

Happy New Year

The staff at Ottawa Montessori School wishes you and yours a Happy New Year.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!



Staff News

Please join us in wishing Julie C.-M. all the joys of parenthood as she is expecting her first child in June.

All the best Julie!

Dates to Remember

- January 7, 2010 (8:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.)
Let's Talk (OMS Library) *Topic of Discussion: The 2010 - 2011 School Year*
- January 14, 2010 (7 p.m.)
Parent to Parent Meeting (OMS Multi-purpose Room)
- January 22, 2010
2010 - 2011 Re-enrolment and Application for New Sibling Deadlines
- January 28, 2010 (7 p.m.)
Montessori Madness with Trevor Eissler (OMS Gymnasium)
- January 29, 2010
P.D. Day (The entire school is closed)



Montessori Education: Prepared for Life

Trevor Eissler, author of *Montessori Madness*

Thursday, January 28, 2010

OMS Gymnasium

7 p.m.

BIOGRAPHY

Trevor Eissler has written a book that challenges the direction chosen by traditional schools and supports the choice of a Montessori education with passion and understanding. He is a father of three Montessori students, a pilot, a flight instructor, an author, a storyteller, a juggler, a unicyclist, a Toastmaster, a pianist, a triathlete, and a husband. *Trevor wants to be a Montessori student when he grows up!*

MONTESSORI EDUCATION: PREPARED FOR LIFE

Parents want to know how their children will do once they leave Montessori. How will they fit in during college or a career? Trevor brings examples from his life as a parent and as a career pilot, to show a non-educator's perspective on the vital importance of the universal principles of learning in the Montessori philosophy: the control of error, absorbent mind, community, rewards and punishments, concentration, etc.

(Trevor's book, *Montessori Madness* is still available to parents for free in the office if you do not yet have a copy.)

A limited number of tickets are available. Please send in your payment for tickets in an envelope marked with your child's name and class and "Trevor Eissler", or see Laurie in the office. TICKET COST: \$10

Re-Enrolment Deadline for the 2010 - 2011 School Year

Friday, January 22, 2010

Re-enrolment letters were sent home to OMS families during the holiday break. If you did not receive one, please notify the office so we may prepare a new copy for you.

The re-enrolment agreement and sibling application deadlines are due on/before: **Friday, January 22**

We know that selecting the school your child(ren) will attend is one of the most important decisions a parent can make. We welcome you to our **Parent-Parent meeting on Thursday, January 14th at 7 p.m.** Teaching staff will be present for the first half hour to chat with you over refreshments and then you will have the chance to speak with experienced parents from each level.

We hope that OMS can continue to provide your child or children with the benefits of an exceptional Montessori education.