



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Dear Friends,

If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.

Rachel Carson

We observe our classrooms throughout the year with a sense of wonder. As each child's personality unfolds, skills develop, strengthen and knowledge grows and we as teachers marvel at the child's creative abilities. Spring is a time to reflect upon the journey we have shared with our students. Each of us should recognize the enormous strides we have taken thus far and the challenges we have overcome. Once again we are reassured that the career we have chosen as Montessori educators most certainly makes a difference.

Keeping their sense of wonder alive, our full time Elementary students contributed to the TMS Earth Day celebrations. They tended to the emerging tulips that were planted in the fall and created a Grace and Courtesy bulletin board highlighting the social responsibility involved in nurturing and protecting our planet. The part time Early Childhood students presented their meaning and metaphor assignments weaving elements of nature with Montessori philosophy to gain a deeper understanding of its wisdom.

In a classroom, the spring term is an active one, which TMI students have the privilege of experiencing. They are now out practice teaching, going on field trips, helping with spring concerts and, for those very lucky ones, going on an overnight school trip. This essential component of the training process allows the students to gain opportunities with the children and mentor teachers building upon the foundation of all they have learned throughout the year.

Here at TMI we are busy preparing for next year. We continue to accept applications for all our teacher training programs. Keep in mind there are just a few spaces left in the Summer Infant Toddler and Elementary Diploma Courses. Weekly Open Houses are held each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Our next Saturday Open House will be on May 23, 2009. Interviews are well under way. We are continuously encouraged by the potential and talent of our applicants.

Please check our Web site regularly as TMI continues to receive postings for job opportunities in Montessori schools both locally and abroad. If your school is looking for teachers, please do not hesitate to contact Trucilla Macedo, our Registrar, who will gladly post your position on the TMI Web site and in the on-site binder.

Yours truly,

TMI Staff

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Events at TMI

Earth Day
April 22, 2009

Extension of deadline for applications for all our courses for the 2009/2010 Academic Year

Open House Dates:
Tuesday May 5, 12, 19, & 26
Saturday May 23, 2009

Upcoming Professional Development

Strategies for September
Saturday June 20, 2009

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



Grace and Courtesy Bulletin Board



Planting for Earth Day



Making Music with TMS Students

Professional Development

A tentative date of Saturday October 3, 2009 is planned for our Arithmetic Refresher Course. We would like to provide a program that will be convenient and helpful to all. We appreciate your feedback on the best time for this program.

We recognize that conducting a refresher course such as this in the last term during April or June is too late in the year for you to begin implementing some of the strategies presented. The last week in August presents different challenges due to the setting up of classrooms and finalization of plans for the school year. Taking all aspects into consideration, we are proposing a date far enough away from the excitement of the first days of school in September but early enough into the school year, so that strategies may be implemented for the benefit of students throughout the coming year. Our Registrar Trucilla Macedo welcomes your ideas and suggestions as we plan the Arithmetic Refresher Course. Thank you.

Community Events Board

Mary Flewelling-Pinchen of CAMT

presents

Strategies for September

Saturday June 20, 2009

9 am – 3 pm

Cost: \$75.00

Toronto Montessori Institute

Location: 8569 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill

“Strategies for September” is a workshop designed for new and “nearly-new” Casa/Children’s House teachers who are eager to assist the children with a smooth transition into the classroom in September. Participants will learn how to plant the “seeds for success” by undertaking a thorough examination of what needs to happen in the Casa/Children’s House classroom during the first few critical weeks of September. This seminar will explore how to prepare the classroom environment for the new school year, how to plan for orientation, how to foster parent readiness and support, and how to establish the necessary framework for normalization and a child-centered classroom. Specific, step-by-step instruction involving important introductory exercises and activities will be demonstrated and discussed in detail. Participants will receive a sample orientation plan and parent education outline in addition to song, story and finger-play suggestions.

If you think you might experience September “stage-fright”, this workshop is for you!

To register please go to <http://www.camt100.ca>
OR

Use the link to CAMT on our homepage at www.tmi.edu
under the Professional Development tab.

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