



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

A Season for Reflection, Appreciation and Celebration

The holiday season is fast upon us! While the late school closing has caused some anxious moments, perhaps the week of vacation in January will allow for time to rest, relax and reflect. This is a traditional time to enjoy the festival of lights as we are reminded that we are moving past the darkest days. It provides an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the simple pleasures that light up our lives. Dr. Montessori reminded us to be grateful for those who have come before us, making our journeys smoother. It is a time to cherish the memories of yesterday and be attentive as we create tomorrow's memories, especially in the children we teach. At TMI we fondly remember those trainers who were instrumental in guiding us towards our successes. We especially remember with deep gratitude such Montessori pioneers as Helma Trass and Audrey Sillick, who with their eclectic vision, passion and hope for the future, inspired us. As prime innovators of cosmic education both women, through their profound love and respect for children and the world of nature, have made a lifelong impression on the hearts and minds of the Montessori community. We thank Helma and Audrey for this incredible gift and their unwavering courage and persistence. They continue to call us to be the very best we can be in order to understand the developing child who is present before us. In addition, they remind us that it is necessary to model care for our planet as it is an integral form of self-care and ensures the future for others.

This past week Audrey celebrated a special birthday with Helma at her side. As a community we wish to extend our best wishes to Audrey. If you wish to share your appreciation and recognize her impact, TMI welcomes you to send an e-mail to tmi@tmsschool.ca or letter and it will be forwarded to her.



*Holiday spirit abounds at TMI!
Early Childhood student teachers and the gingerbread houses
that they baked and decorated in the classroom.*

*Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.
All the best for 2012!*

December 2011

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Treasured Memories & Special People!

An open invitation to send your expressions of gratitude to Audrey Sillick.

This holiday season, please share your most memorable moments in the classroom with friends and family and inspire others to explore the possibility of a career in Montessori education!

TMI Announces a tuition freeze for the 2012/2013 academic year!

Application packages for all courses will be accepted after January 9, 2012.

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming Professional Development

Montessori 101
Parent Workshop/
Refresher Course
April 16 to April 27, 2012

Details to Come

Visit our Web site for application forms, course brochures, regularly updated job postings, as well as information about professional development workshops.

Please e-mail any questions or comments to tmi@tmsschool.ca

Events at TMI



Photo taken by TMS

An Infant Toddler student teacher accompanies her mentor teacher on a Fall walk in the ravine behind TMS School.



Photo taken by T. Macedo

An Early Childhood student teacher in the classroom during mini practice teaching placement.



Photo taken by T. Macedo

Elementary student teachers assist TMS Lower Elementary students daily.



Photo from TMI archives

Audrey Sillick

Community Events

CCMA Workshop
Thursday February 16, 2012
7:00 pm

For all educators, administrators, parents and staff.

"Information Bombardment:
Rising above the Digital Onslaught"
Presenter: Dr. Nick Bontis
Location TBA

CAMT 2012 Spring Mini-Conference
Saturday April 21, 2012
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Literacy - Diane Duff
Math and Music - Maureen Harris
Location TBA

Thank you to our Classroom Management Panels



Full Time Classroom Management Panel
December 2, 2011

**Carolyn Reid, Melissa McGregor, Sherry Gosal,
Sarah Enright and Dianne DeFreitas**



Part Time Classroom Management Panel
December 3, 2011

**Kathleen Vallance-Boice, Angela Hanimyan,
Sue Pierce and Laurie Parker**



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