



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

December has been quite an exciting month here at TMI. The snow has fallen and snowmen abound! The joy of rosy cheeked children is indicative that the holiday season is close. Children excitedly partake in seasonal activities in their classrooms making special memories and creating beautiful masterpieces that will be treasured by families for years to come. The anticipation of a much needed break is also evident as we all look forward to the holidays.

This December issue of *The TMI Update* will be our final general mailing via Canada Post. The January issue will be e-mailed to those who are currently receiving it and to all who forward their e-mail address to us before January 19, 2009. If you wish to continue to receive *The TMI Update* by regular mail, contact Trucilla Macedo by phone 905-889-6882 x242 before January 19, 2009.

If you know of any TMI graduates who are not receiving *The TMI Update*, please encourage them to connect with us so we can include them on our e-mail list. *The TMI Update* is an excellent way to stay in touch with TMI and to be informed of upcoming workshops, programs and community events.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. We encourage prospective teacher training candidates to contact Trucilla Macedo who will be happy to introduce them to the programs that we offer. She will also assist these individuals with the application process.

TMI's Full Time and Part Time Early Childhood and Elementary programs are in full swing. Students are preparing to begin practice teaching in a number of schools in the GTA. Thank you to those schools who welcome our students and offer them the privilege of mentorship. Through mentorship, experienced teachers give back to the Montessori community in an extremely valuable way. We were all students at one time who looked to more experienced teachers for their effectiveness and competency. TMI students appreciate the insights they gain during practice teaching. The lessons learned and the memories made will have a profound and lasting impact. Through this kind of partnership we work together to strengthen and grow the Montessori community.

Our Classroom Management Panels have been extremely helpful in emphasizing the importance of:

- \* positive approaches when guiding children
- \* clear detailed record keeping
- \* effective overall classroom strategies

Students always find the participants friendly, approachable and extremely informative as they share their expertise so eloquently.

We are interested in your feedback regarding the desirability of a workshop/forum on classroom management and record keeping. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for teachers from various schools to come together to share strategies and ideas. If you are interested please let our Registrar know at [tmi@torontomontessori.ca](mailto:tmi@torontomontessori.ca).

Yours truly,  
TMI Staff

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**The TMI Green Initiative continues with the last general mailing of *The TMI Update***

**The Holidays are upon us!**

**The Benefits of Mentorship**

**Classroom Management Panel**

## Upcoming Professional Development

**February 28, 2009**

Simple Pleasures:  
Arts & Crafts Made Easy

**April 2009**

Refresher Course

Visit our Web site [www.tmi.edu](http://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](mailto:tmi@torontomontessori.ca)

## Events at TMI



Full Time Early Childhood and Elementary I & II students enjoyed lunch with the Classroom Management Panel Participants.



TMI students begin practice teaching



TMI students gather for a holiday lunch

## Community Events

### CCMA Presents: Dr. Michael Ungar

Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25

#### Raising a We Generation:

How Risk and Responsibility Help Children and Teens Thrive

How do we raise children and adolescents to think 'We' in 'Me'-thinking times? How much risk and responsibility do children need to become the kind of competent, caring contributors we want them to be in their families, schools and communities? Over his years of practice, Michael has seen a disturbing trend: the overprotection and lack of real responsibility is leading to troubling behaviours. He will show that fewer responsibilities at home, no touch policies in our schools, monster size houses where children are invisible and a lack of consequences for children when they make mistakes are threatening our children's connections with their parents and thwarting their healthy development. Based on his clinical work and research, Dr. Ungar will discuss ways to offer our children and teens manageable amounts of risk and responsibility. He will present practical suggestions about how to raise them to become compassionate adults.

Location: Toronto Montessori Schools  
8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

To order tickets: Please call Hedy Grose at the CCMA Office  
416-239-1166 or 1-800-954-6300.

## Upcoming Workshops

### Simple Pleasures:

### Arts & Crafts Made Easy!

Saturday February 28, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost \$50

Move towards authentic creativity!

Join Bonnie Donaghy, Charlene Choo, Maureen Pesner and Nancy Coyle for an interactive, educational and fun-filled look at art as expression and its effect on the development of the hand as "an instrument of the mind".

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. 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](http://www.tmi.edu).

### April 2009

### Refresher Course

*TMI would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and school communities a happy and safe holiday season and a restful winter break. We look forward to beginning the New Year rejuvenated and with anticipation of the many successes to come!*

*Happy Holidays!*



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