



Tender Treasures  
Children's Centre

September-December  
2011 Newsletter



## Message from the Centre Supervisor

Welcome back to a new school year. A new school year is always exciting. Our focus will be on providing each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. Academic emphasis on the core content areas of reading, writing, math, geography and culture will remain a priority as well as providing a learning program that will allow your child/children to reach their full potential. Providing children the opportunity to develop in all areas of interest will essentially provide them with the opportunity to learn and study each day.

Our infant and toddler programs will continue to learn and laugh through a play based program. Toddlers do explore simple practical life and sensorial elements of the Montessori curriculum to prepare them for their transition to Casa.

T.T.C.C. is excited to welcome Mrs. Dal as our Assistant Centre Supervisor. Dal is a Registered Early Childhood Educator with several years experience at Casa Dei Bambini as the Centre Supervisor. She will begin with us on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be covering my maternity leave which will begin Friday, September 30, 2011.

I have enjoyed my time spent at T.T.C.C. over the past two years. I have been able to watch your children grow and learn as well as enjoy being kids. It was an absolute pleasure getting to know all the parents and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to become a part of your families experience with Tender Treasures Children's Centre.

As I prepare to welcome my second son into my family I wish you all a wonderful school year filled with lots of fun learning. I will return to T.T.C.C. October 1, 2012.



Best Wishes,  
Leahn Moore

## Centre Teachers

### Infant Room 1

Mrs. Ping  
(R.E.C.E)

Mrs. Mercy  
(R.E.C.E)

Miss. Rosita  
(Assistant Teacher)

### Infant Room 2

Mrs. Neelam  
(R.E.C.E)

Miss. Cyndi  
(R.E.C.E)

### Toddler Room 1

Mrs. Josie  
(R.E.C.E)

Miss. Melissa  
(R.E.C.E)

Mrs. Grace  
(Assistant Teacher)

### Toddler Room 2

Miss. Nichola  
(R.E.C.E)

Miss. Baljit  
(R.E.C.E)

### Casa Room 1

Ms. Pargol  
(Sr. Montessori Directress)

Mrs. Fadila  
(Montessori Assistant)

Miss. Kari  
(R.E.C.E)

### Casa Room 2

Ms. Elisabeta  
(Montessori Directress)

Mrs. Michelle  
(Montessori Directress)

Miss. Crystal  
(R.E.C.E.)

### Montessori Method - The Benefits for Your Child

Our habits and our methods of meeting life's daily challenges inform our children of the "correct" way to live. Children will then carry these teachings with them into adulthood. Maria Montessori, the founder of the Montessori School, firmly believed that young children have incredibly absorbent minds, assimilating all that they see, hear and experience from their environment. In a thoughtfully prepared classroom at Tender Treasures Children's Centre, children develop focus, motor skills, methodical habits and a sense of achievement while mastering tasks in the five areas of the Montessori curriculum; Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, Language and Culture.

The main goal of the Montessori philosophy is to provide a stimulating, child oriented environment that children can explore, manipulate and learn without fear. Each child learns at his or her own pace. Directresses are understanding and encouraging, so that the child can enjoy learning and feel happy about the path and purpose in life.

- Children are not expected to conform to set standards of achievement as in conventional schools. The Montessori method takes into account the needs, talents, gifts and special individuality of each child
- Montessori Schools teach independence from an early age. The children take an active part in running their school, such as preparing and serving drinks at break time and putting learning material away after they have used it. Practical tasks like sweeping, polishing, making sandwiches and tying shoe laces, are all available for children to learn on a daily basis
- The equipment available for learning is unique and was designed by Maria Montessori herself. It is exceptionally good quality material, which means the children value it and treat it with care
- In a Montessori environment the children are encourage to respect and help each other. If they choose, they will work with other children, and help each other, or "teach" each other, and they enjoy doing so. It is wonderful to watch children who really want to help others
- All children, whatever their abilities or interests, reach their full potential
- The Directress as an observer facilitates better ways for the child to direct his or her own learning by providing more materials the children are interested in. The development of the Directress-student dynamic in Montessori might be described as moving from "help me to help myself" to "for me to do it myself" and eventually "help me to think for myself"

If you think it is important for a child to be vibrantly inquisitive about new things, to enjoy the process of learning, to acquire fine motor skills, to develop and analytical mind, to work well with others and independently, to be able to focus his/her mind on the task at hand, to become an independent and confident adult let Tender Treasures Children`s Centre be your choice for care until your little one is ready to begin Grade 1.

*"I hear and I forget  
I see and I remember  
I do and I understand"*

Miss. Pargol & Miss. Elisabeta

## Parent Advisory Committee P.A.C

### What is PAC?

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)

PAC is made up of a group of parents from TTCC, who volunteer their time to compliment and improve our children's education through field trips, extracurricular activities, and educational tools.

The purpose of PAC is to represent the collective views of parents to support the school by providing input, feedback, event opportunities and support on the direction of the school.

