



Parent Committee Newsletter

Vancouver Montessori School

March 2025



PC Meeting Schedule

DAY CHANGE: We meet on the first **TUESDAY** of each month, except after Winter and Spring breaks*. Please join us at Oriole Café (1200 W 73rd Ave) at 9AM.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Apr 8, 2025 *
- May 6, 2025
- Jun 3, 2025

Newsletter

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HOT LUNCH UPDATES

Apr/May/June Menu Open Now

Hot Lunch resumes on Mar 31st (Mon) and Pizza Friday is back on Apr 4th (Fri).

Pizza Friday order deadline is **Mar 30th**. The flavours this term are Cheese, Pepperoni, Ham & Pineapple, and Chicken & Pineapple. The cost is \$63 (\$7 x 9 Fridays):

- Apr 4, 11, 25
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Jun 6

NOTE FOR UPPER ELEMENTARY: Do not order Hot Lunch during Camp (May 6th to 9th) and Bike Hike (May 16th). Parents who would like to receive a credit of \$14 for the May 9th and 16th Pizza Fridays must contact Aman (Hot Lunch Coordinator, vmsslunch@gmail.com) by Mar 30th.

Cancellation Policy

Starting next term, a **minimum of 24 hours' notice will be required for lunch cancellations**. If your child is sick on the day of their lunch, please let the school know if you'd like to pick up your child's lunch OR you'd like the school to pass it along to another student. If your child will be sick for several days, you can contact the caterer to cancel lunch orders for those days, and our hot lunch coordinator can issue a credit for those meals.

Wanted: Hot Lunch Coordinator

We are looking for a new Hot Lunch Coordinator for the next school year (2025-2026). If you're interested, please contact Aman at vmsslunch@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: PLAY PALACE



May 2nd (Friday)
4:30PM to 6:30PM

We will send more details about the event in the next newsletter!

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WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

A friendly reminder that WhatsApp is the official messaging platform used by the VMS Parent Committee (PC) to communicate with our school community. Other platforms, such as WeChat, are not actively monitored by the PC. Additionally, our PC WhatsApp policy states that all concerns must be directly discussed with the school. This is not a space to discuss students, teachers, or fellow parents. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Parent Committee Newsletter

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December 2024



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Upcoming Meetings

MESSAGE FROM THE PC

We'd like to take a moment to thank our amazing school community for supporting our fundraising efforts: hot lunch program, Halloween Party, and the Winter Basket Auction.

Whether it's your time or donations, we couldn't do it without you. We wish each and every one of you a joyous and cozy holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!



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- Feb 6, 2025
- Mar 6, 2025
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- May 1, 2025
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GIFT BASKET AUCTION

A huge thank you to all of the parents for your generous contributions to the gift basket auction, as well as to MiniMakers South Vancouver for donating the Science Explorer's Kit. We raised **\$3,427**, bringing us to **\$6,869** of our \$10,000 goal!

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the auction:

Artist's Essentials Basket Yazhu Chen (\$300)	Coffee & Tea Delight Lan Zhang (\$200)
Game Night Fun Lulu Yan (\$210)	Gift Cards Galore Weijie Gao (\$800)
Gourmet Kitchen Collection Ivy Lau (\$410)	Movie Night Magic Bowie Cui (\$200)
Science Explorer's Kit Anna Donesa (\$47)	Storytime Adventures Weijie Gao (\$500)
Ultimate Kids' Game Basket Jeff & Jojo Chow (\$200)	Warm & Cozy Comfort Basket Weijie Gao (\$500)
Custom Keychains Hexiao Qin, Jeff & Jojo Chow, and Winnie Tran (\$20)	

Congratulations! If you have the winning bid, please do the following:

- Send an e-transfer to vmsparents@gmail.com. In the message section, enter your contact email and the name of the basket that you won.
- Upon receiving the funds, we will email you to pick up the basket at the school office on Dec 9th to 12th before 3PM. Please let the office know which basket you are picking up.
- If you cannot pick up your basket, please email vmsparents@gmail.com to arrange a different pick up time.

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HOT LUNCH

January/February/March Menu Opens Dec 11th!

Hot Lunch resumes on Jan 6th (Mon), while Pizza Friday is back on Jan 10th (Fri). For Pizza Friday dates and details, see the Pizza Friday flyer.

NEW: Starting next term, these items will be available every Wednesday, large size only:

- Two sticky rice wraps (duck egg inside) with veggies
- One sticky rice wrap + one BBQ pork bun with veggies

Submit your hot lunch and Pizza Friday orders on MunchaLunch **before winter break** to make things easier when school starts again—your future self will appreciate it! **Order by Dec 30th** so your child is all set with lunch on the first day back to school.

To register:

1. Go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/vancouvermontessori.
2. Click **Register Here** and follow the instructions.
3. Add your child(ren) to one account and note any food allergies or dietary requests.

If you need assistance with ordering or have feedback about the menu, please contact Aman (Hot Lunch coordinator) at vmslunch@gmail.com.



