



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

May 2009

Dear Friends,

We begin this issue of The TMI Update with a huge THANK YOU to all the schools who have so kindly accommodated TMI students in classrooms over the past school year. To the administrators of the schools, we acknowledge the privilege you have given our students to partake in this highly beneficial experience. To the mentor teachers, your patience, feedback and mentorship are instrumental in encouraging TMI students to refine their presentations, classroom management and record keeping skills. Our field supervisors have enjoyed visiting the students in your schools, witnessing the everyday successes that occur in Montessori classrooms. But most importantly, to your children we offer sincere gratitude for allowing our students into your classrooms to learn from them and with them. To thank you, a donation to The Hospital for Sick Children has been made by TMI staff on your behalf.

It was a pleasure to reconnect with the alumni who attended the TMS/TMI Reunion evening on May 14, 2009. It is always pleasant to share anecdotal stories of life in the different classrooms, learn from the experience of our peers as well as catch up on events occurring in the busy lives of friends.

Recently, TMI received word that Mary Fanning, a world renowned Elementary instructor, has passed away. Mary will be long remembered by anyone she taught for her attention to detail and love of the English language. Mary was instrumental in developing TMI's Elementary program. Her commitment to Montessori and the passion she conveyed reached into many a classroom. We remember Mary with gratitude.

As the end of the 2008/2009 Academic year approaches we prepare for exciting year end activities in our classrooms. As TMI students complete the final weeks of practice teaching they draw upon their many talents sharing ideas for new and creative keepsakes for parents to cherish. One of the greatest delights has been witnessing first hand the focus and subsequent joy in the eyes of a child as a new concept is mastered.

TMI students look forward to the final phase of their teacher training through completion of their culminating assignments. The culminating assignment gives students an excellent opportunity to practise the art of running an open house explaining the benefits of Montessori education to a 'parent' audience. This is the grand finale of coursework where everything they have been learning through the year comes together. We thank our students who have taught us so much throughout the year. We appreciate the sharing of your unique personalities, ideas and insights and look forward to hearing of the successes experienced in your classrooms in the future.

We anticipate meeting new applicants and getting to know them through the interview process. Please note, there are still a few spaces left in all our programs. We thank those who have supported our teacher training programs by directing interested parties to contact our Registrar, Trucilla Macedo who is always willing to help.

Yours truly,

TMI Staff

In This Issue

Events at TMI

TMI Graduation Ceremony
June 15, 2009
7:00 pm

**Currently Accepting
Applications for Early
Childhood and Elementary
courses for the 2009/2010
Academic Year**

Open House Dates:
Tuesday June 2, 9, 23 & 30
Saturday June 20, 2009

Upcoming Professional Development

Workshop:

Strategies for September
Saturday June 20, 2009
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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



One of our students had the opportunity to share her artistic talents by painting the ducks for the classroom's monthly bulletin board.



A student teacher uses her scrap booking talents as she prepares Timeline books for students.



Rosanna, Mary Fanning and Nancy celebrating Mary's 80th birthday in 1998.

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.

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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