

RAM NEWSLETTER



Richmond Association for Montessori – September / October 2020

Is your child in the Montessori programs at Garden City, McKinney and Steves?

THEN YOU ARE A PART OF RAM!

Message from the Chair

What an extraordinary start to a new school year! Welcome back to school (in person and transitional learning)! And welcome to the new parents of the Kindergarten classes!

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. 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; and to facilitate in teacher bursaries, collaboration and training!

Unlike some PACs, we rely solely on the donations and memberships from our Montessori families to help with our annual budgeting. Later in the month, you will receive a RAM Membership form requesting your information and membership / donation support for the year. Given the way things are this year, we are trying to implement an electronic form for your forms and payment, for discussion at our upcoming meeting – so we will send you the details as soon as we can. Submit your forms and membership by November 20th for our Early Bird draw for a chance at \$50 in Costco gift card!

We have rescheduled our 2020-2021 AGM from June to Tuesday October 6th, 2020 at 7pm on Zoom. Our agenda and nomination form are attached to your email! Meeting ID: 841 3672 5469 Passcode: RAM

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%, Indigo / Chapters e-gift cards are 4% (a win for you to give the gift of reading!!). More details in our "**Online Fundraisers**" section below. Now more than ever we are doing more online.. Let's support our fundraiser as well!

Take care, and stay safe!

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

In the RAM Community

Next RAM Meeting

Our **Annual General Meeting** that was postponed from June is happening next Tuesday October 6th at 7pm, email us for login details for our Zoom Meeting!!

Join Us?

We have our **Nomination form and Duties Summary** for those interested in volunteering with RAM. Let us know by filling out the form before the AGM on Tuesday! See you there

Upcoming RAM Meetings (assumed to be on Zoom)

November 24, 2020 7pm

RAM Meeting on Zoom (Garden City)

January 12, 2021 7pm

RAM Meeting on Zoom (Steves)

March 2, 2021 7pm

RAM Meeting on Zoom (McKinney)

April 20, 2021 7pm

RAM Annual on Zoom (Garden City)

June 8, 2021 7pm (AGM)

RAM Annual General Meeting
on Zoom (Steves)

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

Mark your calendars!

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 on Zoom (until further notice). 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 cashback examples include: amazon.ca at 1%; Indigo / Chapters at 4%; Starbucks ecards at 2%; Sephora at 2%; Gap and Old Navy at 2%; wayfair at 3%; itunes at 2%.. and more! Click the link above for current details.

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!



2019-2020 RAM Execs (2020-2021 Execs TBD at the AGM)

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)

Annual Cash Drive

ALL MEMBERSHIP AND
CASH DRIVE FORMS
RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
WILL BE ENTERED INTO A
PRIZE DRAW FOR A
**\$50 COSTCO GIFT
CERTIFICATE!!**