



# The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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*Dear Friends,*

The New Year is well underway. The staff of TMI would like to wish you all the very best and we hope 2008 offers joy and good health. It has been a busy month for the Institute. We have already started receiving applications for the 2008-2009 academic year. Our Open House events have been filled with individuals eager to learn more about the Institute and Montessori. It is always rewarding to spread the word about the Montessori Method and introduce its promise to an excited audience. Applications are due March 31, 2008. If you know of anyone who is interested in a career in Montessori education and would be a wonderful candidate for TMI, please encourage him/her to attend an Open House soon. Current Open House dates are available on our Web site under Admissions.

Throughout January the Full time Elementary students are practice teaching in Lower Elementary (ages 6 through 9) classrooms. This is an exciting opportunity for student teachers to work with the children and develop essential skills toward becoming a classroom teacher. This practicum experience can never be long enough for some students and they return to the Institute missing the children. Many Part time students have begun their practice teaching component and have welcomed their Field Supervisor into their classrooms.

During the culture component our Full time Early Childhood students have been sharing their rich personal heritages by wearing traditional clothing and bringing in artifacts, highlighting similarities and gaining from the diverse cultures represented. Celebrating multiculturalism in our learning environment encourages all the students to participate and appreciate different backgrounds and experiences – bringing Montessori alive.

Nina Gandhi has been working as the Acting Registrar for the past few months and has now moved into the position permanently. Nina reports that it has been a wonderful experience so far and looks forward to serving you in the months ahead. She is excited to be working with students, faculty and staff on an on-going basis. We welcome her to the TMI team.

Our workshops have been filling up quickly! We only have a few spaces available for the Storytelling Workshop. Cheryl Thornton is a professional Drama Teacher and Storyteller. She designs and performs dynamic drama/storytelling programmes for schools in Southern Ontario and New York State. We are lucky to have such an inspirational teacher. Please take advantage of this wonderful workshop.

Thank you to those who responded to our request to receive this newsletter via e-mail; the response 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

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Cheryl Thornton*

**Saturday  
April 5, 2008**

*Refresher Course*

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

### Multicultural Day at TMI



*Full time Early Childhood Students pose for a picture in their traditional ethnic clothing*

## 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

### "Nurture the Nature"

Join **Micheal Gurian** at the Pearson Convention Centre (intersection of Airport Rd. & Steeles Ave.)  
**Thursday February 21, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Cost: **\$30.00**

Contact the CCMA office at:  
416-239-1166 or 1-800-954-6300 or  
[ccma@bellnet.ca](mailto:ccma@bellnet.ca)

## Professional Development Workshop

### **STORYTELLING WORKSHOP**

Please join us for a Storytelling Workshop, open to Elementary and Early Childhood teachers. Learn how to capture the human narrative in thought provoking ways that will entice children. This workshop is geared specifically with Montessori in mind.

**Saturday February 9, 2008**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Register early as spaces are limited.

**Location:** 8569 Bayview Ave.

**Cost:** \$50.00

### **REFRESHER COURSE**

**Saturday April 5, 2008**

Details to follow.

### **Environmentally Friendly Initiative**

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