



HEADLINES

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The Road Map to Learning

For the past few months, the faculty at Somersfield has been working overtime to master the intricacies of "Curriculum Mapping".

Under the leadership of **Rheanne Stevens** and her curriculum team of **Janice Outerbridge, Liz Haycock, Christina Davis, Anita Bushara and Charlie Judd**, teachers from every division are currently posting their units on our online *Atlas* system.

When completed, the "map" will outline detailed units of study in all disciplines from half-day to M5 including: significant concepts, intended student outcomes, assessment methods, resources, and instructional strategies. It will, in effect, document the full Somersfield curriculum for all students in the school. The information contained in the Somersfield curriculum map will go far beyond anything currently used in any other school in Bermuda and will provide both a forum for collaboration among teachers and administrators and a window on the programme for parents and



Hands on in 6-9

interested members of the community. We will be giving a full presentation on the curriculum mapping process at the first Parent Association meeting in the new year, but in the meantime, if you are interested in finding out more about it, feel free to visit our new blog, *Curriculum Mapping at Somersfield* at: www.somersfield.blogspot.com

We welcome your comments.

The Montessori Journey

As part of our on-going commitment to providing training for Montessori educators here in Bermuda, this week we are hosting Mr. Mark Wagner.

Over his fifteen-year career as a Montessori educator, from California, to Vancouver, to Toronto, he has sought out schools that

aimed for a kinder, more respectful approach to learning and worked to foster the individual talents of students. Inspired by Dr. Montessori's optimistic outlook for humanity and her extraordinary vision of the whole child from birth to adulthood, Mark remains committed to sharing her timeless insights as a part-time Montessori trainer and guest lecturer for both the Montessori Teachers College and the Toronto Montessori Institute in Toronto, Ontario. Somersfield staff will be attending sessions on Thursday evening, and Saturday morning and Mr. Wagner will spend Friday visiting classrooms and meeting with individual teachers.

Many Thanks!

To all of those parents and friends who rose to the challenge to "buy" a little piece (or in some cases a large piece!) of the new Somersfield 3-6 playground.

Our students returned from their October break to the thrilling sight of a newly refurbished playground surface. It has already proven to be quite resilient!

Upcoming Events

Family Movie Night

Happy Feet 2

November 18th

Mark Wagner

PD Visit

November 17th to
19th

Student Diversity

Leadership

Conference

December 1-3

Holiday Lunch

3-6

December 1st

6-11 Holiday Musical and Lunch

December 14th

Last Day of Term

December 16th