

Innovative Minds *for a* Peaceful Future

Rock Prairie Montessori School

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5th Annual Teach Peace Conference Saturday, March 3, 2012

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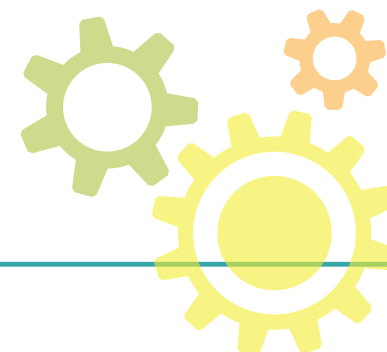
- 8:00 - 9:00** **Check-In • Tour Classrooms**
- 9:00 - 10:50** **Keynote Speaker**
An Observation Literacy:
with Dr. Paul Epstein
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Morning Workshop Choices**
- **Session 1**
Inquiry-Based Science Work for Young Children: with Ann Epstein
 - **Session 2**
Be Peace:
with Tajali Theresa Tolan
 - **Session 3**
Understanding Executive Function in a Montessori Context: with Tracey Hall
- 12:00 - 1:30** **Lunch • Tour Classrooms**
- 1:30 - 3:30** **Afternoon Workshop**
Dances of Universal Peace:
with Tajali Theresa Tolan
- 3:30 - 4:00** **Closing Remarks • Networking**

Keynote Speaker

An Observation Literacy **Dr. Paul Epstein**

Paul Epstein, PhD, Executive Director of Rochester Montessori School in Rochester, MN. He coauthored *The Montessori Way* and is a member of the board of the International Montessori Council and the editorial board of Montessori Leadership magazine.

Dr. Epstein has worked in Montessori education as an administrator, teacher, researcher, consultant, speaker, and author. His administrative experiences include working as a head of schools, executive director of a school consulting agency, director of teacher education programs, and coordinator of a public school magnet program. Dr. Epstein was an associate professor at Transylvania University and an adjunct professor at Northwestern University. Paul received his MA and PhD in cultural anthropology at SUNY, Buffalo.



Morning Workshops Choices • 11:00 - 12:00

Session 1 • Ann Epstein Inquiry-Based Science Work for Young Children

Young children are natural scientists. They love to explore and often ask "why...?". Science activities provide the perfect avenue to encourage both critical thinking and creative problem solving. The key is to include meaningful questions. We will explore a variety of "kitchen" experiments for both toddler and 3 to 6 classrooms, including "oobleck" (corn starch and water). We will discuss ways to engage children in critical thinking through higher order questions while maintaining concentration. Come ready for hands-on exploration and discovery!

Ann Epstein, PhD, a Montessorian, is currently an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse in the Department of Educational Studies. She teaches early childhood courses addressing language and literacy, learning in Kindergarten, and infant and toddler development as well as school governance and finance.

Session 2 • Tajali Theresa Tolan Be Peace

Learn how to "feel peace, speak peace and teach peace". Feeling peace is the ability to remain coherent under stress. Speaking peace is the ability to connect with others emphatically and honestly through compassionate communication. When you feel peace and speak peace, you can BePeace and teach others this practice as well. Participants will also learn the skills to calm oneself during stress and communication skills to speak with

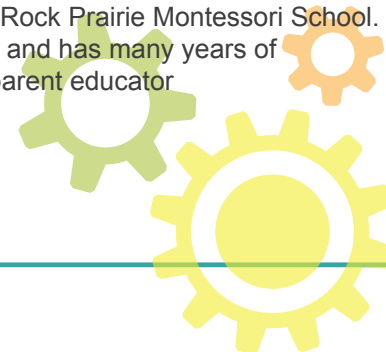
empathy and respect. Skills taught will enhance all relationships and will benefit parents, teachers and employers.

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Session 3 • Tracey Hall Understanding Executive Function in a Montessori Context

Learn how current brain research points us toward creating Montessori environments that support brain development and help children to be successful learners throughout their educational and work lives. Deepen your understanding of executive functions within the brain and discover how this understanding will give you more tools as you create environments and materials that match the needs of your particular community of children.

Tracey Hall is an AMS certified Infant/Toddler teacher and has a B.A. in Psychology. She leads a Young Child class and the Montessori Beginnings Program at Rock Prairie Montessori School. Tracey first began teaching in 1988 and has many years of experience as both a teacher and parent educator



Afternoon Workshop • 1:30 - 3:30

Dances of Universal Peace Tajali Theresa Tolan

From the beginning of time, sacred movement, song and story have brought people together - at times of seasonal ceremony and celebration, as part of everyday life and life passages, in daily renewal and meditation. The Dances of Universal Peace are part of this timeless tradition of Sacred Dance.

The crowning life achievement of Sufi teacher and Zen master Samuel L. Lewis, the Dances set scriptures and sacred phrases from the world's spiritual traditions to music and movement. The Dances are transformative spiritual practice, invoking an embodied sense of unity, presence and compassion and touching the spiritual essence within ourselves. Offered in an atmosphere of safety, authenticity and mindfulness, the Dances evoke a unified experience of movement, sound, breath and sacred phrase.

Murshid Sam, as he was known to his Sufi students in the 1960's, brought forward the Dances, meditative walks and other esoteric practices to awaken the hearts and minds of his Sufi students and create an ecstatic experience of unity. The Dances today remain an integral

practice of many who seek to hold to their true nature and rest in the Unity of all.

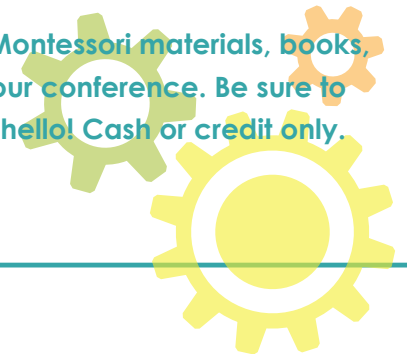
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Valid February 25th - March 3rd

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1st choice Session: 1 2 or 3

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