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Important January Parent Discussions

January is dedicated to the richly integrated continuum of Montessori education, from Toddler through Upper Elementary and its preparation for life. All of our parent discussions will focus on the next experience for your child.

We will begin with examining the importance of the Capstone Year, the 3rd year in the three year
cycles. The following sessions will focus on the exciting experiences of that "next level" and how that level builds upon the previous. At each session you will have the opportunity to meet our gifted faculty, visit beautifully prepared environments and ask all those burning questions about what's in store for your child at that level.

Our final Session, *Life After Montessori: An Alumni Testimony Night*, will feature some of our own TMS alumni as well as some older Montessori Alumni, and will focus on the preparation that a Montessori Education provided these young people.

While most appealing will be the sessions that highlight the next level or experience for your child, you are welcome to attend any and all sessions.

For more details about these sessions please review the January parent discussions listed under "calendar items". We look forward to seeing you at these exciting and important events.

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**Jim Bisenius: Bully Proofing Sessions @ TMS**

Through assemblies, workshops, and group trainings, therapist Jim Bisenius instructs students, teachers, and parents in ways to eliminate bullying behavior. Jim's presentations are delivered in an extremely entertaining and interactive manner using humor, drawings, story telling, and role-playing.

Please join us next **Monday January 9th from 6-8 PM** for Jim Bisenius Parent Workshop. The workshop will cover exactly how to teach your child to respond to verbal bullying, physical bullying, social bullying, and group manipulation. Parents will walk away with concrete tools that they can immediately implement and help their child master in order to eliminate bullying from his or her life. Participants will learn specifically how "popular" bullies isolate, control and manipulate their peers. Then they will learn exactly what steps their son or daughter must take to stop them. In addition, parents will be able to use all of these techniques in their own life to deal with controlling or intimidating adults.

On **Tuesday January 10th from 8AM to 2:30PM**, there will be individual parent sessions by appointment only. Please contact Shauna to schedule your individual session or sign up on Monday January 9th at the Parent Workshop. Each session will be 30 minutes long.

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Thursday January 5th-6PM: Community Meeting

**Wednesday, Jan 11th 6pm:**
*The Importance of the Capstone Year.*
This session is geared toward all families looking to understand more fully the invaluable benefits of this culminating experience for their child. Learn more about the philosophy behind the 3-year cycles of Montessori education.

**Thursday, Jan. 12th-6PM:**
*Our Joyful Scholars in Lower Elementary*
This session is geared for our children's house families wanting to learn more about the Lower Elementary experiences. Meet our Lower Elementary Faculty and explore the environment. See where your child will go with what they've learned in Children's House.

**Thursday, Jan, 19th- 6PM**
*Our Older Joyful Scholars in Upper Elementary*
Come meet our Upper Elementary guides and students who will give a full tour of the Upper Elementary Environment, describing the many fascinating and unique ways Montessori students learn the wide variety of subjects offered to them.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24th-6PM**
*What to Expect in Children’s House*
Parents of Toddlers are welcome to explore the next big step for their child! Perfect for families of our oldest toddlers, but great for all toddler parents!

**February 2nd-6PM**
*Life after Montessori*
Join us for a Montessori testimony night featuring TMS alumni's. Come hear from Montessori grads of how a Montessori education has benefited them.

**Above Events will have childcare available. Please click here to reserve a space.**
Welcome New Families!

Aidan & Jackson Harper, Toddler 2.
Warren Heriot, Toddler 2.
Amanda Schmidt, Toddler 3.
Lilah Vestal, Toddler 3.
Sage Quander, Toddler 3.
Maggie Carroll, CH 6.

We are so happy to have you & your families at TMS!

Financial Aid Information

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15th

The Financial Aid program was created to assist families with tuition in the form of need-based grants. Our school is committed to supporting those families who cannot meet the full expense of current tuition rates. The Financial Aid Committee is dedicated to distributing these funds to as many eligible families as possible who desire an authentic Montessori education for their children. The distribution is determined yearly, based on the number of applicants and the amount of money that the school has allocated for aid. The actual amount distributed per family may change year to year based on the need of the applicants and the budgetary restraints of the School. Award of aid one year does not guarantee future aid, but previous recipients are given priority. The financial aid allocation is decided by the Financial Aid Committee and the Head of School. The Parents' Financial Aid Statement and results are considered private and confidential information by The Montessori School. The information is used only to determine your families need for assistance in offsetting the cost of tuition.

Please see Liz Meadows for more information.

The Financial Aid applications are due Wednesday February 15. If you have any questions contact Liz Meadows, Business Manager at 766-5550 ext. 103.
SAVE THE DATE
TMS Gala/Auction

Come help us celebrate the
MONTESSORI TREASURES
of our community

April 20, 2012
at the newly renovated WinMock at Kinderton