



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

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Dear Friends,

Perhaps June should have been named January, after the god Janus with two faces, one looking back at the previous year and one looking forward to the new year. Looking back on our year we celebrate again the wonderful feasts enjoyed, new friends we have met, old friends who have visited, the contributions made and all the milestones reached. As we plan for the coming year, we reflect upon the cyclical nature of life as with each ending comes the promise of a new beginning with fresh hope, new goals, new students and interesting new opportunities for growth.

As we look back, we would like to congratulate Trucilla Macedo on the completion of her first cycle as TMI Registrar. Along with the usual duties True has spearheaded the process of creating a virtual tour of TMI. We look forward to seeing it on the Web site soon.

With respect to contributions and visits from friends, in February the Northwest Territories Teachers Association and NWT Montessori Society sponsored Maureen Pesner to present four Montessori workshops at a territory-wide conference in Yellowknife. Many interested public school teachers, principals and resource teachers as well as an enthusiastic group of Montessorians came together to learn, share and explore. At the opposite end of the weather scale, Sarah Enright spent four days presenting a Language workshop at Somerfield Montessori Academy in Bermuda on behalf of TMI.- talk about taking Montessori to extremes!

When we reflect upon the year it is the students that we remember the most...This mix of TMI students continue on with the traditions practised by those who came before them. Some of our favourite celebrations and special moments include Halloween carving pumpkins, field trip to the book store and dollhouse company, feasting with the Classroom Management panel, creating history timelines, and participating in events held at TMS. Visits from Tall Pines and TMS classes demonstrating special lessons bring the children into our environment and joy to our students who look forward to being part of many more experiences such as these.

The graduating class of 2009 acknowledges and appreciates the many benefits of the TMI/TMS lab school dynamic as the theoretical and practical lessons learned in the classroom are witnessed on a daily basis throughout the School. Please do not hesitate to inform colleagues, friends and family of the wonderful learning experience offered at TMI and the rewarding career in Montessori education available to them at TMI.

Yours truly,
TMI Staff



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June 15, 2009

Infant Toddler Graduation
June 26, 2008

Looking Forward

Paraprofessional Certificate Course

July 20 to July 31, 2009

Diploma Courses

Infant and Toddler Course
Beginning June 29, 2009

Summer Mode Elementary II
(9 through 12)
Beginning June 29, 2009

Early Childhood
Full time and Part time
Beginning September 2009

Elementary I & II Full time
Beginning September 2009

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information about
professional development
workshops.

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Events at TMI Congratulations, Class of 2008-2009

Full Time Early Childhood Students



Full Time Elementary I & II Students



Part Time Early Childhood Students



Professional Development

Join TMI on Saturday October 3, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for an Arithmetic Refresher Course.

Together we will revisit the strength and breadth of Dr. Montessori's Arithmetic Curriculum. We will look at parts of the Ontario Curriculum in light of Montessori principles. Throughout this session, we will offer examples of ways to integrate new ideas into the arithmetic program to make it a more enriching experience for the children.

The registration form will be available on our Web site shortly.

Reuniting with old friends in a new location



Yellowknife from the Lookout



Huddled for warmth: Maureen, Scott Lough, TMI graduate Maryjane Henry

Environmentally Friendly Initiative

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