



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

At TMI we seek to integrate the principles of cosmic education into all aspects of teacher training. Integration and interconnection, the cornerstones of cosmic education, are the foundation upon which community is built and strengthened. Through cosmic education and the building of community, students begin to realize their individual and collective contribution in the harmony of the whole, whether it is a school community or within a global context.

Full time students in both the Early Childhood and Elementary programs study Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy, sharing joint lectures and working on group presentations. Through co-operative learning students in both programs gain a sense of the "transitioning" child. This unique approach broadens the student teacher's understanding of the holistic nature of teaching. Dr. Montessori believed that every living being contributes to the life and well-being of the Earth. At TMI we assist adults to claim their cosmic task through the acquisition of skills and knowledge that will allow them to guide and serve the child. All programs are viewed as interdependent, which supports a scaffolding of approaches and concepts. Student teachers are encouraged to look to each other for answers to their questions, sharing their reflections and insights. Coming together to learn from each other is a critical element of a learning community that facilitates peace education. Students do not only study the theory behind cosmic education but they truly live it as they begin to realize the practical application of living and learning together on a daily basis. In addition, Early Childhood and Elementary students enjoy curriculum connections; from the Great Lessons to the sensorial approach to the botany area.

Connections also develop between the students in different program modes at TMI. Even though their physical class time is limited, part time students are encouraged to share their creative activities with full time students. Part time students bring a unique perspective to their courses as most of them work in Montessori classrooms and come with an experience of Montessori classroom life. They seek to understand the theoretical foundation behind what they witness daily in Montessori classrooms. Their willingness to question, reflect, change and grow to support the needs of the children inspires us all!

Interconnectedness and co-operation is illustrated in the social activities at TMI as well. Sharing and laughter at our first TMI pizza lunch and the Halloween potluck lunch highlights that while students may be enrolled in different programs and learning different curriculums, we are all on the same journey to serve the child.

It is important to maintain this connection within the larger Montessori community for it is only by working together and recognizing our interdependence that we may assist each other and support Montessori education. Visit our booth with your friends and colleagues at the upcoming CAMT conference. We would really appreciate it if you would take the time to pick up some information about our programs for the 2011-2012 academic year to leave in the staff room at your school or share. Whether it is just to say "hello" or to receive information we look forward to seeing you and reconnecting with you at this wonderful community event!

Yours truly,
TMI Faculty and Staff

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The Uniqueness of TMI!
Cosmic education and
community spirit!

Community Events

Mark Your Calendars!
Please Join Us At The TMS
Montesoirée - Celebrating 50
Years of Excellence
November 26, 2010

See Us At CAMT!
CAMT 2010 Annual Conference:
November 5, 2010

Upcoming Professional Development

Cosmic Creativity Workshop
November 6, 2010

To help us serve you better:

**Please contact our Registrar with
ideas and suggestions for an
Early Childhood and Elementary
Refresher Course
planned for this Spring**

Please continue to visit our Web site
and direct those interested in
learning more about Montessori
teacher training to contact our
Registrar Trucilla Macedo to
arrange a personal appointment and
tour of our lab school facility!

Your feedback is always welcome,
please e-mail any questions or
comments about our courses or
ways in which we may improve our
our web site to
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Thank you!

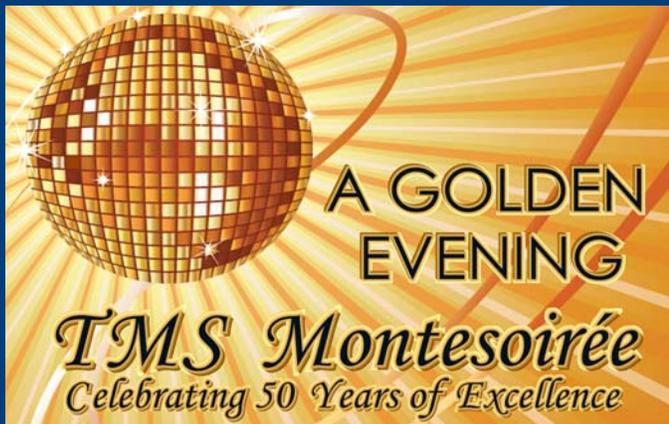
Community Life at TMI



The community comes together for a great cause – TMI full time students mentor and encourage at the Annual TMS Terry Fox Walk/Run



Full time Students imagine the darkness before the introduction of light in the beginning of the Great Lesson



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2010
TERRACE BANQUET CENTRE, 1680 CREDITSTONE ROAD, VAUGHAN
COCKTAILS AT 6:30 PM, DINNER STATIONS OPEN AT 7:00 PM
LIVE AUCTION FOLLOWED BY DANCING AT 9:00 PM
COCKTAIL CHIC ATTIRE

TICKET COST - \$150
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

EVENING INCLUDES

- DELICIOUS FOOD STATIONS
- DANCING
- OPEN BAR
- GUEST MC FRANKIE FLOWERS
FROM CITY TV'S BREAKFAST TELEVISION
- A CHANCE TO WIN \$25,000
- LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
- SPIN THE WHEEL TO WIN GREAT PRIZES,
AND MUCH MORE!



COME AS A GUEST, WHILE YOUR KIDS STAY HOME AND REST.

Community Events

CAMT 2010 Annual Conference
November 5, 2010 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Old Mill
21 Old Mill Road, Toronto

**Featuring Keynote Presentation by
Susan Stephenson, Renowned Montessori
Educator, Author and Ambassador**

Montessorians have always had a global understanding of education and human development. With the advent of instant communication and the "globalization" of economic, political, social and environmental concerns, Dr. Montessori's message of hope and salvation has never been more relevant or accessible. The current opportunity for a universal understanding of basic Montessori tenets and the advancement of worldwide Montessori schooling has never been greater.

This year, CAMT is proud to present Susan Mayclin Stephenson as our keynote speaker. Susan's address will present a fascinating documentation of what she has learned about Montessori education as a result of her research of local cultures in preparation for the establishment of Montessori schools and training centres in Bhutan and other Asian locales. Susan will inform and inspire us in our work as global educators.

For more information, please contact CAMT www.camt100.ca

Professional Development

Cosmic Creativity with Wendy Agnew

***Come for the day to be inspired and infused
with cosmic creativity!***

**November 6, 2010
9 am to 3 pm
Cost \$75**

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

The Registration Form is available on the homepage at www.tmi.edu



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