Pizza Friday Flyer

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November 2024



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Upcoming Meetings:

- Dec 5, 2024
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- Feb 6, 2025
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HALLOWEEN PARTY RECAP

The VMS Halloween Party Fundraiser on Oct 27th was a fun-filled event! Attendees in creative costumes enjoyed a variety of games and some also participated in a costume parade. Thanks to your support, **we raised \$3,442** towards our \$10,000 goal!



Our Deepest Gratitude

The party would not have been possible without the help of our fantastic volunteers:

Peter Chen	Cindy Cheng	Fabian Chiang	Christine Chong
Yisi Dong	Lu Du	Ron Han	Sarah He
Nicky Huang	Forrest Li	Manni Lin	Kevin Lu
Melina Lum	Amy Poon	Yvonne Shih	Haiwen Sun
Ivan Tsai	Kelly Tsai	Yao Wang	Jennifer Yan
Lulu Yan	Demi Ye	Shawn Zhang	Shuyuan Zhong
Jun Zhou	Alicia	Bowie	Emmy
Wilson	Yara	Anonymous	

We also appreciate the parents who donated prizes, and a special thank you to Forrest Li for generously donating his 50/50 winnings back to the school.

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Events Survey

Help us plan future events better by completing a short anonymous survey. Even if you did not attend the party, you can complete the survey to send us suggestions for future events. Scan the QR code to the right to access the survey.



Events Survey

WINTER BASKET AUCTION

It is once again time for the Winter Basket Auction! New to the school? Here's how it works: Families donate items based on their child's class theme, parent volunteers create themed bundles, and VMS families bid online to win.

Starting Nov 18th (Mon), children can bring contributions to school. Parents can also drop off items during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov 25th to 28th. The last day to contribute is Nov 29th (Fri).

NOTE: DO NOT bring items that will soon expire, as we will not include them in the gift baskets.

The classroom themes are:

- Room 1 = Cooking Ingredients / Cookware (baking supplies, utensils, etc.)
- Room 2 = Gift Card Bouquet (please include the proof of activation receipt)
- Room 3 = Kids Books / Stationery
- Room 4 = Family Game Night (family friendly games, chess, etc.)
- Room 5 = Warm Stuff (scarves, mittens, socks, etc.)
- Room 6 = Family Board Games (Monopoly, Ticket to Ride, etc.)
- Room 7 = Tea & Coffee Time (please ensure expiry dates are within reasonable times)
- Room 8 = Arts and Crafts (triple fine liners, painting sets, craft kits, etc.)
- Room 9 = Movie Night (movie tickets, mini popcorn machine, etc.)

Bidding will be held online starting Dec 2nd (Mon) and end on Dec 6th (Fri) at noon. Winners will be announced shortly after. We'll contact you to arrange pick up of your Winter Basket on Dec 9th to 12th.

FYI: MINIMAKERS SHUTTLE

MiniMakers offers STEM educational experiences for kids ages 5-12 at their South Vancouver studio (408 East Kent Avenue S, Unit 110), near the Superstore on SE Marine Drive. Some VMS students are currently in their After School Program and take their complimentary shuttle from the school to their studio on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is space available for additional students within the shuttle on both days. For more information or to request a free trial class, call the MiniMakers South Vancouver studio at 778-860-MAKE (6253).



MiniMakers

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Parent Committee Newsletter

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October 2024

GENERAL INFO

PC Meeting Schedule

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Upcoming Meetings:

- Nov 7, 2024
- Dec 5, 2024
- Jan 16, 2025 *
- Feb 6, 2025
- Mar 6, 2025
- Apr 10, 2025 *
- May 1, 2025
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Join us for the return of our Halloween Party, now in its third year, and kick off our first fundraiser of the school year! We are raising funds to help maintain the playground, including the removal of a few trees for safety reasons. Our goal is ambitious: to raise \$10,000 this school year. We can't do it without your support. By attending, you'll not only enjoy a fun-filled event but also play a crucial role in making our school playground a safer and better place. Let's make this fundraiser a huge success—join us and help give our fundraising the strong start it needs!

We are bringing back popular games from last year, such as Bank-a-Ball, and adding more. Plus, the prizes will be bigger and better! While some games are free, others will be pay-to-play.

When: October 27, 2024 (Sunday)

Time: 3PM to 6PM

Where: Thompson Community Centre - Banquet Hall
5151 Granville Ave, Richmond

Admission: \$15 per person (includes a paid game ticket)

Game tickets: 3 for \$5 -- EARLY BIRD PRICE!

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We are ordering Happy Meals from McDonald's as food during the party. For \$10, it comes with small fries and apple juice **in Boo Buckets** PLUS a bonus game ticket! Deadline to order food is Oct 20th. Choose from 4 options:

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Snack wrap with grilled chicken
- Chicken nuggets 4 pieces

Tickets are limited and we sell out FAST! Ticket sales open on Oct 11th (Friday) on MunchaLunch under VMS HALLOWEEN PARTY! Please note that because the party is a fundraiser, we won't be able to offer refunds.

