



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

The 2008/2009 academic year is well underway. With the autumn leaves falling around us, the days are shorter and the nights of homework are longer. At TMI we have been able to develop a balance between academic rigor and fun. Students are producing wonderful resources such as albums and theory essays. Thanks to their culinary talents and the use of simple recipes the Early Childhood students have enjoyed making and tasting homemade pasta and sauce, apple crisp and minestrone soup over the past month. The Part Time students have enjoyed a pizza lunch and are looking forward to homemade lentil soup and one of Ivana's special apple crisps. Many of these students look forward to trying these healthy recipes in their own classrooms. We trust you are enjoying the joys of the harvest with your students and strengthening the sense of community in your classrooms.

It is always a pleasure to see how quickly adults come together and form lasting friendships and support each other within a caring community. The Full Time Early Childhood and Elementary I & II students look forward to pumpkin carving (many for the first time) and a Halloween potluck lunch at the end of the month. Students enjoy these opportunities to get to know each other better while also learning about North American traditions. Within our larger TMS community, both Part and Full Time Early Childhood students displayed and presented their Original Practical Life exercises to their classmates and Carolyn Reid, Head of Children's House. Carolyn found the experience refreshing and invited the TMS Children's House teachers to visit TMI. The teachers offered feedback and gained some new ideas and insights.

TMI works hard to educate and spread the Montessori message in the larger educational community. Thank you to the Early Childhood and Elementary I & II students who volunteered to accompany our Registrar, Trucilla Macedo to the Graduate School and Specialized Studies Career Fairs. These students assisted in introducing and explaining the Montessori philosophy to university students who may consider a career in Montessori Education. Each career fair allows us the opportunity to meet at least ten eager individuals who are interested in learning more about Montessori and the training programs offered at TMI. As TMI alumni, through the sharing of your experiences, you are able to effectively guide prospective teacher candidates to TMI. Please encourage interested individuals to visit our Web site or call Trucilla Macedo who would be more than happy to take them on a tour as well as introduce them to our MACTE accredited teacher training programs! Together we spread the value of a Montessori education!

Yours truly,
TMI Staff

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November 15, 2008**
Cosmic Creativity

**Coming
February 2009**
"Simple Pleasures"
Arts & Crafts Made Easy

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

2008-2009 TMI Synergy
Early Childhood and Elementary Full Time students



Sharing

One of the many benefits of being a lab school is being able to share resources, ideas and creativity with TMS!



Early Childhood Students promote
Toronto Montessori Institute at
University of Toronto – Mississauga Campus



Professional Development Workshop

Cosmic Creativity with Wendy Agnew

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

Spaces still available:
November 15, 2008
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost \$75

Location: 8569 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill

To register please contact Trucilla Macedo at
tmacedo@torontomontessori.ca

OR

Use the registration form found on the homepage
at www.tmi.edu under the Professional
Development Tab.

The TMI Green Initiative

“But if for the physical life it is necessary to have the child exposed to the vivifying forces of nature, it is also necessary for his psychological life to place the soul of the child in contact with creation.” - Dr. Maria Montessori.

As Montessorians we understand the importance and benefits of introducing children of all ages to nature. We encourage their inherent curiosity and sense of adventure through studying, classifying and exploring the outside environment. This is the foundation upon which children learn the value the natural world they live in. Through learning to respect and nurture nature within the classroom as well as outside, children begin to appreciate the beauty and value of nature and the need to protect and preserve it. As Mentors it is our duty to role model environmentally friendly behaviour. One way in which we can do this is by reducing the amount of paper unnecessarily used in today's society .

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

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sent by e-mail only, unless otherwise notified.

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



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