% cash back: a win for you to give the gift of reading, a win for the recipient to select their own gift, and a win for RAM for the cash back! More details in our **"Online Fundraisers"** section below. Christmas or Birthday shopping and fundraiser? Yes, please!

Stay warm out there!

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!!

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

In the RAM Community

Annual Cash Drive

Submit your membership forms before **November 8th** to enter our Early Bird Draw for \$150 to Costco!

Next RAM Meeting

Our next RAM meeting will be held on **November 19th 7pm** @ Garden City. See you there!

Kindergarten Registrations

Applications for the Montessori program closes **January 24th 2020**. All siblings wishing to enter the Montessori program require an application form. More info at the School Board Alternate Program Department. Late entries into the Montessori program accepted until Grade 4.

Another Kids Night Out?

We had so much fun at Kidtropolis! We were unable to include our Kindergarten friends in 2019 due to licensing regulations, but we hope to run another event in the **Spring 2020** when our K friends can join us!

Let us know your thoughts, and stay tuned for dates!



PARENTS, what can YOU do to help?

1. Take part in the Membership and Cash Drive

Our primary fundraising source is donations from our families! Our funding goes directly into the Montessori classrooms and program. Take part in the Membership and Cash Drive. 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!

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 schedule on this newsletter, and visit 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 or contact us on our Facebook page. We'd love to hear from you!

Online Fundraisers

Mabel's Labels – Take things back from the "Lost and Found"! Personalized labels are great to use and fun as gifts. Click on our link or visit their website and select "Support a Fundraiser". Type in "Richmond Association for Montessori".

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Free shipping, always!

FlipGive – Our campaign will run all year long, but our proceeds can only be collected once we hit \$100 threshold. Come help us by clicking through to get to your shopping needs! Visit the website at:

<https://scotiabankhockeyclub.flipgive.com/f/1172093>

Current promos include: Indigo e-cards for 15% cashback for RAM; Starbucks e-cards 2%; HBC online shopping 5%; Old Navy online shopping gets RAM 4% cashback... and more! Click the link above for current details.

Help us earn \$10 bonus? For November, send us an email with your name and email, we will "invite you as a teammate", or simply enter Team Code: **YQDJ7F** when setting up your account for your first purchase!

If you have a sport / organization interested in fundraising with FlipGive, sign up through RAM's link above and together we benefit from the referral!



Upcoming RAM Meetings

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

*(If there's one meeting to attend,
it would be the **AGM** in June,
help us form a quorum.)*

Mark your calendars!

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)