

RAM NEWSLETTER

Richmond Association for Montessori – October 2022

If you are in the Montessori classrooms at Garden City, McKinney and Steves..

THEN YOU ARE A PART OF RAM!



Message from the Chair

Dear RAM Families,

Our first newsletter of the school year! Welcome to our new parents joining us from our Kindergarten classes!

For those who are unfamiliar with who we are, we are made up of parents like you! If your child is in the Montessori program at Garden City, McKinney or Steves, YOU are a part of the RAM family!

As many of you understand, the Montessori program depends heavily on our unique materials in our classrooms. RAM is committed to assist the school district and continue to raise the needed funds to purchase materials and equipment for our beautiful classrooms; we also support teacher bursaries, collaborations and training!

How do we do it? RAM relies solely on YOU, membership fees and donations from our Montessori families fund everything. For the last two years, we have had success moving our payment to process electronically, you can now submit dues and donations with [Credit Card](#) or [Email Transfer](#). If you still prefer paying by cheque, send it to your School Office with a printed [form](#)!

Reminder: Get your Memberships in by Nov 5th for a chance at a \$50 Gift Card!

Last year, we successfully awarded our inaugural scholarship to a Richmond Montessori alumni towards their post-secondary education. The applicants were asked to describe how Montessori has helped with high school and overall experiences, and I can't wait to share some of these with you in our upcoming newsletters!

Your RAM Executive team continues to find new ways to fundraise for our children, and we have some in store for you this Fall. Currently, we are partnering up with **M&M Food Market** (#120-7020 Francis Rd) so that RAM receives 15% of sales! When you pay in store, please mention: **#300 943 801**. Without this, RAM won't get credit! We'll post this account number on Facebook and on our website so you can access this on-the-go!! We will let this run for the coming two months, and extend if it's successful! Thank you in advance for your support!

We are also bringing back Beard Papa cream puffs for pick up Nov 15th - 16th. Each order is \$20 for 6 original cream puffs. 30 orders per day only! Order [here](#).

We welcome unique opportunities to help our community and fundraise for our classrooms. If you have any ideas or contacts for FUN-draising, please let us know!

For some of our ongoing fundraisers like **Mabel's Labels**, **TruEarth** and **FlipGive**, please check out our "**Active Fundraising Campaigns**" section and share away!!

Lastly, we have chosen to stay on Zoom for our meetings this year, we hope you can join us online!

Stay well and Stay safe,
Jacqueline Ip, Chair (McKinney)

In the RAM Community

Upcoming RAM Meetings
(All held at 7pm on Zoom)

Meeting details will be circulated via School emails and we will post on our Facebook page a few days prior

Sept 20, 2022 7pm

(Attending Admin: Steves)

Nov 8, 2022 7pm

(Attending Admin: McKinney)

Jan 10, 2023 7pm

(Attending Admin: Steves)

Feb 28, 2023 7pm

(Attending Admin: Garden City)

April 25, 2023 7pm

(Attending Admin: McKinney)

June 20, 2023 7pm *AGM

(Attending Admin: Garden City)

(If there's one meeting to attend, help us form our quorum at the Annual General Meeting!!)



120 - 7020 FRANCIS RD

RAM WILL RECEIVE 15% OF YOUR ORDER!

PLEASE QUOTE: #300 943 801

PARENTS, what can YOU do to help?

1. Help us raise funds for our classrooms.

Since our primary fundraising source is donations from our families, we need your help! Funds go directly into the Montessori classrooms and program. We 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 and a tax receipt for the full amount!

Now you can pay 3 ways!

1. **EMAIL TRANSFER:** fill out our google form and send E-transfer via your bank;
2. **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT:** send in your details via Eventbrite; or
3. **CHEQUE:** print our form, and send with your cheque to your School Office.

2. Join us at our meetings and stay engaged.

Our meetings are generally held every other month, rotating between the three schools (hosted by the school's administrator). This school year, our meetings will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7pm **via Zoom**. Visit our website and Facebook events for more updates and dial-in details!

3. Questions, comments, suggestions, or ideas?

We welcome your suggestions and feedback. Consider helping us with idea implementation too! Email us at info@richmondmontessori.ca or contact us on our Facebook page. We'd love to hear from you!

Active Fundraising Campaigns:

****NEW** M&M Food Market** – Located at the corner of Gilbert & Francis, our campaign will start immediately and run for 2 months (possible extension)
When you shop, you MUST quote account: **#300 943 801**

****NEW** Beard Papa** – We are once again partnering up with **Beard Papa** for our families and friends to purchase 6 cream puffs for \$20. Pick up at No 3 Rd location Nov 15th and 16th. 30 boxes per day! Order form and details [HERE](#).

FlipGive – Our campaign runs all year long, click through to get to your online shopping needs, you can also get e-Gift cards!
<https://scotiabankhockeyclub.flipgive.com/f/1172093>
Or download the app the join our team with code: **YQDJ7F**

TruEarth – Great time to try some laundry strips for yourself or as gifts!
RAM receives 20% of sales! <https://fundraising.tru.earth/RAM>

Mabel's Labels – Select "Support a Fundraiser". Type in "Richmond Association for Montessori". Shipping is always free!
https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Upcoming Fundraising Campaigns:

Kernels Popcorn – we are planning to bring you popcorn this Spring!



2022-2023 RAM Execs

Chair*: Jacqueline Ip (M)

Vice-Chair*: Ivy Ho (M)

Treasurer*: Daphne Yen (S)

Secretary: Aliaa Elkhashab (S)

Social Media / Webmaster*:
Sonja Starke (GC)

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

Steves PAC Liaison: Lisa Galbraith (S)

McKinney PAC Liaison: Ivy Ho (M)

Garden City PAC Liaison*: Sonja Starke (GC)

Members at Large:

Rika Motohashi (S), Fiona Yuen (S), Jessie Nagra (M), Joyce Lau (GC), Marilyn Mendonca (S), Teresa Huang (S), Joyce Wu (M)

Roles with * = seeking volunteers for succession planning

ALL MEMBERSHIP
AND CASH DRIVE
FORMS RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, NOV 5 2022
WILL BE ENTERED
INTO A PRIZE DRAW
FOR A
**\$50 GIFT
CERTIFICATE!!**

