

RAM NEWSLETTER



Richmond Association for Montessori – November 2021

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THEN YOU ARE A PART OF RAM!

Message from the Chair

Dear RAM Families,

Hope you had a fun Halloween weekend! How is it November already?

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!

Did you get a chance to attend the Provincial Montessori Parent virtual presentation on Storytelling on Oct 21st? We are hoping to put on our own **Parent Education Night** for our Montessori parents in Richmond, possibly a Spring session on Zoom. Stay tuned!

Last month, we came across a unique fundraising opportunity. Our execs worked quickly to bring this to our families. We sourced 300 boxes of disposable adult masks, and 225 boxes of kids masks, and made them available to our friends and families for \$10 and \$12 a box (of 50). **To date, we sold nearly 450 boxes of masks!** A huge thank you for your support and a hats off to our volunteers for coordinating the pickups!! We still have some boxes left, order yours here: <http://bit.ly/RAMmask>. Availability is updated on our form daily.

On October 22nd and 23rd, we welcomed our district Pro-D day weekend by completing our **Beard Papa cream puffs** fundraiser. We feel this is a pretty good one to repeat, so keep your eyes peeled for more delicious cream puffs in the coming months!!

We initiated an online campaign with **TruEarth**, a local company that sells laundry detergent eco-strips. Imagine all the jugs and packaging we are saving from our landfills! Order through our link and RAM gets 20% of your sales while you get FREE direct shipping! How about that for a holiday gift idea? <https://fundraising.tru.earth/RAM>

I wanted to take this time and thank those of you who have submitted your Annual Memberships. A quick reminder that our **Early Bird Draw** is eligible for all **Memberships and Donations** received before Nov 12th, see the next page for details on how to submit electronically and quickly!

Lastly, I wanted to bring your attention to the various positions and duties within the RAM executive committee. If you are interested in joining us or shadowing a current role, now is the time to get involved!

Our next meeting is **Nov 16th at 7pm** on Zoom.. see you there!

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 the day prior

Nov 16, 2021 7pm

(Attending Admin: McKinney)

Jan 18, 2022 7pm

(Attending Admin: Steves)

Mar 8, 2022 7pm

(Attending Admin: Garden City)

April 19, 2022 7pm

(Attending Admin: McKinney)

June 14, 2022 7pm *AGM

(Attending Admin: Garden City)

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

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 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 and a tax receipt for the full amount!

Now we have 3 WAYS to PAY!

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 year's meetings will take place Tuesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. 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!

Current / Upcoming Fundraisers

If you have other Fundraising ideas that may benefit RAM, please let us know! Here are our active / scheduled campaigns:

Active / Ongoing Campaigns:

TruEarth – Eco-Friendly laundry detergent in a strip format? Free direct shipping to you, 20% of our sales will go to RAM, be sure to shop using our link! <https://fundraising.tru.earth/RAM>

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

Mabel's Labels – Select "Support a Fundraiser". Type in "Richmond Association for Montessori". RAM earns 20% of sales and shipping is always free! https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Upcoming Campaigns:

Damien's Waffle Fundraiser – Another one back by popular demand, we have pre-booked this fundraiser for Spring 2022. Stay tuned for March!!



2021-2022 RAM Execs

Chair: Jacqueline Ip (M)

Treasurer: Daphne Yen (S)

Secretary: Aliaa Elkhashab (S)

Social Media / Webmaster:
Sonja Starke (GC), Lydia Liu (S)

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

Steves RAM/PAC Liase:
Justine Ross / Lisa Galbraith (S)

McKinney RAM/PAC Liase:
Ivy Ho (M)

Garden City RAM/PAC Liase:
Sonja Starke (GC)

Members at Large: Rika
Motohashi (S), Doris Lin (S),
Fiona Yuen (S), Ivy Ho (M)

ALL MEMBERSHIP
AND CASH DRIVE
FORMS RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, NOV 12 2021
WILL BE ENTERED
INTO A PRIZE DRAW
FOR A
**\$50 GIFT
CERTIFICATE!!**



RAM - DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson (can be shared among co-Chairs) – Time Commitment: 15 - 20 hours per school year

- Call and lead general and Executive meetings;
- Act as spokesperson for the RAM;
- Gather relevant information and share with the RAM as necessary; and
- Assign duties as needed and establish committees where authorized to do so by the Executive or membership.

Vice Chairperson – Time Commitment: 15 - 20 hours per school year

- Consult with the chairperson and school administration to prepare agendas;
- Assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson during any absence; and
- Carry out duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson and/or Executive.

Secretary – Time Commitment: 10 - 15 hours per school year

- Record minutes of all RAM and Executive meetings and distribute to members before the next meeting;
- Coordinate printing and distribution of RAM meeting notices, agenda, and other materials
- Maintain an accurate copy of the Constitution and Bylaws; and
- File annual report with the BC Registry Services per the Society Act.

Treasurer – Time Commitment: monthly, as necessary

- Receive, collect and deposit all relevant funds to the RAM bank account;
- Maintain financial records; and provide income and expense reports monthly; including an annual financial report at the Annual General Meeting;
- Submit annual report to CRA to ensure continuation of charitable status; and prepare and send tax receipts for donations received; and
- Work with fundraising team to distribute membership and cash donation call out letters (twice yearly);

Fundraising Team – Time Commitment: 5 - 10 hours per school year, dependent on fundraising plan

- Prepare the fundraising plan, including the membership and cash drives, and present to executive members at the start of school year for approval;
- Seek and maintain volunteer database if necessary, and
- Arrange and implement the agreed upon fundraising events, coordinate volunteer support.

RAM/PAC Liaison (One per school) – Time Commitment: bi-monthly meetings, as necessary

- Act as liaison between RAM and PAC (Parent Advisory Council) at your school, and provide updates at meetings;
- Check RAM drawer at your school and deliver relevant information to appropriate RAM Executive, and
- Update the RAM board at each school.

Web Administrator(s) / Social Media coordinator – Time Commitment: updates as necessary

- Manage and update the RAM website, adding content as necessary to ensure information is available to the membership and to the public;
- Update Facebook page with regular frequency of Montessori related materials; and
- Explore and maintain other social media platforms (Twitter / WeChat) where necessary.

Member at Large – Time Commitment: bi-monthly meetings, as necessary

- Attends RAM meetings; and
- Willing to step into roles or train into other executive roles.