



TOWN CENTRE MONTESSORI PRIVATE SCHOOLS®

An International Baccalaureate® (IB) Candidate School

PROUDLY
CELEBRATING
30
YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE

Dates to Remember **Amarillo and Milliken Campuses Information** **February 2017**

- **February 6 - 10**
Montessori Education Week
- **February 14**
Valentine's Day
- **February 15**
Photo Retake Day
- **February 20**
Family Day – School Closed
- **February 21**
Grade I Jump Rope For Heart



TCPHS is an authorised IB World School



Town Centre Montessori Private Schools' philosophy has always been to provide the best educational platform for the students. In April 2015 we began the process of becoming an IB World School. We started with the application for the Diploma Programme (DP-Grades 11 and 12), and followed with the Middle Years Programme (MYP-Grades 6 to 10) and the Primary Years Programme (PYP-Grades 1 to 5). After many months of hard work and efforts from the students and staff, we are extremely proud and excited to announce that Town Centre Private High School (TCPHS) is officially an authorized IB World School for the Diploma Programme!

TCMPS is on schedule with the applications for PYP and MYP. Students and teachers in the Primary and Middle Years are well underway incorporating the IB philosophy in their daily class lessons. We are confident that we will achieve the IB status in both these programmes.

You may already know that the IB Programme is considered the "gold standard" in education; we at TCMPS are proud to bring this world renowned programme to our students. We want to thank you for your continued support enabling us to fulfill our goal of introducing the gold standard of education!

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Re-Registration Week - THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our parents who registered early, reserving a place for the 2017-2018 school year and ensuring that their child will be placed with their classmates for the upcoming school year. If you have not already re-registered, please do so soon in order to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions about re-registration, please stop by the Office.

Keep updated with the latest TCMPS news and events! Help us grow our presence; like us on Facebook, "The Official Town Centre Montessori Private Schools", and follow us on Twitter, "tcmps@tcmps".



Montessori Education Week - February 6 to 10

Between February 6th and February 10th our pre-school students will be participating in our annual Montessori Education Week, where students will learn about the life and work of Dr. Maria Montessori and her unique method of education. Selected bulletin boards in the school will showcase the subject areas in a Montessori classroom: Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Mathematics and Culture. We invite our parents to take some time and view the displays.

...education is not what the teacher gives: education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual. It is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences upon the environment.

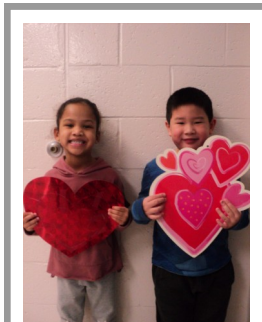
Maria Montessori
(The Absorbent Mind)



Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 14th, the students will enjoy a Valentine's Day party. This is a non-uniform day for grade 1 students and all students are encouraged to wear red, pink or white clothing. Party day sign up sheets will soon be posted on the classroom door of all preparatory, senior preparatory and grade 1 classrooms. If you would like to contribute a food item, an ingredient list must accompany any contribution. Thank you in advance for your

In compliance with the Day Nurseries Act, parents of our toddler, pre-casa and casa students, can volunteer to contribute only food prepared from licensed restaurants or grocery stores. An ingredient list must accompany any contribution. If you have any questions please speak to one of the Vice-Principals.



Happy Valentine's



Family Day Holiday

We would like to remind our families that all campuses of Town Centre Montessori Private Schools will be closed for the provincial "Family Day" holiday on **Monday, February 20th**. Classes will resume at their regular hours on Tuesday, February 21st. We hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing Family Day.



Photo Retake Day

On Wednesday morning, February 15th there will be a photo retake day at both the Amarillo and Milliken Campuses. Lifetouch will be taking individual photos of any new students, individuals who missed the photo day or those students who would like to have their photos retaken. All students who enrolled after October 12th, 2016 will have their picture taken in order to be included in the TCMPS Yearbook. Memo to follow in the next few days.

SAY CHEESE!



Income Tax Receipts for 2016

At the end of February all parents and guardians will automatically receive a receipt for tuition fees paid for 2016. As well, some parents and guardians may also receive a receipt for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, the Children's Art Tax Credit, and the Ontario Children's Activity Tax Credit if their child participated in an eligible program during 2016. All tax receipts will be distributed to the students to take home. Parents and guardians **do not have to request the receipts**. Please note that receipts will not be available prior to the end of February.

Income Tax Receipts for 2016 will be distributed by the end of February, 2017.

Jump Rope for Heart

The grades 1 to 5 students and staff of Town Centre Montessori Private Schools are once again pleased to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. This is a fun filled event designed to promote and recognize the importance of being active and at the same time promote awareness of heart disease and stroke. Specific details and pledge forms will be distributed shortly. Our Jump Rope for Heart date is **Tuesday, February 21st** and the event will take place in the Gymnasium.

On this day students must come to school wearing their regular TCMPS uniform. Students will be permitted to change into either their TCMPS gym uniform or TCMPS spirit wear and running shoes. We look forward to an enjoyable and successful event.



HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION



Reader's Choice Awards

TCMPS has been nominated for the Markham Economist and Sun Readers' Choice Awards, which recognizes local businesses. We would like to ask everyone to vote for TCMPS in the categories of "Best Montessori School" and "Best Private School".

The contest will be open to the public for voting on January 26 and will close on February 16. Voting is possible by going online to www.yorkregion.com and clicking the Readers' Choice icon. The newspaper will award one lucky voter a \$250 gift card. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Summer Fun Camp 2017

Plans for our exciting Pre-School Summer Fun Camp and our Elementary TCMPS Summer Camp are well underway; the staff and students are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the summer weather. Please register early in order to take advantage of the discounts.

**Register by April 1st for 3 or more weeks
and save \$50.00**

The 2017 Summer Fun Camp operates for 8 weeks, during July and August and ending August 25, 2017. Partial month programs, from 1 to 8 weeks, are available to help you plan your family's summer work and vacation schedules.

