



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Our students are nearing graduation - Send us your job postings now!

This is an exciting but busy time of year for us all. With preparations for school plays, art shows, open houses and concerts our children are proud to share the knowledge and skills they have acquired throughout the year with their family and friends. At TMI our students enjoy the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired throughout the course of their training in your classrooms in practice teaching placements. Our students are well prepared and ready to embark upon their careers in Montessori education as a result of their hard work and training at TMI. Please continue to send job postings to our Registrar, True Macedo, who is more than happy to post them on our Web site.

Interested in further specializing in Montessori education? Apply now to our summer and part time programs - Spaces are limited!

There is no doubt that our Infant Toddler Diploma Graduates are in high demand. Many schools planning to expand through the introduction of Toddler programs in September are finding themselves challenged by the lack of Montessori trained Toddler teachers. Offered over the course of 12 months with only 7 weeks full time from July 4 to August 19, 2011 and one week full time from June 25 to June 29, 2012, this diploma program is intensive and covers both the infant and the toddler curriculum readying the student to teach in or even set up a toddler classroom this coming September. Opportunities for self-directed practice teaching with consistent support and guidance throughout the year make this a viable option for introduction of a toddler classroom in your school. A Montessori trained toddler teacher is a rare entity and a tremendous asset to your school community.

Earn an Elementary Montessori Diploma within 18 months with only 14 weeks over two summers full time. This year we begin the Summer Mode Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma Programme with the Elementary I component. The curriculum for the 6 through 9 child will be covered from July 4 to August 19, 2011 and continuing with the 9 through 12 curriculum in the summer of 2012. Designed especially for those with prior Montessori teacher training and experience, this is a dynamic and interactive fast paced course includes observation hours and practice teaching to be completed throughout the year.

"Our aim is not only to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his innermost core. We do not want complacent pupils, but eager ones. We seek to sow life in the child rather than theories, to help him in his growth, mental and emotional as well as physical, and for that we must offer grand and lofty ideas to the human mind." – Maria Montessori

Montessori designed the Elementary program as the natural extension of the Early Childhood program, where the foundational skills are given a place to be applied and built upon.

For the 6 through 12 child the elementary program provides a seamless learning experience.

- Concepts are revisited throughout, provided context and enhanced at each new level
- What began at 6 through 9 is enriched, explained, clarified and given a new place in the child's understanding, so that the child can research, go out and take a leadership role in the school
- The 9 through 12 curriculum is the culmination of the Elementary child's education that prepares the child to enter a new plane
- It is the completion of the teacher's preparation to work with the Elementary child at all stages of the second plane

Part Time Early Childhood Montessori teacher training at TMI is a great option for assistants seeking to become co or lead teacher in your schools. Offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 9 pm and two Saturdays per month from 9 am to 3 pm (September to June), this program is ideal for those working in a Montessori Early Childhood environment during the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Registrar, True Macedo, to learn more about these programs and receive support throughout the admissions process.

Yours truly,
TMI Faculty and Staff

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Deadline extension for Applications for all Our Courses for the 2011/2012 Academic Year Apply Now! Spaces are Limited!

Are you hiring teachers for the 2011/2012 Academic Year? We can post your listing on our Web site. Please e-mail the advertisement to tmi@torontomontessori.ca

Upcoming Open Houses: Tuesdays 10 am to noon May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Integrated Open House Saturday May 14 1 pm to 3 pm

Upcoming Professional Development

Mary Flewelling-Pinchen of CAMT presents Strategies for September

Saturday June 25, 2011
9 am – 3 pm Cost: \$75.00

Hosted by TMI
Location: 8569 Bayview Ave.
Richmond Hill

More details to come

To register please go to <http://www.camt100.ca>

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

Events at TMI



Elementary students explore different art techniques based on the influence of famous artists.



An Early Childhood student explores the sounds of the bells with a child during practice teaching.



TMI Senior Trainer Ivana Sconza enlists the help of Children's House students to prepare for the April 30 Refresher Course on the Spiraled Curriculum.



While full time students will miss the community spirit and camaraderie at TMI, they appreciate the opportunity for integration and acceptance into your school communities during practice teaching.

Community Events

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to our alumni and current students who have volunteered their time to assist at our Saturday Integrated Open House Events.

Through the sharing of your experience and enthusiasm you bring yet another perspective to those interested in learning more about a career in Montessori education!



Please contact True Macedo if you are interested in assisting at the next Integrated Open House scheduled for Saturday May 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated!

"I would just like to say thank you for allowing me to participate in the TMI open house this past Saturday. I feel that now, almost one year after graduating, I have gained such an appreciation for everything that I've learned in the Infant/Toddler Program. I really enjoyed speaking about my experiences and all the knowledge I've obtained as a student. I am also thankful because I made sure my albums were touched up and in perfect condition so I could show them off (now I know why it is so important to complete assignments properly the first time)". – Allison MacNeil, Infant Toddler Alumna



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