



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

We approach the end of 2009 and look forward to the beginning of 2010 with a mixture of joy and exhaustion. This season of giving is a great time to reflect with gratitude on the many gifts that we have received throughout the past year.

TMI has received many gifts from the Montessori community this year. We especially appreciate the gift of mentorship through the welcoming of our students as observers and practice teachers in your classrooms and schools. This gift of mentorship is also demonstrated by your assistance in oral exams as examiners or adult children. Through the sharing of your knowledge, experience and guidance with TMI students you are instrumental in the development of effective teachers. At TMI we can think of no better gift to give our children than the gift of dynamic, engaging and inspirational teachers. Surely each one of us can think back to our childhood and remember a special teacher who supported our enthusiasm and inspired us in some significant way. Now as teachers we are struck by the fact that it is really the children who inspire US!

We look to our children as our greatest teachers and recognize the privilege that our career in Montessori education affords us. We cherish the gift of uniqueness as we value each child as an individual and discover their interests. Through the gift of observation we pay close attention to each child's passions in order to create purposeful activities that make learning meaningful and enjoyable. We fondly recall the challenges and the joys of daily life in a classroom recognizing the rich rewards that a career in Montessori education offers us. Through eyes of gratitude we come to see problems as gifts and opportunities of growth. We thank our children for giving us the means to explore our own gifts as we share our knowledge and experience with them.

Our participation at workshops and conferences within the Montessori community strengthens us and our efforts to serve and follow the child better. Our professional development is not only a gift to ourselves but truly a gift to our children. TMI thanks all those who have participated in workshops and refresher courses in 2009. It is always wonderful to reconnect with friends and colleagues. We look forward to continuing to offer this service to you with new and informative sessions in 2010. Please continue to send in your workshop and refresher course ideas.

Thank you to all who have shared their positive experience at TMI with colleagues, friends and parents. Word of mouth is our greatest marketing tool. You have served as role models for many of our students who have pursued careers in Montessori education at TMI.

The Faculty and Staff of TMI thank you for the gift of your continued support. We would like to extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday and the very best for 2010.

*Yours truly,*  
**TMI Faculty and Staff**

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## In This Issue

### Events at TMI

**Thank you to the Montessori Community:**

**Our Children  
Mentor Teachers  
Host Schools  
and Alumni**



*Check out our Virtual Tour  
on our Web site [www.tmi.edu](http://www.tmi.edu)  
A special gift from  
our friends at Tall Pines School  
Thank you, Elaine and Frank!*

### Upcoming Professional Development

**Please send us suggestions for workshops as we plan for the spring. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.**

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

Please e-mail any questions or comments to [tmi@torontomontessori.ca](mailto:tmi@torontomontessori.ca)

## Events at TMI



Thank you to the Montessori Community, administrators, teachers and friends for the gift of your time, insight and mentorship!



Thank you to our children for the gift of sharing



Thank you to our colleagues for the gift of friendship

*Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and all the best in 2010!*

*“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”  
- Melody Beattie*

## Upcoming Community Events

**Everyone is Welcome!**

to attend the

CCMA presentation of:

**TREVOR EISSLER,**

Author of *Montessori Madness*

January 25, 2010 - Hamilton Area  
Dundas Valley Montessori School

January 26, 2010 - Toronto Area  
Bannockburn School

January 27, 2010 - Toronto Area  
Toronto Montessori Schools – Elgin Mills Campus

January 28, 2010 - Ottawa Area  
Ottawa Montessori School

To register contact CCMA @ [www.ccma.ca](http://www.ccma.ca)

(more details to come)

## Professional Development

Please continue to forward ideas to  
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Thank you



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