

MSM TIMES



Message From the President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2004. The start of each new year offers all of us the opportunity for reflection. Through a process of careful thought and reconsideration, we can emerge with new ideas, new thoughts and new ways of making decisions and moving forward. Learning from the past allows us a more active present and helps us see what a wonderful future we can achieve. As President of MSM, I am energized by the coming year and being part of several new directions for MSM.

As you all know by now, the AMS national conference takes place here in Boston from April 22nd to 25th at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Our impressive line-up of speakers is sure to bring new insights and ideas to all of us. The theme of the conference is "Look Again: Think, Discover, Express". This is such an appropriate theme as we find ourselves beginning anew in 2004 and it provides us the opportunity again to reflect on the importance of our commitment to teaching and learning: By "looking again" at what we do in our schools each day, we are asked to "think, discover, and express" – This provides each of us (you) the opportunity to look at yourself, look at your school environment, look at how you do what you do, and, and let this new and fresh way of "looking again" bring about change.

Soon you will receive a letter from the Auction Committee asking for your school's gift item to the auction. All members of MSM are asked to support the national conference by donating an item to the Auction – the proceeds of which benefit the AMS Scholarship Fund for teacher scholarships. This year's goal is to reach \$10,000. We do hope that all schools will show their support to this important event which will help answer the demand for more trained Montessori teachers. To show our continued commitment to support Montessori training, MSM also increased the number of their scholarships.

This month, we held our first Network Event this year at The Montessori Community School in Scituate, Massachusetts, hosted by Head of School, Donna Milani Luther, and Faculty Member, Dawn Roetter. About seventy teachers and administrators gathered to network, share ideas and to discuss Diversity in our schools. It was a wonderful gathering and a new venue to provide continued networking and support. We thank Donna and Dawn and their entire school community for hosting this first-ever meaningful event! The next event is being planned for March 30th at Cambridge Montessori School.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts, we all look forward to seeing you in Boston at the AMS Conference. Do come by the MSM Welcome Reception on Friday. We have immense thanks to several MSM board members who are deeply engaged in the planning and organization of this national event.

Again, welcome to the New Year, and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful year ahead,

Renee DuChainey-Farkes

MSM President

The AMS National Conference

April 2004 brings more than Patriot's Day and the Marathon to Boston this year! Some two thousand educators, legislators, parents, and other members of the general public will gather at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel April 22-25 for the American Montessori Society's 44th National Conference. "I am thrilled to be hosting our 2004 National Conference in the city of Boston," says Eileen Roper Ast, executive director of the American Montessori Society (AMS), the nation's largest Montessori organization. "The city promises both historic nuggets and modern amenities, sure to please the diverse and large number of participants we expect to attend." The American Montessori Society is the mainstay of the Montessori movement in the United States, with nearly 10,000 members and 1,000 member schools.

The theme of the conference is "Look Again: See, Discover, Express," and the lineup of featured speakers is very impressive: Sara Lawrence Lightfoot, Ph.D., professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education, will be featured on the morning of Friday, April 23, when she will discuss her recent book, [The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn from Each Other](#); Later that day, Mark Benno, Ph.D., curriculum evangelist for Apple Computer, Inc. will envision Montessori education in the digital age; And Kerry Ruef, founder and director of The Private Eye Project in Portland, Oregon, will show participants how to "magnify thought" using a simple jeweler's loupe!

On Saturday, Mike Vance, co-founder of the Creative Thinking Association of America and author of *Think Out of the Box*, will explore ways to break out of old thought patterns and into new, expansive ones. Pat Bassett, president of the National Association of Independent Schools, will discuss the changes that face independent schools in the 21st century, and Beth Hennessey, Ph.D., a professor at Wellesley College, will describe her work on creativity and intrinsic motivation.

On Sunday, the final day, Peggy McIntosh, Ph.D., associate director of the Wellesley College Centers for Research on Women, will ask whether systems of privilege jeopardize Montessori's vision of global peace and equity.

On this occasion, AMS will celebrate the living legacy of the Society's long-time national director, Bretta Weiss Wolff. Wolff will share her thoughts on "Our Excellent Journey." The conference will also offer a passel of intriguing workshops by Montessorians from around the world that "look again" at all aspects of the work we do in our schools. Also, combination school-culture bus tours will carry visitors on separate tours to the Back Bay; Lexington and Concord; Beverly and Salem; and Scituate, Duxbury, and Plymouth. Add to that a tremendous assortment of creative vendors and exhibitors, and enhance it all with social and special interest gatherings! Buses will depart the hotel for separate tours.

