

Newsletter Issue 15

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Montessori Alliance of Tennessee Mission

The Montessori Alliance of Tennessee is an inclusive community of schools, teachers and families supporting high quality Montessori education.

Our goals are to speak with one, united voice, advocating for high quality Montessori education and to provide ongoing education and support to the Montessori community.



[Details and Registration Here](#)

Friday Keynote with Amy Eshelby 7:00pm

2019 MAT Conference Saturday Schedule

7:30-8:30 Registration, Vendors Open, Coffee & Tea

8:45 Welcome and Keynote with Adam Bienenstock (Gymnasium)

10:30-11:45 Session One Workshops

- o **Pavilion:** Connecting Children with Plants Outdoors, Priscilla Shears
- o **Auditorium:** Nature's Adaptations, Tammy Oesting
- o **Staff Lounge:** Keeping Kindergarten Focused and Engaged, Beth Tracy-Kaliski
- o **Upper Elementary Room:** There are No Edges in Nature, Jacqueline De-Salms-Wolfe
- o **Middle School Library:** Teaching Spanish in a Montessori Environment, Katie Bayer
- o **Middle School Room:** Executive Functioning, Maria Chaffin & Brynn Rangel
- o **Lab One:** What We Learn from Public Montessori, Bobbe Spink
- o **Toddler Room:** Nature Literacy for Infants and Toddlers, Helen Nonn

12:00-1:15 Lunch and Connection (Gymnasium)

1:30-2:45 Session Two Workshops

- o **Pavilion:** Natural Playground Design for Early Childhood, Adam Bienenstock
- o **Auditorium:** Diversity of Plants and the Tree of Life, Priscilla Spears
- o **Staff Lounge/Outside:** All Weather Play, Helen Nonn
- o **Lower Elem Room:** Field Guide: Trees, Angela Skellon
- o **Upper Elementary Room:** Second Language Learning & Implementation, Rachel Kincaid
- o **Middle School Library:** Gender Diversity & Equality, Sara Bloomberg & Teresa Hennessy
- o **Middle School Room:** The Nature of Art, Constance Hitchings
- o **Lab One:** Print and Cursive Writing: A Doorway to Literacy, Susan Scheibenzuber
- o **Gathering Place:** Play, Work, and Explore the Elementary Outdoors, Amy Eshelby

3:00-4:15 Session Three Workshops

- o **Pavilion:** Natural Playground Design for Elementary Students, Adam Bienenstock
- o **Staff Lounge:** What do I do with the Moveable Alphabet, Beth Tracy-Kaliski
- o **Middle School Room:** Guiding Parents of Today's Children, Denise Harold
- o **Art Room:** Self Care Through Botanical Watercolor, Jennifer Spangler
- o **Auditorium/Outside:** Cultivating Community Through Rhythm, Tammy Oesting
- o **Middle School Library:** Lost Art of Play, Heather Klessig-Zeiger
- o **Lower Elem Room:** Montessori in the Public Sector Panel Discussion
- o **Upper Elementary Room:** A Year in the Forest, Kelley Taylor & Sonceria Radford



Add Ons!

- **Friday: Visit to Emerson Farm (Abintra Montessori's school farm).**
- **Sunday: Assistant training with Tammy Oesting.**

Details and tickets [here!](#)



What's New In Child Development?

We have Ruined Childhood

For youngsters these days, an hour of free play is like a drop of water in the desert. No wonder they're miserable. (opinion) Read full article [here](#).



Montessori East celebrates its 10th year this school year. Initially servicing a small community of 3-6 year olds, over the years it has expanded to serve over 100 children ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years. Not only has the school matured over the years but so has its parent body. Once chosen for its reliable preschool care, Montessori East is now looked at as a high quality private school education that values family, outdoor education and an authentic Montessori experience. One special quality that sets Montessori East apart in the community are its AMI teachers. Montessori East is only school in middle TN that currently employs lead guides trained exclusively at AMI centers around the country. We love the professional consistency this offers our faculty and our families. Lastly, this past summer Montessori East funded a new playground and it came together with the help of parent and staff volunteers in the nick of time!



In future issues of the MAT newsletter, we'd like to feature a TN Montessori school.

Tell us about your history, culture, demographics, special events, and what makes you special! Interested? Send an email to Brooks.



"It is by developing the individual that he is prepared for that wonderful manifestation of the human intelligence, which drawing constitutes. The ability to see reality in form, in color, in proportion, to be master of the movements of one's own hand - that is what is necessary."

Maria Montessori



The Montessori Alliance of TN would like to thank *Bobbe Spink* and *Nelson Griffith* for their years of dedicated service serving on our board. We will miss you and cherish the hard work and legacy you gave us. Good luck in all your endeavors!

We are currently accepting applications for our board, ideally from West TN. If you are interested in applying, please email our Executive Director, Jaime Yeager at info@matenn.org. Thank you.



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