



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Applications are coming in steadily. Submit yours now while spaces are still available. The Infant Toddler Montessori Diploma Programme is in high demand with a 100% employment rate!

March is a busy yet exciting month at TMI, with a constant flow of applications, the scheduling of interviews for admissions and many phone calls. Our applicants come from a variety of cultural backgrounds, ages and experiences. They are recent graduates of other post secondary universities or colleges, new to Canada some with teaching degrees from their homeland, or applying as International students. Many are re-entering the work force after years away, seeking a second career, assistants in Montessori classrooms, or Montessori trained and furthering their education. Some of our applicants this year are parents of children in your schools. Your partnership with these families through the education and care of their children and your professionalism may have inspired them to explore this rewarding opportunity. Our 96% rate of employment within 6 months of graduation for our Early Childhood and Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma Programmes and 100% for the Infant Toddler Montessori Diploma Programme proves that teacher training at TMI is the road to successful employment in Montessori education.

Help Us Celebrate the Success of TMI Training at our Next Integrated Open House on April 9!

Integrated Open Houses continue to be highly successful and enjoyable community events. Open house participants gain their first experience of the warmth of the TMI community with an enthusiastic welcome by TMI alumni, students, staff and faculty. The success of these special events is primarily attributed to the volunteer participation of alumni and current students from the Infant Toddler, Early Childhood and Elementary I & II levels. Our volunteers eloquently communicate the rewards of Montessori education through the sharing of experience, lesson demonstrations, tours of our lab school facility and showing samples of course work. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated supporters who are willing to volunteer their time on these Saturdays. We invite you to stop by to reconnect and share your experience while in training at TMI and as a Montessori teacher or administrator at one of the upcoming Integrated Open Houses on April 9, May 14 or June 4, 2011. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends and family members to the teacher training at TMI. Please contact, our Registrar, True Macedo, if you are interested in assisting or have a friend who would like to attend. Your support is extremely valuable.

Register Now for the April 30 workshop on Montessori's Spiral Approach!

Do not miss this integrative Early Childhood and Elementary workshop full of exciting ideas, activities and demonstrations of indoor and outdoor transitional activities to begin in the spring and carry over in the fall. Look at the strengthening and reinforcement of transitional pieces within our spiralled approach, activities to assist with assessment of the children's skills in the fall and much more! We look forward to spending an informative and fun-filled day reconnecting and sharing ideas to smooth transitions within your classrooms and between levels which will also enrich community spirit in your schools.

March 2011

Apply 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 has been extended!

Upcoming Open House Dates

Open Houses are held every Tuesday from 10 am to noon

Personal appointments are also available upon request

Come and assist at the Next Integrated Open House April 9 from 10 am to noon

Bring a friend to learn more!

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 prepare for their oral exams by mapping out lessons in all 5 areas of the Early Childhood curriculum in chronological order.



TMI Early Childhood students present an overview of the Culture Curriculum to Wendy Agnew for their Culture Oral Exam.



TMI Elementary students explore the joy of music in education with Colleen McInnis, TMS music teacher.



TMI Elementary students enjoy a Writing Workshop conducted by Rachel Marks, TMI alumna and TMS Upper Elementary Teacher.

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 an 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

Limited Spaces Available
Register NOW!

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:
Toronto Montessori Institute

CAMT 2011 Spring Conference

MATERIALS OF INSPIRATION

Saturday, April 2, 2011
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hosted By: Bannockburn School
12 Bannockburn Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Contact www.camt100.ca to register



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