The conference is open to the general public, and special daily rates are available to parents at MSM member schools. This is a great opportunity for Montessori school parents to hear about issues that are dear to their children's teacher's hearts. Detailed program information, including a conference registration form, can be found on the AMS website: www.amshq.org.

Also, don't miss handing out the special conference offer for families at your school! See the last page of this newsletter for details!



The Montessorians are coming!
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Biff Maier, Conference Co-Chair



Conference Art Show Opportunity!

As Montessorians gather at Boston's Park Plaza Hotel they will be surrounded by the inspirational artwork of Montessori students and faculty from around the state. Organized around the conference theme "Look Again: Think, Discover, Express," this year's Montessori Art Show, sponsored by the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts, promises an exhibition of boundless creativity, limited only by the size of its "gallery".

The non-juried show is open to students and faculty who attend/work for Montessori Schools of Massachusetts member schools. Art work from children at all the levels of Montessori education are welcome! At the heart of this show is the theme that we should recognize the keen observations of the world around us and express that reality. We unlock a child's mind in the classroom and during this show let them express themselves creatively however they want.

Other highlights of the show will include "master" works created by Montessori teachers or administrators. What a special opportunity for Montessori faculty to "look again" at our philosophy and practice, and express these reflections in their art! Joining these dozens of projects from Montessori students and their educators will make a powerful visual presentation and a motivating background for a very exciting conference!

Rules and Guidelines

1. Each Montessori Schools of Massachusetts (MSM) member school may submit a maximum of four pieces of children's work and one piece of master work (created by a staff member). The artwork should be based around the theme of the conference, "Look Again: Think, Discover, Express". Artwork should depict the artist's interpretation of looking at something (education, the world, each other) again.
2. All submitted artwork must be original and unframed. All work must be matted in black with suitable matting board, with a 3" border. Each piece of artwork must be within the minimum ranges of 8.5" x 11" to the maximum of 28" x 22"; this indicates the finished matted size. Any two-dimensional media (flat artwork) will be allowed. Due to space limitations no sculpture or other 3D work will be accepted.
3. Entries must have, attached to back of artwork, the artist's first and last name, level (grade level or teaching level), full mailing address of school, email address of teacher submitting work, phone number of school, title of piece and any details you want to share (e.g. camera settings, type(s) of paints or drawing materials, significance of the subject(s) or subject matter, etc.).
4. Entries being mailed should be sent in a suitable shipping package to **Woodside Montessori Academy 350 Village Street Millis, MA 02054**. All entries must be received by **April 16, 2003**. AMS, MSM and Woodside Montessori Academy are not responsible for any damaged or lost packages. Entries that are being brought directly to the conference should be delivered to the conference committee by Thursday, April 22 at 9AM. If you will be hand delivering artwork please make arrangements in advance with Kathy or Christina so that display space is reserved.
5. The AMS national office will display art work that is offered or left at the hotel following the conference. Artists or school representatives wishing to collect submitted art may do so at the hotel after 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 25, following the conference. Please note that AMS, MSM, and Woodside Montessori Academy will not be responsible for artwork that is left unclaimed.

If you have questions regarding the guidelines of this art show please contact Kathy or Christina Gasbarro at Woodside Montessori Academy at admin@woodsideacademy.com or 508-376-5320.



2004 AMS Silent Auction

Plans are in full swing organizing the American Montessori Society's main scholarship fundraising of the year, the AMS Annual National Conference Silent Auction. The Auction will be held during the conference Friday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 25th 2004 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The auction will include amazing items for you to purchase, as well as special opportunities offered by wonderful and helpful people.

Call to Massachusetts Montessori Schools – Help a future Montessori teacher!

Since the AMS national conference is in Boston this year we, the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts (MSM), have a unique opportunity to make a big impression on AMS. Members of MSM have been actively involved in planning the conference and we are looking forward to April with great anticipation. The American Montessori Society's main scholarship fundraising sources every year are the silent auctions at the national conferences. One part of the conference that MSM schools can easily participate in and make a big impact on is the silent auction. We are asking that all MSM schools create a basket to be auctioned off at the conference. The basket should be geared toward classroom use and can contain a number of things including: books, materials and/or projects – either made by the school or purchased, inspirational or informational posters or pictures.

