



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

January 2011

Dear Friends,

The month of January is named after the Roman god of gates and doors, beginnings and endings. The beginning of a New Year provides an opportunity to look back and take stock of all that's been accomplished and look forward to the productivity in the months ahead. Like you, enrolment is on our minds and a top priority when it comes to planning for next year. There is no doubt that Montessori parents recognize your dedication to their children and the commitment that you have made to the future of Montessori education. For years you have been pioneers in early childhood education, recognizing the importance of the period from birth through age 6 as foundational. The Ontario government has come to realize the value of early education with the implementation of full-day kindergarten. As Montessorians, you continue to promote the benefits of Montessori education not just for our children but the world we live in. It is obvious to us that the nature of Montessori education reaches far beyond the classroom, hence our shared passion and optimism for the continuity of such a sound pedagogy.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in this commitment to Montessori education. We are here to assist you to maintain your standards of excellence. Over the past few years we have noticed a growth trend through the development of toddler classrooms. As a result, our Infant Toddler graduates are in high demand, currently enjoying a 100% rate of employment. If you are currently considering growing your school community by opening an infant or toddler room you might want to consider approaching those in your parent population or children of staff members who have shown an interest in entering the Montessori teaching profession. Our Registrar may also be able to direct suitable candidates to you. The Infant Toddler program is specifically designed to prepare students to set up and maintain an infant toddler room in August after the 7 week in-class session. The opportunity to complete the required practice teaching hours while working in the classroom is supported by a TMI field supervisor with visits throughout the year making this program feasible for the growth of your school.

The Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma Programme (summer mode) is designed to facilitate the further specialization of those currently working in a Montessori classroom. Sometimes, the ideal Elementary teacher is right in front of you and ready for a change. We can work with you to facilitate that change with 14 weeks and weekend sessions of intensive training over two summers and the completion of practice teaching hours within your school during the school year.

The Early Childhood Montessori Diploma Programme (part time) is for those wishing to pursue Montessori teacher training while working in the classroom as an assistant. Part time students are able to take on teacher's duties during practice teaching and graduate ready work as a lead or co-teacher the following September. If you would like our Registrar to visit your schools to discuss options with your staff for any of these programs, please do not hesitate to contact True Macedo, who is more than happy to visit at your convenience.

Together as we plan for the 2011-2012 academic year, we continue to thank you for your support in the mentorship of our current students who are mid way through their training. The confidence they have gained over the past few months is remarkable as they begin to make connections and put into practice all they have learned since September.

We look forward to connecting with you at a number of upcoming events beginning with the TMS Alumni Reunion on February 17, 2011 (details on page 2). To accommodate the CAMT workshop (www.camt100.ca) on Saturday, February 26, 2011 our Refresher Course has been moved to Saturday April 30, 2011. Please visit our Web site for Refresher Course details and the registration form.

Yours truly,
TMI Faculty and Staff

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Events at TMI

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 Professional Development

In order to assist CAMT we have changed the date of our Refresher Course previously scheduled for February 26, 2011.

The new date for our Refresher Course is Saturday April 30, 2011. Please check our Web site for details and the registration form.

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



Early Childhood Diploma students explore art techniques within the culture curriculum.



An Elementary I & II Diploma student captivates lower Elementary students with a lesson on the Study of Lines during practice teaching.



TMI Registrar, True Macedo receives a lesson on fort making from Children's House students while on recess duty at TMS.

Community Events

CCMA Evening Presentation

"Good At Doing Things - Montessori Education and Higher Order Cognitive Functions."

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 7:30 pm
Northstar Montessori School
Dr. Stephen Hughes

Learning Challenges in a Montessori Environment Saturday February 26, 2011 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hosted by: Toronto Montessori Institute (Auditorium)

8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

FOR REGISTRATION CONTACT CAMT at info@camt100.ca

Cost: \$55 for members / \$70 for non-members
Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am Coffee/Tea provided
Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm, meal not provided.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

A Montessori Approach to Autism

With Michelle Lane-Barmapov
(Lane Montessori School For Autism)

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

A Practical Guide to Learning Strategies in a Montessori Environment

With Teresa Burgess-Bhagat
(Toronto Montessori Schools)

TMS 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion

Toronto Montessori Schools (TMS) is pleased to invite all TMS Alumni, past Students, Faculty, Staff, Parents, TMS Trustees, and Toronto Montessori Institute (TMI) Alumni to join our TMS Faculty, Staff and Board Members as we celebrate during the TMS 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion.

Enjoy an evening reconnecting with former classmates and colleagues.

Rekindle your memories of TMS by touring the Bayview Campus. Share some stories with past and present TMS and TMI Faculty and Staff.

When: Thursday February 17, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: TMS Bayview Campus (8569 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON)

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided throughout the evening.

This reunion is for guests aged 19 and above.

For more information please visit the TMS Website at www.torontomontessori.ca or our Facebook page (**Search:** Toronto Montessori Schools).

RSVP by February 10th, 2011 by e-mail

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by calling the TMS Main Office at (905) 889-6882.



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