

# Choice and Motivation for Montessori Primary

Montessori @ Berhampore Primary  
103 Britomart Place, Berhampore, Wellington  
Saturday August 14, 9.30am-4.30pm



## Workshop Details

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A key component of early childhood Montessori classrooms, choice is sometimes seen as a luxury in the Montessori primary years that must be sacrificed to accountability and results demanded by parents and curriculum requirements.

This day-long workshop will explore practical ways to structure the 6-12 classroom and design follow-up activities to promote autonomy, independence and joy in 6-12 year-old students.



## Workshop description

In Montessori philosophy, choice is the engine of motivation, one of the prime elements in an educational structure designed to promote life-long excitement about learning in children. But in Montessori classrooms, choice has increasingly been sacrificed to the pressures of parents and school leaders who are sometimes perceived by teachers to need fast results that can't be guaranteed when children are given the freedom to make decisions about their own learning.

The morning session of this workshop will be an interactive presentation on the importance of choice as the engine of motivation in Montessori pedagogy, the nature of second period work, and a how-to guide to structuring activity in the elementary classroom to promote autonomy and independent learning. Choice does not have to be an all-or nothing condition, but is most effective in the 6-12 year setting when it is limited and structured.

The afternoon session will apply the principles presented in the morning session to specific presentations across the 6-12 curriculum requested by workshop participants.

If you have a specific lesson that you want reviewed or need ideas on how to make the lesson more interesting to students, please note it on your registration form.

## Goals and Outcomes

Participants will leave with a list of practical ways that limited choice can be introduced into Montessori primary plus classrooms, and a clearer philosophical understanding of why choice is necessary in classrooms whose primary goal is to encourage the development of independent and joyful learners.

## Meet the workshop leader



### Mark Powell

Mark is currently Technology Coordinator at St. Paul's Episcopal School, a progressive mainstream private school in Oakland CA. He taught in Montessori

lower and upper elementary classrooms in the Boston area and the San Francisco area for 14 years, and has been a teacher trainer at the Centre for Montessori Teacher Education, New York (CMTE/NY) for the last 12 years. He has a M.Ed. degree and has a state teaching credential. He has published 16 articles on Montessori education in 'Montessori Life', several articles in 'Public School Montessorian', various other non-Montessori journals, and wrote a chapter in a recently published book entitled 'A Place for Play' edited by Elizabeth Goodenough. Mark has designed many classroom materials, several of which are now sold across the United States and internationally by companies such as Hello Wood and Nienhuis Montessori. He has delivered workshops at American Montessori Society national conferences and at private and public Montessori Schools from coast to coast, and has consulted for over 50 Montessori schools in his capacity as field consultant for CMTE/NY. Several of his articles have been republished in Informed, the e-zine published by MANZ for Montessori professionals.

## Registration Information

Registration includes morning and afternoon teas and lunch.

Montessori @ Berhampore is a 10 minute taxi or shuttle ride from Wellington airport.

## Registration Choice and Motivation

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific lesson requested for afternoon session: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Diet: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### FULL REGISTRATION

Please tick the below registration option that is applicable to you.

Full registration \$300.00

MANZ individual members \$225.00

MANZ member schools staff/parents \$150.00

Late fee after July 21, 2010 - \$50.00

### SEND REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

MANZ, PO Box 2305, Stoke, Nelson, NZ

### CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

Montessori Aotearoa of New Zealand

### INTERNET BANKING:

#### MANZ's details are:

National Bank account number: 060 589 0528704 00

**Include these details on your one-off internet payment.**

Particulars: (your name)

Code: (your school or organisation)

Reference: (Montessori Workshop)

### ANY QUERIES:

Email: eo@montessori.org.nz