



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

February 2008

Dear Friends,

It has been a long winter of snow angels and lots of shoveling! At TMI we are looking forward to spring and the promise of warmer weather. We missed our February edition due to "technical difficulties," perhaps the winter freeze affected our server! February was not all bleak however as TMI was warmed by Cheryl Thornton and her amazing approach to storytelling. Participants shared their stories and witnessed the continuity of the narrative tradition over time and cultures. Inviting the children to tell their stories and providing them with the skills to do so is an essential element of teaching today.

The current TMI students have been busy honing their teaching skills. In the Full time Elementary course, students created timelines presentations utilizing a variety of materials and formats, including role playing, artifacts (created and genuine) and PowerPoint. The Part time Early Childhood students composed music on the Bells to accompany the poems they selected for their Poetry Books. In addition, they have completed their Sensorial and Arithmetic Oral Exams and are looking forward to practice teaching after the March Break. The Part time Early Childhood students are currently delving into the areas of Arithmetic and Culture. The students have shared their cultures and love of the natural world with each other.

Thank you to those who have inquired about the Refresher Course. TMI has reflected on the purpose and benefits of the Refresher Course. Finding the best time to offer this course is a challenge because as teachers we want to apply what we learn to our classes right away but also need time reflect on new learning and how to integrate it into our classroom as a whole. This year TMI would like to change the current date and offer the Refresher Course in June. While teachers generally have had a full year and are winding down at this point this refresher course could be the catalyst to begin the planning for the coming year.

TMI would like to offer the Refresher Course over two days, June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The objective would be to review all subject areas and provide specific presentations based on participants requests. We would like to engage participants in discussions concerning what is working and what is not. Together we can learn from each other, addressing issues that arose during the year and providing possible approaches for September. The next TMI Update will publish the proposed schedule. Your feedback regarding this initiative is welcome.

The response to our request to receive this newsletter via e-mail has been great! TMI is striving to engage in environmentally friendly practices. To participate in this initiative, please provide Nina Gandhi with your e-mail address at [tmi@torontomontessori.ca](mailto:tmi@torontomontessori.ca) and receive this newsletter the environmentally friendly way. We will send the file in a PDF format which takes less than 300kb.

Yours truly,

The TMI Team

## In This Issue

### Events at TMI

Valentines Day

### Community Events

Reunion Wine and Cheese

### Upcoming Professional Development

#### Refresher Course Changed from:

April 5, 2008

To

**June 26 & 27, 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](mailto:tmi@torontomontessori.ca)

## Events at TMI

### Valentines Day at TMI

Full time TMI Students  
making home made pizza



## Community Events Board

### Reunion Wine and Cheese May 22, 2008 at 7:00p.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

New Dates!!

June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Are you interested in reviewing key Montessori materials and approaches? Are you willing to share the wealth of your experience and your frustrations? If you want to be a part of reflective learning community that seeks to wrap up 07-08 and get ready for 08-09 – then this workshop is for you!

Cost - \$150

Full schedule available in April.

**Location:** 8569 Bayview Ave.

### Environmentally Friendly Initiative

To receive your newsletter by e-mail contact:  
tmi@torontomontessori.ca



8569 Bayview Avenue,  
Richmond Hill, ON  
L4B 3M7

Tel: (905) 889 6882 Ext. 242  
Fax: (905) 886 6516  
www.tmi.edu

*Internationally Recognized Since 1971*