

Montessori News

Raising Leaders of the Future



Welcome back from Holidays!

- ▶ **We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Cookie Fundraiser. Together we raised \$885!**

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- ▶ **Our Annual General Meeting will take place on February 22nd.**

We would like to invite all parents to attend the meeting and encourage you to participate in the Society—we have several volunteer positions available. We need new members! Without your help, we will not be able to run a Montessori program in the public system.

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- ▶ **Society's new website will be up and running in the following months, please stay tuned for additional news on that! The new site will allow you to donate via PayPal :)**
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**The New
Westminster
Montessori Society**
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Monthly Society Meetings

6:30 pm at the
Richard McBride
School library (331
Richmond Street)

February 22
(Annual General
Meeting)

March 29

April 26

May 31

June 28

Everyone Is Welcome!

What is the New Westminster Montessori Society?

We are parent volunteers and our purpose is to provide additional funding to promote the Montessori approach to education and child development within the New Westminster School District. We are a non-profit society and we're hoping you will join us!

Why does the New Westminster Montessori Program need a Society and Volunteers?



The program started in New Westminster because of the dedicated efforts of parents who are, and/or who have been part of the Montessori Society, and because of the willingness of the New Westminster School Board to offer alternative programs. The School District #40 does **NOT** supply the Montessori materials needed to teach the program. Therefore, it is up to us **AND YOU** as parents to either donate time and/or money to assist in purchasing these materials required by our teachers to execute the program.

Donations

The New Westminster Montessori Society is a registered charity committed to the promoting and developing Montessori education in the public school system. We have committed to the School Board to provide the materials needed for all existing and new Montessori classrooms. It costs approximately \$15,000.00 to properly equip a new classroom with Montessori materials. The society requests that parents donate \$100.00/child. This tax-deductible donation to the Society supports your child's Montessori education. All monies go directly to the purchasing of Montessori materials for the children's classrooms. People can make a direct donation to the society by mailing a cheque to the above address. Or return forms and cheque to your child's teacher. However this is not mandatory in order for your child(ren) to be in the program.



The United Way is also an excellent way for people to donate to the Montessori program. If you make contributions through your employer, you can direct the donation to the New Westminster Montessori Society. Please visit <http://newwestmontessori.ca/node/6> for more details. Online payments via PayPal will be coming in the next few months. Thanks to your support, the Society received donations of \$6,062 in the 2015/2016 school year.