



# Coquitlam Montessori Society (CMS)

serving Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

## Fall 2017 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

#### **CMS Board Meetings:**

CMS Board Meetings are held once a month and all CMS members are welcome to attend. Please check the website for the meeting schedule and location.

#### **Donation Drive**

*October 1-13*  
Please make your contribution as soon as possible

#### **CMS AGM**

*Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8 PM*  
Montgomery Middle School, 1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam.

### **Equipment Report**

Equipment purchases have been made for two new classes this year at Harbour View. Each year we also fulfill teacher requests for new equipment in all of the existing classrooms.

If you are interested in learning more about the status of equipment from purchasing to inventorying please feel free to email our chairperson.

**Every volunteer helps!!!**

### **Chair's News**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year from the Coquitlam Montessori Society. The CMS is a non-profit group of volunteer parents who support a Montessori teaching environment in nine schools and 39 classrooms in SD43. Parent volunteers collect donations, purchase Montessori equipment, distribute and maintain said equipment, and provide funding for teachers' professional development. The Montessori program in SD43 is a collaborative effort between the school district and the Montessori society. The district provides a teacher and classroom while the Montessori society provides the Montessori materials and helps support Montessori teacher training.

We are always looking for volunteers who want to continue making the Montessori program better for our children. There are several volunteer positions that urgently need new team members:

- Assistant Equipment Purchaser
- Assistant Donations Director
- Co-Chair
- Assistant Treasurer
- School Liaison for Aspenwood
- School Liaison for James Park

We encourage and welcome members to get involved with their children's education. Volunteering with the CMS is a great way to learn about the Society and make a positive impact on the Montessori program in SD43.

#### ***Meaghn Moore***

Chairperson

Coquitlam Montessori Society

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## CMS Fundraising

The 2017-2018 school year is now underway and with 39 Montessori classrooms in the district, funds are always needed for replacing and upgrading of the Montessori materials used in those classrooms. We will also commit significant funds this year to support Montessori training for the teachers in our program.

As in past years, we will be running our Donation Drive during October, when you are asked to contribute a minimum of \$100 per family to maintain and upgrade our Montessori classroom environments. **The CMS's** responsibility to the school district is to equip classrooms with Montessori teaching materials. In the past couple years the CMS has expanded that funding to classroom furniture that better supports the Montessori aesthetic. The Donation Drive is an important part of the Montessori program and is vital to its continued strength.

*Remember, without donations from families before you, your child would not have the opportunity to be in a public Montessori program and without your donations now there will be no Montessori program in the future. The program thrives solely on donations from all Montessori families. A tax receipt is issued for all donations over \$25 and any donation gives you membership to the Coquitlam Montessori Society and access to our AGM in November.*

### **2016-2017 Board of Directors**

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### **Consider Volunteering**

*The CMS is run entirely by parent volunteers. There are many roles from being the contact-point for your school to overseeing the purchasing of the classroom equipment. Some positions require significant commitment, while others require only a few mornings of your time. If you are interested in volunteering, please Contact the Chairperson or drop in for one of the friendly board meetings (see [www.coquitlammontessori.ca](http://www.coquitlammontessori.ca) for current meeting schedule)*

### **School Liaisons**

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and is not acquired by listening to words,  
but by experiences in the environment.”  
- Maria Montessori*

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