PAC meets monthly at the TTCC (5-6pm) - next meeting is planned for Tuesday, Sept 13, 2011

Within our 1<sup>st</sup> year of existence, we have helped plan and support 10 activities run by the centre.

Approx. Month	Description	Classes Benefited
October	Chocolate Fundraiser -Raised \$2,413.81	All Classes
December	Brought Santa Claus to annual Holiday Party Gave out Christmas Gift for each child in centre	All Classes
January	4 Computers Donated	Casa
February	Mystic Drums at TTCC - musical entertainment Date Night - Child Movie Night	Toddler / Casa
March	Spring Bunny Event - Egg hunt/treats/pictures	All Classes
March/April	Purchased 2 Musical Instrument Sets	Toddler/ Casa
April	Trip to Circus / subsidized entrance fee & bus	Casa
June	Hired 2 Face Painters for Summer BBQ	All Children
August	Fully funded Splash Park field trip	Toddler / Casa

PAC - 2011/2012 - Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions.

PAC Executive:	Key Responsibilities of each Role:
Chair Person (Emelle Yalcin)	* Provide leadership on the direction of the Committee * Collaborate with TTCC Management and chair Monthly Meetings
Communications Coordinator (Nadira Lawrence-Selan)	* Quarterly updates to parents - memo * Input into the TTCC newsletter - 2x/year
Field Trip Coordinator (Nancy Boraso)	* Plan and coordinate 2 Field Trips per year (Fall/Spring)
Fundraising Coordinator (Tina D'Cruz)	* Plan and coordinate 2 Fundraising events per year (Fall/Spring)
Finance Manager (Kandeepan Kandasamy)	* Handles banking, and book keeping on behalf of PAC * Manage PAC Budget, and provide update at each PAC monthly Mtg
Extracurricular Project Coordinator (Luciana Pecchia)	*Coordinate Annual Parent Survey *Research opportunities to supplement the Montessori Curriculum (Eg. Computers in each classroom, external educators, etc) (2/year)

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**October 3, 2011 - ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!!!** - Prizes awarded to the family that sells the most chocolates! - More details to come!

**October 25, 2011 - PUMPKIN PATCH FIELD TRIP/EVENT** - Look for more details to come!

Please feel free to contact Emelle Yalcin (PAC Chair Person) at 416-554-7817 if you have any questions.

Thank you

Emelle Yalcin  
Parent Advisory Committee Chair Person

## School Uniform Policy

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2011 all Casa Montessori students are required to be in proper uniform from Monday-Thursday. T.T.C.C. offers children a casual day each Friday.

For information on the School uniform policy please visit our website [www.tendertreasures.ca](http://www.tendertreasures.ca)

Uniforms can be found at the following stores:

Children's Place, Walmart, Mexx, Zellers, R.J. McCarthy or Sears



## Reminders to Parents

1. T.T.C.C. is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am-6:00pm
2. Classes begin at 9:00am sharp
3. School for our Casa children begins at 9:00am sharp. Should you be running late we ask that you please visit the office once you have dropped all your child's belongings off at their cubby. An office staff will take your child to their class. Teachers will be conducting lessons and we would like to refrain from interrupting the programming.
4. Please contact the school if your child will be away for any reason prior to 9:00am
5. When dropping off or picking up your child/children please pull into an appropriate parking spot.
6. When dropping off and picking up your child/children we kindly ask that you do not allow **anyone** into the Centre. Each mom and dad have been provided with a door code to give them access to the Centre. We ask that you allow each person to enter and exit the building themselves.
7. We do understand that parents will call the Centre throughout the day to check in with classroom teachers, however we kindly request that parents have an understanding that our teachers may not always be available to talk as their priority is your children.



## Cubbies

Tender Treasures Children's Centre kindly asks all parents to provide a plastic shopping bag to hang all extra clothing on the bottom hook of your child's cubby.

Top bins are for classroom and office use only.

Teachers ask that your child's cubby be kept clean at all times. All work must be taken home each week to allow for new items to be sent home.

## Upcoming Events

- Casa Casual Fridays are back
- Casa Curriculum Night  
(September 27, 2011 from 5:30pm-6:30pm)
- Food Bank Collection  
(from October 3-13, 2011)
- Picture Day  
(Infants/Toddler 1 - October 11, 2011)  
(Toddler 2/Casa - October 12, 2011)
- Downey Farm Trip (Casa) October 25, 2011
- Halloween Party (October 31, 2011)
- Casa Montessori Observation  
(November 23, 2011 from 9:00am-11:00am)
- First Semester Report Cards  
(December 5-6, 2011)
- Holiday Event  
(November 30, 2011 from 5:30pm-7:00pm)
- Parent Teacher Meetings  
(Dates specified on Calendar)
- Holiday Lunch (December 22, 2011)  
(this event will be Centre wide for students & teachers only)

## Centre Closures

Monday, September 5, 2011

**Labour Day**

Monday, October 10, 2011

**Thanksgiving**

Monday, December 26, 2011

**Boxing Day**

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

**In lieu of Christmas Day**

Friday, December 30, 2011

**In lieu of New Years Day**