We encourage schools to be imaginative and create a basket that is a signature of your school. We have over 60 member schools in MSM and with every school creating a wonderful basket we should be able to raise the largest amount of money for the AMS Scholarship Fund ever! Last year the auction raised \$8,000 for Montessori teacher scholarships. This year, our goal is to reach \$10,000! What a special way for the Boston conference to be remembered – having helped new Montessori teachers reach their dreams!

We appreciate our committee members who take so much of their time to make this part of the conference a success. When submitting your own items please keep a few things in mind:

- The Silent Auction sign-up form attached to this newsletter must be received by March 19th for inclusion in the Silent Auction brochure
- Submissions should be sent in a basket or a fun box for presentation purposes at the Silent Auction (loose items are more likely to get lost)
- Schools that would like to mail their baskets can do so after April 1, 2004. Baskets can be mailed to:
Silent Auction Cmt. C/O Renee DuChaine-Farkes 367 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02116
- Submissions that are being brought directly to the conference should be dropped off by April 22, 2004

Dates to remember

- March 19, **Sign-up forms due! Deadline for inclusion in the Silent Auction brochure**
- April 1, Contributions being mailed can be sent after this date
- April 22, Basket contributions due to Silent Auction committee via mail or in person at conf.

Contacts

- Gail Supanich (gsupanich@excell.net), Co-chair of Silent Auction
- Marcia Gardere (marciag@bfma.net), Co-chair of Silent Auction

CONNECTING MONTESSORI NATIONALLY

Representatives from several regional Montessori groups across the country will share experiences and insights about the starting of their associations. Discussion will include an overview of how such associations can be used to promote Montessori education and Montessori educators, the legalities of setting them up, how the groups function, and how the national AMS headquarters can provide support.

This panel discussion will take place on Friday, April 23rd from 3PM to 4:30PM

2004 Silent Auction Donation Form

Information for listing in the Silent Auction brochure:

Name of Donor (individual/institution) _____

Phone Number () _____ E-mail address _____

Name of Item: _____

Description of Item (One or two sentences with enticing facts, which you think might help to "sell" your item!): _____

Are there any limitations to item? (time, travel, etc.): _____

Retail value of item \$ _____

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*Information for acknowledgment letter*

Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form before March 19, 2004 to be included in the auction brochure**

Mail or fax **form** to:

American Montessori Society 281 Park Avenue S New York, NY 10010

212.358.1250

Check one:    \_\_\_\_\_ Will bring item to Boston and deposit at the AMS table by Friday morning

\_\_\_\_\_ Will mail item to address below with a copy of this completed form (please specify **AMS Silent Auction**)

## How Can You Help at the Conference?

How about volunteering your time at the AMS National Conference in Boston! A key element of volunteerism is the desire to give, to share and to help each other. By helping others, volunteers offer their knowledge and strengths, but often also learn new things and grow both personally and professionally.

Conference volunteers act as an extension of the AMS conference staff during the conference. Volunteers assist staff with set up, support the book room and registration staff, and serve as room monitors for conference sessions. Volunteers should be cheerful, friendly people who are ready to go out of their way to help others, and work hard for a few hours in return for the opportunity to give back to your national and state organization, meet lots of new people, and also learn new things and grow both personally and professionally! If this sounds like you, please read on...

- How do I sign up? Complete the volunteer application below. Be sure to check the times that work best for your schedule.
- Times are assigned based on availability and the volunteers are requested to give a first and second choice.
- Volunteers are required to come to the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 5:00 PM for conference training and "goodie" bag stuffing. Dinner will be provided by AMS.

As a "thank you" for volunteering at the conference, people who volunteer for 4 or more hours will receive a book written by one of our key note speakers. For questions regarding the volunteer program, please email Jeni at [jeni@kingsley.org](mailto:jeni@kingsley.org).



