



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to our Infant/Toddler, Early Childhood and Elementary students during the practice teaching and observation components of their courses. TMI knows that this practicum experience is an essential aspect of Montessori teacher training. Your dedication to this important activity is greatly appreciated. Your guidance has provided opportunities for our students to take the next step in becoming successful Montessori professionals. Practice teaching allows students to apply Montessori theory and methodology to real life situations. In addition, they gain insights into classroom management and organization, which are important skills that develop professional confidence. With your assistance we can all help to promote and nurture the next generation of Montessori teachers. In lieu of the Annual Appreciation Dinner, TMI will make a donation to the Sick Kids Foundation on your behalf.

TMI continuously engages in a process of curriculum review and performance evaluation. As part of our annual review, TMI conducted a survey of school administrators to identify our strengths and enable us to target areas for improvement. We have received many responses. TMI would like to thank everyone who participated. The data gathered from these surveys is an essential part of our programme review. Past initiatives that have resulted from this process include: changing the oral exam format in all levels of study, adding a Culminating Project, additional practice teaching hours, more focus on Montessori theory and philosophy and providing additional contact hours for the Early Childhood Part time Course.

Just as TMI looks to prepare for the upcoming academic year, we hope that the workshop offered on June 26 & 27, 2008 will inspire you to do the same. 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. To register please contact Nina Gandhi or access the registration form on our Web site (www.tmi.edu).

A critical thinking workshop is being held at TMS on June 23 & 24, 2008. The workshop will be given by Garfield Gini-Newman who is a lecturer at OISE and a senior consultant with The Critical Thinking Consortium (TC2). Garfield's primary areas of research involve the pedagogy of critical thinking and ways to embed critical thinking in classrooms from kindergarten to graduate school. Garfield also has considerable expertise in effective assessment practice and the use of authentic assessment to engage learners. He has been working with Montessori teachers in a variety of schools.

The TMI Team

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Beginning July 1, 2008
- Summer Mode Elementary II
(9 through 12)
Beginning July 1, 2008
- Early Childhood
Full time or Part time
Beginning September 2008
- Elementary I & II Full time
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

Events at TMI

Part time Early Childhood Students



Habits of animals through simulation



Students enjoy the sun on a Saturday

Community Events Board

Critical Thinking & Inquiry in the Montessori Classroom

June 23 and 24

Presented by:

Garfield Gini-Newman

A lecturer at OISE, & a senior consultant with TC2

Times: 10:00 – 3:30 p.m. each day

Cost: \$50 per person

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

To register please contact **Nina Gandhi** at ngandhi@torontomontessori.ca

Professional Development Workshop

REFRESHER COURSE

June 26 and 27

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 ngandhi@torontomontessori.ca

OR

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

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