Dear Friends,

This year TMI celebrates 40 years of Montessori teacher training. We credit the success of our programs primarily to you, our colleagues, friends and alumni. We are fortunate to be part of a strong community of like-minded individuals who truly have the best interest of the child at heart. Thank you for your continued support, promotion and development of Montessori education. Together in our schools we inspire and encourage “leaders for tomorrow”.

As we begin the 2010-2011 academic school year we anticipate a year of festivities, learning, and growth. We welcome new students to our classrooms, offering guidance and support throughout the transition process. Just as children can find entering a new classroom or school challenging, adult students can find beginning a new career demanding. At TMI, the emphasis is on community building, which is essential for working out the jitters and encouraging team work in the classroom. Together our full time Early Childhood and Elementary students experienced the cyclical nature of life and the school year in a very special way as they harvested the zucchini flowers and tomatoes planted by last year’s full time students in the spring. In this way students were introduced to Practical Life by preparing and sharing a pasta meal utilizing the produce they had harvested. It was a great way to celebrate the success of last year’s students and strengthen community in this year’s classrooms!

This year we will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of Toronto Montessori Schools. As a lab school, TMS offers TMI students an opportunity to witness Montessori in action and participate in school-wide activities such as recess duty, lunch assistance, assemblies and special events. We are grateful to our founder Mrs. Helma Trass for her commitment to Montessori education. Mrs. Trass’ vision extended beyond TMS by establishing quality Montessori teacher training in 1971. Thanks to her perseverance, passion and foresight, Montessori schools were able to flourish and grow due to a steady supply of qualified teachers. Mrs. Trass continues to be integral to developing the Montessori movement. We must follow her example by promoting and educating others regarding the rewards of this form of education that truly has the best interest of the child at heart. Once in the door, parents marvel at what Montessori offers their child(ren). For some, having children and being in a Montessori environment rekindles their dream of being a teacher. Please continue to refer these parents to TMI to learn more about the Montessori approach. Whether it is parent education they are seeking or details regarding the programs offered at TMI, our Registrar True Macedo looks forward to hearing from them.

Together through celebrating and sharing our successes we build our community and strengthen the Montessori Movement. The future of Montessori education rests in our collective hands.

Yours truly,
TMI Faculty and Staff
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 at www.camt100.ca

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**Excellence in Montessori Education**

*An Evening with Angeline Stoll Lillard Based on her book Montessori: The Science Behind The Genius*

*An Exclusive Speaking Engagement*

**Thursday, October 14th, 2010**
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Toronto Marriott Bloor-Yorkville Hotel
90 Bloor Street East
Toronto, ON. M4W 1A7

For tickets please contact the CCMA office at: 416-239-1166 or 1-800-954-6300 or E-mail: ccma@bellnet.ca

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**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

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