



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

September 2009

Dear Friends,

At TMI the cooler summer weather did not detract from the warmth and positive energy shared by all who were involved in our programs throughout June, July and August. In June, TMI hosted a CAMT workshop: Strategies for September where Mary Flewelling-Pinchen helped prepare teachers and plan for the classroom. Christine Carter returned from Spain for the graduation of our 2008/2009 Summer Mode Infant Toddler students. She then presented the majority of the lecture component of the 2009/2010 Infant Toddler Diploma Programme. The Summer Mode Elementary I & II Diploma Programme enjoyed a variety of perspectives from the lecturers as they covered the 6 through 9 component.

Our exuberant paraprofessional students found their introduction to the Montessori approach informative, relevant and enjoyable. TMI was very fortunate to have alumni Zdenka, Bonnie and Rita, as well as other wonderful Montessorians Lee and Dolly, who kindly volunteered their time and shared their passion.

This September, we welcomed an enthusiastic group of full-time and part-time students ready to embark upon their Montessori journey. Thank you for your support and positive promotion of TMI. Our courses benefit from the many talented individuals that you send us.

At both the Early Childhood and Elementary level we are excited to be re-examining the arithmetic curricula. We will look at how we can integrate materials in order to help the child make a smoother transition from one level to the next. Closely examining the Ontario Curriculum will give us further insight into how we can make our curriculum even richer in scope. The links between oral language and the connections in arithmetic will lead us to enhancing and strengthening the courses overall.

As the new school year begins, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our alumni and new students all the best for an exciting new year! We thank you for the warm welcome and the wonderful mentorship opportunities that you so generously offer TMI students. We look forward to working with you to ensure success for students, yours and ours, and the promotion of the Montessori philosophy of education as a whole.

Yours truly,
TMI Staff

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Events at TMI

2009/2010 Diploma Courses have begun

Community Events

**CAMT: The Spirit of Montessori
November 6, 2009**

Upcoming Professional Development

Early Childhood and Elementary Arithmetic and Geometry/Sensorial Workshops

October 3, 2009

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



Paraprofessional Summer Fun



Mentorship at Recess Time



Introduction to Practical Life for Elementary

Community Events Board

CAMT presents: The Spirit of Montessori

November 6, 2009 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Old Mill
21 Old Mill Road, Toronto

Featuring keynote presentation by Catherine McTamane, author of *The Tao of Montessori*, a collection of reflections on compassionate teaching that quickly became a favourite of Montessorians after its publication in 2005.

Dr. McTamane addresses our own endless quests to connect with spiritual selves in order to better serve the children in our classrooms. This presentation offers a practical perspective on the struggles of remaining mindful and the essential work Montessori teachers do when they acknowledge their own spiritual needs.

Workshop Presentations by:

Catherine McTamane
Wendy Agnew
Sarah Enright
Nicole O'Rourke
Maureen Pesner

For more information, please contact CAMT at
www.camt100.ca

Professional Development Workshop

The Toronto Montessori Institute Presents...

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY ARITHMETIC AND GEOMETRY/SENSORIAL WORKSHOPS

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009
8569 Bayview Avenue
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Montessori arithmetic curriculum provides children with a solid experience of mathematical processes and practice with operations and geometrical concepts. However, we notice gaps in the Montessori program and struggle to integrate arithmetic into other curriculum areas. The Ontario Curriculum has many riches that we as Montessorians can incorporate to add breadth and depth to our lessons.

Join us on October 3rd to review key presentations and identify how we can draw upon the Ontario Curriculum to expand our arithmetic program in order to give the child an enriched mathematical experience.

Note: There will be two separate workshops; one for Early Childhood led by Ivana Sconza, Senior Trainer and one for Elementary led by Rosanna Gaudio, Senior Trainer

EXCITING NEWS!

Early Childhood Arithmetic and Sensorial Workshop
Registration now full!

Elementary Arithmetic and Geometry Workshop
Register now – limited spaces available!

Registration form may be found on the homepage www.tmi.edu



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