### AMS Conference Volunteer Sign-up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (best to reach you): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check next to the time slot that you are willing to volunteer.

| Thursday | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday         |
|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 8AM-12PM | 7AM-11AM | 7AM-11AM | 7:30AM-11:30AM |
| 12PM-4PM | 11AM-3PM | 11AM-3PM | Flexible       |
| 4PM-8PM  | 3PM-7PM  | 3PM-6PM  | Anytime on...  |

Please return this slip to:

**Jeni Schmitt, Kingsley Montessori School, 30 Fairfield Street Boston, MA 02116**

## A Time for Special Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the AMS Conference Planning Committee and to thank the members of the committee for their time, effort, creativity and hard work. The conference is almost here and MSM members have provided tremendous support. Co-Chairs Biff Maier of Lexington Montessori and Renee DuChainey-Farkes of Kingsley Montessori have shown true steady leadership along with facilitating the great line-up of program speakers. Ms. Jeni Schmitt, Director of Academics at Kingsley Montessori, has worked closely with Biff in the area of program and speakers and will head up the Registration Committee. We thank Head of School, Donna Milani Luther, The Montessori Community School, for her continued insight and guidance. She led the design and development of the conference theme: "Look Again, See, Discover, Express," and heads up the Hospitality committee along with support in theme, design and special events. Christina Gasbarro, from Woodside Montessori Academy in Mills, Massachusetts has also provided tremendous support to the committee particularly in publicity, design and constant good will. And last but not least, our hard-working co-chairs for the Silent Auction: Marcia Gardere and Gail Supanich. We are lucky to have such a hard working group of dedicated individuals who so strongly support the expansion of Montessori education. They are doing a fabulous job preparing a world-class Montessori conference here in Boston. A special heart-felt thanks to all of them.

We are still recruiting members of schools to support the various committees. Below is a list of contacts for you to get involved. It's not too late to join the effort during the conference days of April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. We particularly need people to help stuff the conference bags for our attendees. This will happen during the evening of Wednesday, April 21st.

### Registration Committee:

Ms. Jeni Schmitt, Kingsley Montessori [jeni@kingsley.org](mailto:jeni@kingsley.org) 617 536 5984

### Publicity Committee:

Christina Gasbarro, Woodside Montessori Academy [admin@woodsideacademy.org](mailto:admin@woodsideacademy.org)

### Hospitality Committee:

Donna Milani Luther, The Montessori Community School [dluther@tcms.us](mailto:dluther@tcms.us) 508 545 5544

### Silent Auction Committee:

Marcia Gardere, Bay Farm Montessori Academy [marciag@bayfarm](mailto:marciag@bayfarm)

Gail Supanich [gsupanich@excell.net](mailto:gsupanich@excell.net)

### School Tours:

Renee Satiroglu, Kingsley Montessori School [renees@kingsley.org](mailto:renees@kingsley.org) 617 536 5984

### **Meet Your MSM Board Officers**

Renee DuChainey-Farkes, President

Susan Swift, Secretary

Nancy Corkum, Treasurer

Gail Supanich, Membership

**Do you want to go to Montessori Training or  
Want to Train a New Faculty Member?  
Here is an overview of some New England options!**

**Primary Training Programs**

**Northeast Montessori Institute**

**Northeast Montessori Institute** is proud to be entering its twentieth year of providing Montessori teacher education. Martha Monahan, the Executive Director of NMI and one of NMI's original founding teacher trainers, is pleased to announce that NMI will be offering a Montessori Early Childhood Course of Study beginning this summer on the South Shore of Boston. This event marks the culmination of two years of planning and preparations between NMI and Marcia Gardère, Head of School at Bay Farm Montessori Academy in Duxbury, Massachusetts..

The academic schedule will consist of a two-week summer session the summer of 2004, followed by four weekend seminars scheduled throughout the year and a second two-week summer session in 2005,

NMI continues to offer a twelve month training model at its Early Childhood Course of Study held on Boston's North Shore with a combined summer and weekend seminar schedule. This program can be combined with a Masters Degree through the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Endicott College while simultaneously earning their Montessori Early Childhood certificate.

To receive any of NMI's program brochures or to acquire additional information, please contact NMI, P.O. Box 68, Rockport, ME 04856.

