Adolescent Wokshop

Laurie Ewert-Krocker

20 March 2010, Sydney

09:00 - 10:30 **What Ten Years of Montessori Adolescent Work has Revealed: A View from the Farm**

A look at discoveries and observations about the third plane Montessori child in an environment modeled after Dr Montessori's "Erdkinder" essays. (Presentation and discussion)

10:30 - 11:00 Morning Tea

11:00 - 12:30 **The Integrated Occupation Project: How to 'Do' Science**

Explore how the "Occupation" project integrates science, mathematics, and economics with purposeful work on the land. What frameworks work? What experiences engage the adolescent? What kind of knowledge is internalised?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 **The Importance of the Seminar**

The seminar approach engages the adolescent in the great conversation about ideas, about themselves, and about the future of humanity. Explore the nature and format of the seminar and participate in a seminar on adolescent brain development.

15:00 - 15:30 Afternoon Tea

15:30 - 17:00 **The Ninth-Grade Year**

The third year of the 3-year cycle plays an important role in consolidation of character development and leadership opportunities for the early adolescent. (Small group discussion and question/answer session)

Saturday, 20 March 2010, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Novotel Darling Harbour
100 Murray Street, Darling Harbour, Sydney
Parking available at the hotel for the discounted rate of $25

Registration Fee: $250
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and workshop papers.

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Laurie is the Assistant Head of School at Hershey Montessori School in Ohio. She founded the Hershey Adolescent Program in 1996 and helped to design and implement the farm environment and curriculum for the Hershey Adolescent Program, which moved to the farm and became a day and boarding program in 2000. Her original degree work was a B.A and M.A. in English, and she taught college writing for 9 years before joining Montessori. She has AMI training at the 3-6 and 6-12 levels and is a regular presenter and adviser for the NAMTA Orientation to Adolescent Studies. Laurie guides Occupations and Humanities Projects, as well as workshops in writing, grammar, and literary analysis. Both of her children went through Hershey Montessori School from ages 2-14. She is married to Jim, the Farm and Facilities Manager at the Hershey Farm, and they live in a house on the farm property.

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