



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

This year TMI celebrates 40 years of Montessori teacher training. We credit the success of our programs primarily to you, our colleagues, friends and alumni. We are fortunate to be part of a strong community of like-minded individuals who truly have the best interest of the child at heart. Thank you for your continued support, promotion and development of Montessori education. Together in our schools we inspire and encourage "leaders for tomorrow".

As we begin the 2010-2011 academic school year we anticipate a year of festivities, learning, and growth. We welcome new students to our classrooms, offering guidance and support throughout the transition process. Just as children can find entering a new classroom or school challenging, adult students can find beginning a new career demanding. At TMI, the emphasis is on community building, which is essential for working out the jitters and encouraging team work in the classroom. Together our full time Early Childhood and Elementary students experienced the cyclical nature of life and the school year in a very special way as they harvested the zucchini flowers and tomatoes planted by last year's full time students in the spring. In this way students were introduced to Practical Life by preparing and sharing a pasta meal utilizing the produce they had harvested. It was a great way to celebrate the success of last year's students and strengthen community in this year's classrooms!

This year we will also celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Toronto Montessori Schools. As a lab school, TMS offers TMI students an opportunity to witness Montessori in action and participate in school-wide activities such as recess duty, lunch assistance, assemblies and special events. We are grateful to our founder Mrs. Helma Trass for her commitment to Montessori education. Mrs. Trass' vision extended beyond TMS by establishing quality Montessori teacher training in 1971. Thanks to her perseverance, passion and foresight, Montessori schools were able to flourish and grow due to a steady supply of qualified teachers. Mrs. Trass continues to be integral to developing the Montessori movement. We must follow her example by promoting and educating others regarding the rewards of this form of education that truly has the best interest of the child at heart. Once in the door, parents marvel at what Montessori offers their child(ren). For some, having children and being in a Montessori environment rekindles their dream of being a teacher. Please continue to refer these parents to TMI to learn more about the Montessori approach. Whether it is parent education they are seeking or details regarding the programs offered at TMI, our Registrar True Macedo looks forward to hearing from them.

Together through celebrating and sharing our successes we build our community and strengthen the Montessori Movement.  
The future of Montessori education rests in our collective hands.

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

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## In This Issue

### Events at TMI

**TMI Celebrates 40 Years!**

**TMI Welcomes New Students  
For The 2010-2011  
Academic Year!**

### Community Events

**Mark Your Calendars!  
Please Join Us At The TMS  
Montesoirée - Celebrating 50  
Years of Excellence  
On**

**Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
At The Terrace Banquet Centre  
In Vaughan**

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Rakesh Tripathi at 905-889-6882 or  
[advancement@torontomontessori.ca](mailto:advancement@torontomontessori.ca)**

**CCMA: An Evening With  
Angeline Stoll Lillard**

**CAMT 2010 Annual Conference:  
November 5, 2010**

### Upcoming Professional Development

**Spring 2011 Refresher Course**

**To help us serve you better:**

**Please contact our Registrar with  
ideas and suggestions for an  
Early Childhood and Elementary  
Refresher Course  
planned for this Spring**

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



*Summer Paraprofessional Exploration*



*Welcome to 2010-2011 students!*



*Practical Life  
- a "hands on" experience of community building!*

## Professional Development

### ***Cosmic Creativity with Wendy Agnew***

***Come for the day to be inspired and infused  
with cosmic creativity!***

**November 6, 2010  
9 am to 3 pm  
Cost \$75**

**Location:** 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

To register please contact Trucilla Macedo at  
[tmacedo@torontomontessori.ca](mailto:tmacedo@torontomontessori.ca)

OR

A registration form is available on the homepage  
[www.tmi.edu](http://www.tmi.edu)

## Community Events

**CAMT 2010 Annual Conference**  
November 5, 2010 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Old Mill  
21 Old Mill Road, Toronto

**Featuring Keynote Presentation by  
Susan Stephenson, Renowned Montessori  
Educator, Author and Ambassador**

Montessorians have always had a global understanding of education and human development. With the advent of instant communication and the "globalization" of economic, political, social and environmental concerns, Dr. Montessori's message of hope and salvation has never been more relevant or accessible. The current opportunity for a universal understanding of basic Montessori tenets and the advancement of worldwide Montessori schooling has never been greater.

This year, CAMT is proud to present Susan Mayclin Stephenson as our keynote speaker. Susan's address will present a fascinating documentation of what she has learned about Montessori education as a result of her research of local cultures in preparation for the establishment of Montessori schools and training centres in Bhutan and other Asian locales. Susan will inform and inspire us in our work as global educators.

For more information, please contact CAMT at  
[www.camt100.ca](http://www.camt100.ca)

### **CCMA Presents: *Excellence in Montessori Education***

**An Evening with Angeline Stoll Lillard  
Based on her book  
Montessori: The Science Behind The Genius**

**An Exclusive Speaking Engagement**

**Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
Toronto Marriott Bloor-Yorkville Hotel  
90 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, ON. M4W 1A7**

For tickets please contact the CCMA office at: 416-239-1166  
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