



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

In the words of a TMI Early Childhood student: "This year has been memorable." Just like the children in the classroom, we have "made some really good friends. The skills we have developed are so important to us because they taught us how to be more effective teachers in the classroom." As we near graduation we reflect upon the accomplishments of the past year and look towards a future full of possibility. The insights gained through self reflection are revealed in the growth we witness in both our children and ourselves. A TMI Elementary student describes the Montessori philosophy as enlightening: "Recognizing the child's imagination and the holistic approach through cosmic education is fundamental to the uniqueness of Montessori. Children are free to express themselves in a manner that supports self-knowledge while learning about their world in an environment prepared for them. Montessori education is liberating for both the child and the teacher."

This year's learning has reinforced the importance of flexibility and knowledge. A TMI Infant Toddler student so eloquently explained: "Being a flexible teacher allows you to better understand, predict and accommodate the environment and the children within it. To me, knowledge means understanding that our learning does not stop once we graduate. Knowing that each year, each class and each child is different and therefore we, as educators, never stop learning, growing, studying and developing our skills. One of the many things that I think of when I think of Dr. Montessori was that she never stopped learning from children. She was always learning from them and I will endeavour to do the same."

The future of Montessori education is in good hands. We at TMI are proud of our graduates knowing that they will continue to promote this extraordinary method by example. The genius of the Montessori philosophy inspires brilliance. Children shine in an environment that is prepared for them. Teachers experience satisfaction as they have truly made a difference; this is what TMI training is all about. The 96% rate of employment for TMI students is a reflection of the caliber of teacher training offered at TMI and a standard of excellence in Montessori education set by our alumni. Thank you to all who have guided others to explore the possibilities in Montessori education through teacher training at TMI. Word of mouth is the most effective form of marketing the Montessori approach. Keep spreading the word and sending prospective applicants to TMI to learn more.

As a student expounds: "Time management, working at a steady pace and working together towards a common goal have all been crucial for success in this program. I look forward to teaching in September and using everything I have learned from my great trainers at TMI. They were supportive and caring. I'm so glad I took this course; not only will I be teaching children that I adore but I have learned so, so much about being a good teacher. I guess you're never too old to learn and now I have proven it. It's been a very hectic but good year to prove to myself and others that age should not stop you from what you want to do in life. Thank you all so much."

The faculty and staff at TMI wish to thank its students for a wonderful year of mutual learning. Congratulations on your achievements! Come back and visit. Keep learning! Be sure to stay in touch and we look forward to seeing you at a workshop next year.

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

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## In This Issue

**Early Childhood and  
Elementary I & II  
Graduation June 22, 2010**

**Infant Toddler Graduation  
July 10, 2010**

**Upcoming Open Houses:  
Tuesday June 1, 8, 15 & 29  
10 am to noon**

**Saturday June 12  
Regular Open House  
10 am to Noon  
Integrated Open House  
Noon to 2 pm**

**Deadline Extension for  
applications for all our  
courses for the 2010/2011  
Academic Year**

**If you are hiring teachers for  
the 2010/2011 Academic Year,  
we would be pleased to post  
your listing on our Web site.**

## Upcoming Professional Development

**Save the date!  
Saturday October 2, 2010.**

**Art & Culture Workshop with  
sessions for  
Early Childhood and  
Elementary Teachers**

**The Registration form can be  
found on our Web site**

Visit our Web site  
[www.tmi.edu](http://www.tmi.edu) for  
regularly updated job  
postings, as well as  
information about  
professional development  
workshops.

## Events at TMI



TMI Elementary students are in the final weeks of their second practice teaching placement and looking forward to graduation.

Over 96% of TMI Elementary and Early Childhood graduates gain employment within 6 months of graduation!



100% of TMI Infant Toddler students are currently employed in Toddler classrooms in schools locally and throughout Ontario.



TMI Early Childhood students have enjoyed sharing their ideas and talents with enthusiastic children. Here a student teacher guides students to create dream catchers.

There is no doubt that Montessori teacher training programs at TMI are dynamic, engaging, interactive and rewarding!

## Community Events

**Toronto Montessori Institute  
Presents...**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY ART & CULTURE WORKSHOPS**

**Saturday, October 2, 2010  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Cost: \$50.00**

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

Learn more about how art may be integrated into the Montessori culture curriculum.

Come celebrate the expression of culture through art in a lively, interactive workshop for Early Childhood and Elementary classrooms. Art expertise is not required. Novices will enjoy experiences that they will be able to bring into their classrooms. More experienced artists will be welcome to share tips and techniques. Enrich your culture program by giving it a different dimension!

Note: There will be two separate workshops; one for Early Childhood led by Maureen Pesner, Senior Trainer and one for Elementary led by Rosanna Gaudio, Senior Trainer.

The Registration form is available on the homepage of [www.tmi.edu](http://www.tmi.edu)

**Mary Flewelling-Pinchen of CAMT presents  
Strategies for September**

**Saturday June 26, 2010  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$75.00**

Hosted by Toronto Montessori Institute  
Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

If you think you might experience September "stagefright", this workshop is for you!  
To register please go to <http://www.camt100.ca>



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