



Playground Fundraising Finishes Strong!

Fundraising for our new playground has finally wrapped up, and we've got some exciting news to report. Three corporate/community donors stepped up with major gifts, showing their belief in the importance of play:

Polygon Homes	\$10,000
G&F Financial Group	\$4,000
ANAF 284 Steveston	\$1,000

Their generous gifts, along with other donations received over the past few months, brings our fundraising total over \$80,000 - an amazing accomplishment in two years! Thank you to everyone who supported this McKinney community endeavour. A special thanks to the PAC Playground Committee who put in many, many hours of work to make it happen: Petra Blackmore, Michelle Li, Julia Nickerson, Leanne Santha and Valerie Stillwell. The smiles on the kids' faces as they swing, slide and climb on the new playground has made it all worthwhile!

PHASE II Coming Soon...

The extra funds we've raised will allow us to add a few more pieces of equipment to the playground. We're now finalizing plans for Phase II. Once the installation is complete, the school district will be able to put the borders around the playground, and we'll celebrate with a grand opening!

Hot Lunch Days

Don't Miss Out, Place Your Order Today!

Feb 24 - Sushi	May 11 - Boston Pizza
Mar 9 - Subway	May 25 - Sushi
Mar 30 - Boston Pizza	June 8 - Subway
Apr 13 - Sushi	June 22 - Boston Pizza
Apr 27 - Subway	

PAC Meetings

7:00 pm in the Staff Room

March 3

May 19 - AGM



Fundraising Summary

Transfers from PAC Funds	\$18,850.00
Fundraisers: Raffles, coin drives, movie night, etc.	\$24,287.58
Donations	\$37,072.10
Total Includes interest	\$80,237.25

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To order: Go to the school website and click on the Munchalunch logo, or request a paper order form at the school office. **Thanks for supporting our most profitable, year-round fundraiser!**



PAC Fundraisers

Save-Around 2016 books (\$25 for a book of coupons to local businesses and entertainment establishments) have been sent home with students. **For each book sold, 50% will go towards our school.** Please return payment or the unused book to the school by Wednesday, February 17.

Vesey Flower & Plant Sale – It's almost time for spring planting! To help you create a beautiful outdoor space, we'll be sending home the Vesey flier and order form before spring break. Perennials, flower and vegetable seeds, herbs – they're all here and at great prices.

COBS and Bottle Return – Mention McKinney at COBS Blundell Centre, and they'll donate 5% of your purchase price to the school. When you return your empty bottles to the Return-IT Depot on Trites Road, mention McKinney - code number 89 - before the attendant starts adding up your total, and they will donate the entire amount to the school.

Upcoming Events

RAM Pub Night – Enjoy a night out and support Montessori education in Richmond on Saturday, March 5 (from 7 to 11pm) at the Buck and Ear pub in Steveston. **Everyone is welcome!!!** Tickets are \$20 each and include your choice of a beef, chicken or veggie burger, chips, and one drink. Ticket order forms are posted on the RAM board near the front of the school.

Other News

School Library – Did you know that parents are welcome to take out books from our school library? Drop by and check out the selection, as well as the recent renovations if you haven't had the chance yet.

iGirl and iGuy –Saleema Noon sexual health presentations, funded by PAC, were held on January 14 at the school. Saleema Noon also offers Empowerment workshops for girls and boys age 9-12, which cover issues such as body image, online safety and healthy development. Find out more at www.saleemanoon.com.

Education Grant – If your child was born in 2007 or later and you have an RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) set up - or plan to get one - you may be eligible for a \$1,200 contribution through the BC government. Find out more at www.gov.bc.ca/bctesg.