



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

As autumn draws to an end, and the crisp coldness of winter chills the air it is a time to enjoy the natural beauty around us. The trees are majestically bare, a stark contrast to the plethora of colour of previous weeks and an adjustment for all. TMI Elementary I & II and Early Childhood Full Time students are noticing this change all too well, as they realize the need to dress warmly and sensibly while out at recess duty. Rosy cheeks and runny noses abound!

At the end of October, the Full Time Early Childhood students were introduced to a literary treasure trove when they visited a delightful book shop called "*The Flying Dragon*." Students discovered everything from books they enjoyed as children to beautiful new works from many talented authors and illustrators. The selection is outstanding and the staff and owners of "*The Flying Dragon*" bookshop are extremely knowledgeable, warm and welcoming. If you are looking to expand the library in your classroom or school, please consider a visit to this wonderful bookshop (see the reverse for contact information).

On November 11 all students participated in an assembly held by TMS to remember and honour those Canadians who have served our country. Our students took this opportunity to reflect upon and be grateful for the sacrifices of others. Together we hope to nurture our students so that they will be able to realize peace tomorrow.

Our Full Time Elementary I & II students have enjoyed welcoming guest lecturers into their classroom to present lessons in language, geography and history. The dynamic presentations of these experienced teachers and the sheer brilliance of the Montessori program has left a sense of joy and anticipation among the students who look forward to their practice teaching in January.

The Cosmic Creativity Workshop with Wendy Agnew was highly interactive. Participants left with an exciting new perspective on the presentation of culture in the classroom. The Part Time Early Childhood students, as well as teachers in the field, enjoyed the freedom of movement, imagination and sharing that Wendy inspires. Workshops such as these are an excellent way to get to know others who share the Montessori philosophy. In addition, they introduce you to creative new ideas and pedagogically sound perspectives for the benefit of your classroom. We look forward to two workshop offerings in early 2009; "Simple Pleasures: Arts & Crafts Made Easy" in February and a Refresher Course in April.

As exemplified in the Cosmic Creativity Workshop, the Montessori philosophy is dynamic, interactive and exciting. If you know anyone who is a Montessorian at heart and would be interested in a career in education, please encourage him or her to visit our Web site or call our Registrar, Trucilla Macedo. She will be delighted to provide an introduction to the programs at TMI and the rewarding careers that follow.

Yours truly,
TMI Staff

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Coming February 28, 2009

"Simple Pleasures: Arts & Crafts Made Easy"

April 2009

Refresher Course

Visit our Web site www.tmi.edu 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

TMI students enjoy the opportunity to assist the TMS students to get bundled up for play at recess.



Early Childhood Full Time students at The Flying Dragon Bookshop.

*This delightful bookshop is located at
1721 Bayview Avenue
(1 ½ blocks south of Eglinton Avenue) in Toronto.
Tel: 416-481-7721*



TMI students volunteered during the TMS Family Event by caring for children of all ages and assisting in their participation at various activities from arts & crafts to Wii games!



TMI was the proud sponsor of the CAMT tea on Friday November 7, 2008.

Thank you to our
Classroom Management Panel Participants!

TMI is extremely grateful to the following administrators and teachers who so kindly shared their knowledge and experience through participation on the Classroom Management Panel.

Thank you to Tracey Cole, Leighton Cone, Sarah Enright, Elaine Flett, Rita Merendino, Laurie Parker, Donna Paul, and Carolyn Reid.

Through the sharing of their experience, our full and part time students were able to gain an understanding of the importance of detailed, clear record-keeping techniques as well as learning effective classroom management skills.

The **TMI Green Initiative** continues. Please contact Trucilla Macedo via phone or e-mail at tmi@torontomontessori.ca and sign up to receive The TMI Update via e-mail before January 2009.

Thank you to all those who have forwarded their e-mail addresses to Trucilla Macedo. The TMI Update will be sent to you via e-mail.

Please note that after January 2009 The TMI Update will be sent by e-mail only, unless otherwise specified.

To our friends who already receive The TMI Update electronically, we offer a heartfelt THANK YOU!



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