Phone/Fax: 207-236-6316. You can also e-mail NMI at: [nemontessori@yahoo.com](mailto:nemontessori@yahoo.com) or visit NMI on the web at:

[www.nemontessori.org](http://www.nemontessori.org)

**National Center for Montessori Education**

The **National Center for Montessori Education-New England (NCME-NE)** offers both the Infant & Toddler (Birth - 3 years) and Early Childhood (2 ½ - 6 years) Teacher Education Programs. Each program is fully accredited by **M.A.C.T.E.** and recognized by the **American Council on Education (A.C.E.)**

NCME-NE is located on the campus of the Harborlight Montessori School and offers a one-year program. **Course One** begins with an Independent Study which the student may begin upon acceptance to the Program. **Course Two**, the Academic Workshop, begins with a one-week summer intensive followed by approximately thirty Saturday classes that meet throughout the academic year (September-June). **Course Three**, the Internship, is completed simultaneously with Course Two. This allows the students to immediately apply and relate knowledge learned during the Academic Workshop to their internship practice. Final testing is completed in July.

**NCME-NE** is committed to the development of the adult learner in his/her pursuit of excellence in Montessori Education. **NCME-NE** maintains a standard of excellence and a seasoned faculty in order to impart a comprehensive understanding of the Montessori educational philosophy and pedagogy to the students. With a hands-on approach to teacher education along with academic preparation and practical classroom management NCME-NE graduates are competent and confident Montessori Teachers.

**For more information contact:  
Rachel McAlpine, M.Ed., Director**  
243 Essex Street, Beverly MA 01915  
(978) 927-9600

## NEMTEC

Over the years, NEMTEC has developed several options in scheduling in an attempt to accommodate peoples' busy lives and family commitments. It is possible to complete the entire course in one year or to extend it over several years. The dates for the 2004 summer training program are June 14 thru July 30. We also offer an evening class option to students. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 3 thru May 25. The evening classes replace the first three weeks of the summer session, so required summer training dates would be July 6 thru July 30.

NEMTEC also offers an assistant's workshop. The dates for 2004 are July 24 and 25.

All classes are held at Walnut Park Montessori School in Newton, MA.

For additional information check out our website at [www.thematerialscompany.com](http://www.thematerialscompany.com) or contact Bonnie LaMothe at 603-641-5156 or [materialco@aol.com](mailto:materialco@aol.com)

"Not in the service of any political or social creed should the teacher work, but in the service of the complete human being, able to exercise in freedom a self-disciplined will and judgment, unperverted by prejudice and undistorted by fear."

- Maria Montessori, *"To Educate the Human Potential"*

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

- Socrates

"I never teach my pupils; I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn."

- Einstein

Currently, there are no Montessori Secondary training programs in New England. For information about the only AMS credentialed Secondary training program check out Houston Montessori Center at [www.houstonmontessoricenter.org/secondary](http://www.houstonmontessoricenter.org/secondary)





## Elementary Training Programs

### Seacoast Center for Education

Seacoast Center for Education serves children by educating adults. Our main site is a quiet, beautiful place between the ocean and the mountains in New Hampshire's Seacoast Region.

Our curriculum centers on the traditional Montessori Method for elementary classrooms. We believe a thorough preparation in Montessori theory and materials best enables teachers in classroom practice and in continuing professional development.

Seacoast Center for Education provides an experience that respects the needs of adults and children alike. We are known for our joy in the constructive experience of childhood, our sense of humor and our humility as educators after many years of classroom experience.

Two new program enhancements are in store for Seacoast Center participants beginning in 2004. At both the Elementary I and II levels, course schedules are now organized to allow completion during summer cycles without the added complications of academic year seminars. Elementary I continues to be offered in two four week summers. The Elementary II is now a one summer five-week session. As part of its emphasis on the traditional in Montessori Elementary, Seacoast Center for Education now offers full 6-12 arithmetic in its Elementary I (6-9) program. Seacoast Center for Education and Azoka Company may be reached through their respective web sites, [www.seacoastcenter.com](http://www.seacoastcenter.com) and [www.azokacompany.com](http://www.azokacompany.com). Gary Davidson's email is [admin@seacoastcenter.com](mailto:admin@seacoastcenter.com).

