

Montessori News

Raising Leaders of the Future



The New Westminister Montessori Society

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Society Meetings

The Society will be switching to a new format - please refer to our website or Facebook page

Everyone Is Welcome!

Society's new website will be up and running in the following weeks, please stay tuned for additional news on that!

A Word from the President of NWMS

As the outgoing president of the New Westminister Montessori Society, I'm requesting that new members (particularly the parents of kindergarten & grade 1 students) step-up and join the Society in April. Without new members for the 2018-2019 school year, the Society will likely not be able to continue to provide additional funding for your children's classes.

- ▶ **Our Annual General Meeting will take place on April 4th @6:30 pm at Waves Coffee (599 6th St)**

We would like to invite all parents to attend the meeting and encourage to participate in the Society as we do have several volunteer positions available. We need new members! Volunteering with the society takes only about 10 hours a year.

- **Ross Arbo, the President of the NWMS**

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. Although the School District does support the Montessori program in general, specific Montessori materials needed to teach the program are purchased separately by the Montessori Society via parent donations. 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. In addition, with your donations, the teachers are able to supplement the program with extra field trips and projects to help further the Montessori program.

The New Westminster Montessori Society (NWMS) held its inaugural Fall Carnival on Saturday September 23rd in lower Hume Park.

This fundraising event was held to help increase awareness of the Montessori stream provided by SD40 and to bring the local community together. Parents from both Connaught Heights Elementary and Richard McBride Elementary helped to both promote and run the event which was open to the community at large.

The Carnival was a great success with food, education, information, games, and prizes! Despite it being our first year we managed to raise some funds at a profit! Money from fundraising events like the Carnival help to support educational programs and purchase Montessori materials for your children. We had positive feedback from various people who attended the Carnival, and will plan to continue this event next year given we have support of volunteering parents.