



Bowen Island  
Montessori School

## Participation Form 2016/2017

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer hours are essential to the success of our Montessori program.

*BIMS is a non-profit organization and we consider the whole family to be an integral part of each child's education. We also strive to keep tuition costs affordable, while providing superior academic and life-long experience to our students. Doing so requires strong parental commitment and involvement in our program. Fundraising initiatives help enable BIMS to provide subsidies to families in need, ensuring that BIMS is accessible to all in our community. Please fill out the following as a means of letting us know how we can rely upon your contribution this coming school year.*

*The Bowen Island Montessori School board requires parents to make a volunteering commitment in support of the school. The two main volunteer commitments are the **Kid 'n Kaboodle clothing sale (fall 2016)** and sorting refundables at the **Bowen Island Recycling Depot**. We are willing to support you in volunteering, as we certainly appreciate that volunteering is really challenging for busy families. If bringing your child to Playcare while you are volunteering works, we buy books of Playcare tickets to share. If one B.I.M.S. family takes care of children while another volunteers, both families honour their commitment to volunteer. Extending your child's time at school (e.g., staying for lunch) is another good option. A volunteering commitment is a common expectation at most preschools. This year, it has been decided that one clothing sale will be omitted from our volunteering needs so that some of our volunteer efforts can be focused upon the overall program including the maintenance of the building and playground so BIMS will be asking families to support several initiatives throughout the school year.*

**Volunteering for fundraisers works to cover the shortfall in B.I.M.S.' operating budget.** For example, during the 2016/2107 terms, the cost per family was \$625 per year or \$62.50 per month if the family chose not to support BIMS by participating in any of these fundraising endeavours. BIMS is a community minded organization and therefore we would prefer to have a family's support but understand that this may not be the actuality for all our families.

What special skills or education do you have?

What experience -- volunteer, work, or other -- can you bring to BIMS?

Are there any special resources that you have access to that would benefit the school or our students?

Many school-related parent and community volunteers support activities and services. What specific contributions can you make (in terms of time, skills, abilities and resources) that will assist in the operation of our school? Is there any kind of volunteer work that you are unwilling or unable to do?

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's signature