



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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TMI Continues Excellence in Montessori Education

As a community we are proud to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori during Montessori Education week each February. More than one hundred years after the introduction of Montessori education the remarkable brilliance of this theoretically sound method of teaching continues to shine. At TMI, we are dedicated to the evolution of Montessori education to ensure its relevance in today's world and secure its longevity. We sincerely appreciate the contribution of many who contributed to our collaborative discussion session on February 5, 2011. Through engaging in this valuable dialogue you have assisted us in identifying and prioritizing the current challenges to be addressed in order to develop TMI teacher training. Actions to strengthen student's skills in parent communication, assessment and record keeping and classroom management have been identified. A subsequent discussion with TMS faculty on February 18 highlighted areas for development to maximize the benefits of the lab-school dynamic. Exciting opportunities for the future have been articulated. We thank you for your consistent affirmations of the value of TMI training in producing high caliber Montessori teachers sought out by your schools. We now have a renewed sense of direction and a strong foundation upon which to build the TMI Strategic Plan. Thanks to your candor future TMI students will continue to benefit from an enriched course and your schools will benefit from TMI graduates. We look forward sharing our plans for development as we proceed with further meetings to develop our Strategic Plan.

See You at our Refresher Course on April 30, 2011

Community building and staying connected is extremely important to us at TMI. We would like to invite you all to join TMI faculty for a joint Early Childhood and Elementary spring refresher workshop that focuses on Montessori's spiral approach. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with alumni and faculty at TMI, and refresh and renew as we approach the end of the school year and plan for next year (see next page for more details).

The Future of Montessori Education is in our Hands

Please be reminded that you are always welcome to call, e-mail or drop by to let us know how you are doing. After all, our graduates are the foundation upon which our 40 year history of excellence in Montessori education rests. We thank you for continuing to inspire and encourage friends, family, parents and teachers to contact our Registrar to attend an open house or schedule a personal appointment to learn more about Montessori teacher training and the rewarding career that follows. If you would like our Registrar to visit your school for an on-site open house, this can be arranged at your convenience as well. Our recent open houses have been well attended. Since word of mouth is our best advertisement we attribute much of our success to you. Who better to promote Montessori teaching as a career than you!

Register NOW!

Currently Accepting Applications for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Infant Toddler Montessori Diploma Programme (Summer mode)

Early Childhood Montessori Diploma Programme (Full time and Part time modes)

Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma Programme (Full time and Summer modes)

Deadline for Applications March 31, 2011

Upcoming Open House Dates

Open Houses are held every Tuesday from 10 am to noon

Special full day Open House drop-in dates during the March break: March 22 and 24

Please continue to visit our Web site www.tmi.edu and direct those interested in learning more about Montessori teacher training to arrange a personal appointment with our Registrar!

We welcome your feedback and questions. Please e-mail any questions or comments about our courses or ways in which we may improve our Web site to tmi@torontomontessori.ca

Thank You!

Community Life at TMI



TMI Early Childhood students enjoyed the warm welcome they received in TMS classrooms during their mini placements this month. They have especially enjoyed participating in special celebrations in the classroom such as Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.



The warm nurturing environment of the Montessori classroom is appealing to all. Student teachers marvel at the meticulous nature with which Children's House students approach their work.



During Valentine's Day celebrations TMI Early Childhood and Elementary I & II Diploma students write Valentine's messages to each other highlighting the camaraderie at TMI.



TMI students "bust a move" with TMS students at the Valentine's Dance-a-thon.

Professional Development

"Will this year never end?"
...maybe it's time to Refresh and Renew!

Join the staff of TMI
For a Workshop that focuses on
Montessori's Spiral Approach

Saturday, April 30, 2011
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cost: \$60.00

Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am Coffee/Tea provided
Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm, meal not provided.

Learning is a dynamic process in which the whole personality of the child must be actively engaged.
Mario Montessori Jr.

This joint Early Childhood and Elementary Workshop brings educators together to focus on:

- The importance of movement in education
- The connections we can create between the outdoor and the indoor environment
- The creation of a seamless transition between levels and within levels (June and September)
- The interdisciplinary approach with a emphasis on botany

"We often forget that imagination is a force for the discovery of the truth. The mind is not a passive thing, but a devouring flame never in repose, always in action." Maria Montessori

Register early as spaces are limited

To register please fill in the form found on the home page of our Web site www.tmi.edu and submit it along with payment to:
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