



# COQUITLAM MONTESSORI SOCIETY

Tax Registration No.: 88800 6848 RR 0001

2011 – 2012

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to welcome new and returning students and parents to the Montessori program at School District 43 (SD 43). The Coquitlam Montessori Society (CMS) is a non-profit organization led by parent volunteers to work with SD 43 to deliver the Montessori program.

### CMS Mandate

- The Society spends approximately \$25,000 per year to fund a new classroom and to replace or repair equipment in 32 existing classrooms. It costs the CMS \$2,500 annually to insure the equipment in the 8 schools that provide the Montessori program.
- CMS provides “Professional Development” funding to assist the School Board with the Montessori training for teachers, and educate the public about the Montessori program.

### Montessori Program Facts

- The Provincial Government does **not** provide CMS with any Montessori funding. **CMS** is the **sole provider** of funding for all Montessori materials in School District 43 and relies solely on your annual contribution.
- A private Montessori school charges approx. \$7,000 annually per child.
- In the public system, other recommended annual contributions per child are as follows:

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| Vancouver School District       | \$ 350 |
| West Vancouver School District  | \$ 350 |
| New Westminster School District | \$ 250 |

Due to the current economic downturn, CMS is asking for an annual contribution of \$75 per family and will not be requesting \$75 per child this year. However, an annual contribution per child may be in effect as of the 2012-2013 school year.

An annual contribution of \$75 simply provides your family two benefits: to assist funding your child’s education and provide you access to the CMS monthly meetings. When families include an additional amount to their contributions of \$75, we are able to maintain and expand the program while reducing the need for fundraising.

**Please submit your Annual Contribution, with the form, to your classroom teacher before the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2011.** A tax receipt will be issued.

Any questions or concerns, please contact CMS Chairperson via email: cmschairperson@yahoo.ca.