



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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Dear Friends,

The spring term is upon us. We are looking at our classroom and how the children have progressed and developed. As we move to the end of the year we find ourselves reflecting on our successes and challenges. Effective teachers question and confront the issues surrounding their practice. To support this process, TMI's refresher course in June is one of collaboration and preparation. The refresher course will address the following questions: What are the current challenges facing the child and the teacher? Is Montessori's universal child reflected in the child of today? How do we get back to basics and be innovative as well?

Join the TMI team for a two-day workshop as we explore today's teaching context and look at the application and integration of our shared experience and expertise. This interactive workshop strives to assist you in shaping your approach and plan for the next year. To register please contact Nina Gandhi or access the registration form on our Web site (www.tmi.edu).

Grace and Courtesy is a cornerstone of Montessori education. To realize its importance, Toronto Montessori Schools chose *Grace and Courtesy* as a year-long initiative. Every week a class or department at TMS presents a specific aspect of this theme. In April the Full time Elementary students presented "*How to Greet a Visitor*." Children from Early Childhood, Lower and Upper Elementary helped dramatize the theme for our photographs. It was definitely a cooperative effort. Be sure to look at the photos in this Update.

TMI receives job opportunities for Montessori teaching positions regularly. Nina Gandhi, our Registrar, posts new jobs on the TMI Web site and places copies in the on-site binder. If you would like to advertise on our Web site, please send us all relevant information by e-mail and we will be happy to post your ad. This is a great opportunity to reach current students and past graduates.

Presently, all the Full time students are out practice teaching. The TMI team has been visiting schools and reconnecting with graduates. This is a very enjoyable part of our visits. If you would like to meet up with old friends and classmates, join us here at TMI for a *Reunion Wine and Cheese* on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please let us know if you will be able to attend.

Yours truly,

The TMI Team

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Beginning September 2008

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

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Welcome visitors



Remember to say good-bye

Community Events
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TMS/TMI Reunion Wine and Cheese
May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Toronto Montessori Schools invites all TMI Alumni to join current TMI and TMS faculty and staff for a **Reunion Wine and Cheese**. Come and renew old friendships, swap stories and celebrate your successes. We are keen to give you a brief update regarding what is currently happening at TMS and TMI, and share our plans for the future.

RSVP with Nina at 905.889.6882 Ext. 242

Professional Development
Workshop

REFRESHER COURSE
June 26th & 27th

Please note that there will be a separate course for Early Childhood and Elementary respectively.

Focus Day 1: Montessori in Today's Context

Focus Day 2: Early Childhood: Writing
Elementary: Research

Morning Sessions: 9:00 -10:30 a.m.
Break
10:45 a.m. - noon
Lunch: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

To register please contact Nina Gandhi at
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OR

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

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