Ways you can help

- Buy tickets and Happy Meals! Money raised goes towards helping the school.
- Donate new unopened toys worth \$10 or less (examples: Lego, Hot Wheels, slime, stretchy ball) to be given out as prizes. Let us know by email at vmsparents@gmail.com.
- Volunteer for the party! We need volunteers to set up (2 to 3PM), clean up (6 to 7PM), and supervise games during the party. Sign up by scanning the QR code to the right.



Volunteer Sign Up

FYI: CHILDREN DENTAL HEALTH

Government dental health benefits are available, which can help eligible families pay for their children's dental care:

- The new Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will help make the cost of dental care more affordable for eligible families with children under 18 years old.
- The BC Healthy Kids Program helps eligible families cover the costs of basic dental care, eyewear, and hearing care instruments for children under 19.

For eligibility criteria and more information, scan the QR code to the right to access the VCH website and view the poster (available in 12 languages).



VCH Website

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Parent Committee Newsletter

Vancouver Montessori School

September 2024

GENERAL INFO

SAVE THE DATE: HALLOWEEN PARTY!

October 27th (Sunday)
3 to 6PM

Thompson Community Centre
(Banquet Hall)
5151 Granville Ave,
Richmond

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- Nov 7, 2024
- Dec 5, 2024
- Jan 16, 2025 *
- Feb 6, 2025
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HELLO AND WELCOME!

A big, warm welcome to our new and returning VMS families. We hope your summer was wonderful! Now, let's dive into a fresh school year, get back into the groove, and make it our best one yet!

For our new parents and as a reminder to our returning ones: We are the VMS Parent Committee (PC), a group of parent volunteers who raise funds for the school and organize events to bring our school community together! Our members for this school year are:

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YOU'RE INVITED: PARENT COMMITTEE AGM

You're invited to our Annual General Meeting (AGM)! If you're passionate about community and want to help make VMS the best place for your child to learn, come join us to find out more about what we do and how you can get involved. Light refreshments will be served. We're excited to meet and connect with you all in person!

When: Sep 19, 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30AM to 10:30AM

Where: Marpole Oakridge Community Centre - Club Room
990 W 59th Ave, Vancouver

HOT LUNCH

Daily hot lunch delivery is for Elementary students only and will resume the week of Oct 1st (Tuesday) after the Truth and Reconciliation holiday. Unfortunately, we can no longer offer the daily hot lunch program to Extended Day students.

Pizza Fridays will resume for both Extended Day and Elementary students starting Oct 4th. Pizza Fridays order deadline is Sep 27th. See the attached Pizza Friday flyer for more information.

You can start placing your orders on MunchaLunch starting Sep 20th.

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REMINDERS:

- Hot lunch orders are due a week before the meal delivery date. For example, to ensure your child has a meal on Oct 1st, place and pay for your order by Sep 24th.
- Payment is due within 1 hour of placing your order. If payment is not received by the deadline, your order will be automatically cancelled and you'll receive an email regarding the cancellation.

TO REGISTER FOR MUNCHALUNCH:

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VMS WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

The VMS Community in WhatsApp enables the PC to quickly share announcements and help parents connect with each other. We want to ensure every one of our parents is included!

When using the community, please adhere to our guidelines:

1. Be kind and courteous
Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.
2. Include translations in English
If your message is in another language, please include translations in English to ensure everyone understands the message.
3. Handle concerns appropriately
Speak directly to the school regarding concerns or complaints about students, teachers, or other parents.
4. No hate speech or bullying
Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender, or identity will not be tolerated.
5. No promotions or spam
Self-promotion, spam, and irrelevant links aren't allowed.
6. Respect everyone's privacy
What's shared in the chat stays in the chat. Do not display screenshots, posts, or comments from the chat to people outside of the chat.
7. No non-constructive debate or political promotion
Remain free of non-constructive debate and political promotions as well as partisan advocacy.

If you haven't done so already, please join the Vancouver Montessori announcement group and the chat for your child's classroom by scanning the applicable QR code on the next page. Additionally, if your child is in a different classroom this school year, please exit the chat of their former classroom.












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VANCOUVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL WHATSAPP COMMUNITY QR CODES

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<div>VMS 1 - Laurie & Manni</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 2 - Anna & Pam (AM/PM)</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 3 AM - Han & Janet</div> <div></div>
<div>VMS 3 PM - Nancy & Janet</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 4 - Janice & Kate</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 5 - Devyani & Dale</div> <div></div>
<div>VMS 6 - Afshaan & Kate</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 7 - Mohammed Abdul</div> <div></div>	<div>VMS 8 - Kirsten Holkestad</div> <div></div>
<div>VMS 9 - Dana Gerbrecht</div> <div></div>		<div>Vancouver Montessori WhatsApp community</div> <div></div>