

Professional Development Matters

The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.

Robert John Meehan

Dr. Montessori felt that a classroom of mixed ages and experience would provide a rich learning environment for the children. This is also true for the adult. Professional development is essential for educators. It takes the educator beyond the limits of a diploma; it inspires, confirms and adds depth to the practice of teaching.

November seems to be the time of year for many professional development opportunities. We have enough traction in our classrooms to know where we need help and we have enough time to effect change. Join us on November 18th when TMI offers two engaging workshops that address aspects of our classrooms that need a gentle nudge.

Follow-up is our window to the child's understanding of a concept. In *Beyond Booklets and Poster Boards*, you will:

- Design follow-ups, using Zoology as a template, that meet three multiple intelligences
- Learn how to apply this process to other areas of study
- Design an assessment rubric appropriate to the follow-up that ensures the purposes of the exercise are met

In the workshop, *Assessing the "Whole" Child through the Lens of Practical Life*, you will:

- Explore the value of Practical Life in the context of an assessment tool
- Compare the *ELECT Continuum of Development* to the skills of Practical Life
- Examine the Montessori principles within Practical Life that support particular skills, e.g., developing self-regulation and independence

Coming together with other professionals provides a collaborative experience to share, question, discover, problem solve and learn something new. This is all possible within a context that is relevant to our daily practice.



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Professional Development Workshops



Elementary: Beyond Booklets and Poster Boards

November 18, 2017, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Using our understanding of Multiple Intelligences, join us to create follow-up that inspires and sparks interest. We will also work together to design rubrics that assess skill development and goal attainment.

[Register Here!](#)

Early Childhood: Assessing the “Whole” Child through the Lens of Practical Life

November 18, 2017, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Are you using the child's natural attraction to Practical Life activities to his/her best advantage? Is your environment providing developmental support leading to milestones? Are you measuring the (cognitive, social, emotional and physical) progress? Bring your resources (your goal and assessment tools) and together we will investigate and reflect on the opportunities Practical Life captures.

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Early Childhood & Elementary

Coping with Transitions - How are you preparing your students?

April 14, 2018, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Elementary: Are There Really Only 5 Great Lessons?

April 14, 2018, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

What was your favourite memory of school? For many Montessori children in elementary classrooms, the answer is the Great Lesson. Story telling is the cornerstone of the Elementary Program. Join us to explore and infuse more Great Stories into the different subject areas using the Great Lesson as a guide.

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