### CMTE-NY at Lexington Montessori School

*For me, CMTE/NY was a "Total Infusion of Knowledge," a tremendous sharing of ideas and experiences. – [CMTE/NY@lms](mailto:CMTE/NY@lms) grad*

September 2004 marked the beginning of the third two-year cycle of lower elementary teacher preparation offered by the Center for Montessori Teacher Education/NY (CMTE/NY) at Lexington Montessori School. The first graduates were awarded their credentials in May, after interning in area schools. Biff Maier, Director of Faculty and Curriculum Development at LMS, coordinates the program in partnership with D'Neil Duffy, former Head of Blackstock Montessori School in Atlanta. Duffy consults, teaches and coordinates CMTE/NY programs in other parts of the country.

The CMTE/NY-Lexington program is designed to meet the needs and schedules of commuter students who are working and/or feel that it is not possible for them to leave their homes for the summer. Classes meet on Thursday evenings and twice monthly on Saturdays. Student-teachers are driving to Lexington from all directions, building connections and collaborations among many New England schools.

Maier and Duffy are joined on the [CMTE/NY@LMS](mailto:CMTE/NY@LMS) faculty by Connie Evans, Kim McMaken, and Joyce Nett, all elementary teachers at Lexington Montessori School, and Mary Velasquez, of Cambridge Montessori School's elementary faculty. Michael Duffy, D'Neil's husband and co-author of the popular *Children of the Universe: Cosmic Education in the Montessori Elementary Classroom*, visits the program monthly, and CMTE/NY sends other faculty members from the New Rochelle summer program from time to time.

## Montessori Schools of Massachusetts Teacher Education Scholarship

The Montessori Schools of Massachusetts (MSM), as part of its commitment to member schools, has established a scholarship program to promote the training of Montessori teachers. MSM will offer a total of three scholarship of \$1,000. each year. These scholarships will be awarded to applicants who are entering training and who demonstrate both a commitment to Montessori education and financial need. Applicants must be enrolled in a MACTE affiliated training program.

Eligibility includes new students, students who are entering their second year of training, and students who are training for a different level. Scholarships can be renewed for students who are in a two year training program.

### Guidelines:

- All paperwork should be submitted to Susan Swift 28 Baker Hill Road Florence, MA 01062
- All paperwork must be submitted by March 31, 2004—Applicants will not be considered if paperwork is not received by this date

### Application requirements:

- Completed application form: can be downloaded at [www.excell.net/msm](http://www.excell.net/msm)
- Personal Statement: Applicant should submit a personal statement explaining why a MSM scholarship should be granted. Include in this statement:
  - a) Why you need the scholarship
  - b) Why you want to be a Montessori teacher
  - c) How long you have been in education
  - d) Why you are taking training now
  - e) Educational philosophy
- 2003 Federal Tax Form, signed and dated
- Recommendation from your Head of School: This recommendation should include why your Head of School believes you should be considered for this scholarship and what she/he believes are your strengths and will be your contribution to Montessori. Head of School recommendation should be sent directly to Susan Swift.
- Resume

## HAND OUR FOR PARENTS!



**Conference  
Special for  
MSM Families!**

Come to historic Boston to examine the future of Montessori education! Join us for an exploration of the motives, relationships, and expansive thinking that are Montessori in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Offering workshops, school tours, training, and more for Montessorians and everyone else passionate about children and education.

### **Speakers Include:**

Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, Ph.D.  
Beth Hennessey, M.Ed.  
Mike Vance

Pat Bassett, NAIS  
Peggy McIntosh, Ph.D.

Mark Benno, Ph.D.  
Kerry Ruef

### **Highlights for Montessori Families:**

The "Parent Track" - session specifically designed for Montessori Families! Learn how you can strengthen your child's educational team by increasing your families understanding of the Montessori Method. Maria Montessori said that, "Education requires parents, teacher, and child to work together in cooperation; a weakness in any one of these decreases the efficiency of the others while inhibiting the development of the child".

**April 22-25, 2004**

Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA

For registration, hotel reservations, and more exciting details:

**[www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org) or 212.358.1250**

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**\$99, 1 Day Pass!**

**Montessori Schools of Massachusetts**

April 22-25, 2004, Boston Park Plaza Hotel

Registration using this coupon is done onsite at the conference

**"Parent" Discount Coupon**

MSM Member School

**Not for use by faculty or staff**

**Would you like to receive more information about the American Montessori Society or Montessori Schools of Massachusetts**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send information:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about:

AMS: \_\_\_\_\_ MSM \_\_\_\_\_