



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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Summer at TMI

It is wonderful to reconnect with our friends and colleagues around the world updating you on the recent events at TMI and our exciting plans for this school year. Activity at TMI continues year round. This summer began with the graduation of our 2010-2011 Infant Toddler Diploma Students. Graduates appreciated the intimacy and recognition of achievement offered by the afternoon ceremony and reception. TMI is privileged to have a diverse, high-caliber student body. This summer we saw past students return to gain additional teaching qualifications and welcomed new students, many who travelled great distances within Canada and internationally to receive a TMI Montessori education. We are grateful that all our students are committed to quality Montessori education and recognize the sacrifices they make to ensure that they receive the best training possible.

An Unparalleled Year Round Lab School Experience

The lab school experience within Toronto Montessori Schools now known as TMS School facilitates student teacher involvement with children from 18 months to 18 years old. Summer mode Elementary I & II students benefit from the work started by TMS children as they enjoyed harvesting vegetables and herbs that were propagated and planted in the spring. TMS School provides a year round toddler program which serves to enrich our Infant Toddler students' learning. The summer experience is highlighted by visits from infants and toddlers. Whether it is a baby in TMI's fully furnished infant room or toddler exploring the delights of an environment developed just for him/her, TMI students appreciate the opportunity to observe the child's development. TMI thanks the mothers of infants and toddlers for allowing our students the opportunity of observing their little ones both interacting and sleeping in this calm comfortable environment. TMI is grateful to offer Infant Toddler students the opportunity to gain observation hours and interact with toddlers at TMS School. Learning in a TMS toddler classroom dedicated to adult students and then witnessing the program first hand next door is a hallmark of TMI education.

From the Lab School to the Classroom

Many Infant Toddler and Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma students leave the Institute in August after the seven week intensive summer session to set up classrooms in preparation for students in September. Throughout the year students will gain critical experience and guidance from mentor teachers and field supervisors. Summer students will also come together for weekend sessions to reflect and learn, ensuring that Montessori's strong praxis model, in which theory and practice inform each other, is upheld. This summer, TMI introduced a new Practice Teaching Handbook which focuses on the specifics of practice teaching for all courses. New Interim and Final Practice Teaching Assessment Forms will also be introduced this year with a focus on skill based learning and the progression towards acquisition of skills necessary for teaching proficiency. We look forward to your feedback.

Your continued support of our programs and our students is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in assisting TMI by providing opportunities for students to observe your infant or toddler, or if you are interested in developing a toddler program, please contact our Registrar, True Macedo. We look forward to connecting throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any way we can support you or your schools.

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CAMT 2011 Annual Conference: November 5, 2011

Upcoming Professional Development

Cosmic Creativity with Wendy Agnew Saturday November 12, 2011

Montessori 101 Parent Workshop/ Refresher Course April 16 to April 27, 2012 Details to Come

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@tmsschool.ca

Events at TMI



Christine Carter, TMI Senior Trainer for the Infant Toddler Diploma Programme guides students in an Infant observation.



Summer Elementary students harvest radishes planted in the spring by TMS Elementary students.

Community Events

CCMA 2011 Annual Conference & Retreat

"Montessori Moving Forward"
For Administrators and Staff

Saturday October 15 (full day)
Sunday October 16 (half day)
The Kingsbridge Conference Centre,
King City, Ontario.

For more information contact CCMA at www.ccma.ca

CAMT 2011 Annual Conference

Friday, November 4, 2011
The Old Mill, Toronto



Online Registration and Conference Information
available on the CAMT website www.camt100.ca

Professional Development



Cosmic Creativity with Wendy Agnew

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

- ❖ *Engage in interactive story telling approaches*
- ❖ *Refresh the theoretical assumptions of the cultural area*
- ❖ *Be inspired to integrate art and culture into your program*

November 12, 2011
9 am to 3 pm
Cost \$75

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

To register please contact Trucilla Macedo at
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OR

A registration form is available on the homepage
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