



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

As citizens of the world we embark on a new year and a new decade with concern and hope for those in Haiti. We look toward our children as examples of resilience and optimism. We reflect upon the struggles we have encountered in the past and use our deepened insight to inspire us as we rebuild and strengthen for the future.

As Montessorians we follow our students, assisting them as they climb developmental mountains. We share in their joy as they slide down the other side having mastered a new skill only to support them once again as they approach the next challenge.

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."
Seneca, Roman Philosopher, mid 1st century AD

Life is full of "ups and downs", a roller coaster of sorts. As Montessori teachers we are trained to guide our students on their journey toward independence. With experience we come to view teaching as more than just a job or a profession but as a vocation and an "art". We walk with our students anticipating readiness, seizing the moment to introduce a new concept or idea through recognition of sensitive periods. Our ability to observe helps us to inspire and utilize the sense of wonder inherent in children. The encouragement and faith we bring to the classroom allows our students to recognize the wealth of possibilities surrounding them through their interaction with the world and those in it.

When we view teaching as an art we recognize the importance of reflection as we refine our "technique". Seeking out personal and professional development enables us to become lifelong learners admitting there is always something more to know, something else to try, a new talent to discover. This process assists us to explore and discover the abilities of each student in our classroom. To teach effectively we must mentor our students while wearing many hats – educator, event planner, hiking guide, counsellor, artist, musician, interior decorator, actor and coach. The ability to move beyond borders and break through barriers with the help of imagination and innovation is integral as we encourage our students to explore new territory and reach new heights.

The opportunity to teach is an exciting and rewarding one. The winter term provides another chance to appreciate our chosen career in Montessori education as a gift. Teaching inspires. It is a hope-filled profession.

We are currently accepting applications for our teacher training diploma programs. Please encourage friends and family who may have a vocation or an interest in a rewarding career in Montessori education to check out our web site or contact Trucilla Macedo who would be more than happy to share the possibilities that a career in Montessori education has to offer. Please continue to watch for information on upcoming professional development workshops at TMI as well as within the Montessori community.

Yours truly,
TMI Faculty and Staff

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In This Issue

Events at TMI

Upcoming Open Houses:
Tuesday February 2, 9, 16, 23
and Saturday February 20.

**Deadline for applications
for all our courses for the
2010/2011 Academic Year
March 31, 2010!**

**Check out our Virtual Tour
on our Web site www.tmi.edu**

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

Events at TMI



Dr. Glenn Zederayko, TMS Head of Schools speaks to Elementary students about professionalism



Full Time Early Childhood students marvel at the wonders of nature during a winter nature hike.



"Whose footprints could these be?"



"There's the woodpecker that we heard!"

Upcoming Community Events

Montessori Music and Movement Workshop

Saturday February 6

Half Day or Full Day Sessions Available

Mastermind Montessori

735 Markland St, Unit 1, Markham Ontario

Half Day: \$35 for members/ \$50 for non-members

Full Day: \$50 for members /\$80 for non-members

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Casa

1:00 – 3:00 pm Elementary

Educators gain musical confidence and put the spark back into your teaching!

This workshop explores a music-enriched Montessori environment for teaching the whole child. Gain musical confidence as we explore the following topics through lecture and hands on exercises:

- Research and child development
- Music-enriched Montessori environment
- Montessori Educators – building musical confidence
- Curriculum timeframe
- Lesson plans – music and movement/bell materials

Presented by Maureen Harris of Montessori Mozarts

Registration form can be found at
www.camt100.ca

Professional Development

**Please continue to forward ideas to
Trucilla Macedo at
tmi@torontomontessori.ca
Thank you**

*The more you learn,
the more you realize what you do not know.
What did I learn today?*



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