



TORONTO MONTESSORI
INSTITUTE

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The TMI Update

A Monthly Communication for the TMI Community

March 2016

Celebrating Montessori Week

It is always a joy to introduce Montessori education to adults! At TMI we have the privilege to be part of the adult students' Montessori journey. From exciting beginnings in September, through the struggle to get their albums done, Montessori student teachers keep the promise alive as they incorporate the methodology within the theoretical framework. Our current full time students share their experiences and what Montessori means to them as citizens of the world in the following video clip:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJhiJ_A0V4

It is heartening to see that the key Montessori principles continue to resonate with each new generation of teachers. When applicants write their observation report the overwhelming sentiment is how amazed they are to see children being able to work at their own pace. All too often once we become teachers we lose sight of the child's need for process over our need for products. As teachers we feel pressure, real or perceived, to push children to succeed. Forgetting that the more we push the greater the resistance we encounter.

This is not to say that as Montessorians we do not have expectations for children. In fact, our belief is in the potential of the individual child's wish to learn and excel. However, we know that it is our mixed age group that sets the bar. Peer mentoring and modeling motivates our students to take risks in their learning. As the teacher or guide, we provide the sequenced steps to ensure success, adding just the right assistance along the way.

While we know it has been a challenging year, we encourage you to reflect upon the delight that is to be a Montessori teacher. Take a moment to remember the passion you felt and the excitement of discovery you experienced when Montessori transformed your vision of the child. During this Montessori week, renew your commitment and share your knowledge of what Montessori can offer children today with hope for tomorrow. Spread the word. Talk about Montessori and your school.

If you know of anyone you believe would make a great Montessori teacher, make sure they visit a school. We would be happy to introduce them to our wonderful approach. Invite them to contact Beverly McLean for a personalized tour at 905-889-6882 ext 2242.

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NEW!

Critical Literacy Workshop

**STARTING APRIL 2
9AM TO NOON**

Now Accepting Applications for all Programs

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Every Tuesday
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

VISIT US

Call our Registrar
for a personalized tour
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Ext. 2242

Upcoming Courses and Workshops

Asking good questions is an essential part of learning for the elementary child. Asking meaningful questions supports the development of skills that look beyond text to interpret, assess, evaluate and predict.

Join TMI on **April 2nd** to examine the elements of **Critical Literacy** and how to incorporate these skills in the classroom. To register, contact Beverly McLean at 905-889-6882 ext. 2242.

Art is a multi-sensory experience which ignites the child's imagination. On **April 30th** TMI presents the **Art Part 2** workshop where you will explore open ended art techniques to engage the **early childhood** aged child and in the creative process.

You will be working with your colleagues developing and presenting core art activities that can be replicated on your classroom shelves. The group will brainstorm ideas for variations and extensions of these activities to ensure that the art curriculum in your classroom is always vital, stimulating and cohesive with Montessori principles of learning and design.

Art materials will be provided for this extremely hands on opportunity to share with your colleagues as you build your own art curriculum. All you need to do is bring your creativity and your cameras or phones to record the ideas and activities generated during this interactive workshop.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

SUMMER MODE/PART-TIME DIPLOMA PROGRAMS STARTING JULY 2016

1. Infant Toddler (Birth to three years)
2. Early Childhood (ages 2 ½ through 6) Internship Mode
3. Elementary II (ages 9 through 12)

FULL-TIME & PART-TIME DIPLOMA PROGRAMS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2016

4. Early Childhood (ages 2 ½ through 6) Full-time and Part-time
5. Elementary I & II (ages 6 through 12)



APPLY NOW!
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