

## Registration Form

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Please fill out the workshop numbers for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices during Session #1 and #2.

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April 13, 2019

Maple Tree Montessori Academy  
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# Agenda

## **Registration & Continental Breakfast:**

**9:00 am - 9:30 am**

## **General Opening Session:**

**9:30 am - 11:30 am**

### **Exploring Emotional Intelligence**

**Presenter: Brigitte Patton**

Brigitte Patton is a Montessori mother of 3 who is married to her best friend while also juggling her role as a Spiritual Entrepreneur and published author. She is very passionate about creating the necessary foundation for human beings to remain connected to their Emotional Intelligence (E.I.) starting from childhood. Her background in Equine Guided Learning (EGL) and Neuro Linguistics Programming (NLP) has given her exceptional insight in the power of self-awareness. She has coached thousands of people over the past 20 years on various platforms extending from upper management in corporations to relationship communication in households. Her extensive research in language development through heart-centered perception has expanded her ability to reach the root of what someone is looking to express between the lines of limitations. It is her genuine pleasure to be able to bring this wisdom into the world. Brigitte will be guiding an exploration including:

- 1) Concepts of Emotional Intelligence
- 2) Emotional Awareness exercises
- 3) Breathing, writing, release techniques

## **Lunch & Networking:**

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

## **Session 1 (Breakout Workshops)**

**12:30 pm - 1:45 pm**

### **1. Montessori Math: Concrete to Abstract - Presented by Sue Cherry**

Sue Cherry, a Montessori Primary teacher for over 30 years and Director of Maple Tree Montessori Academy, will be exploring the multilevel Montessori Math Curriculum. We will be working with the sequencing of lessons, the interrelationships between concurrent works and tips to allow the child to work independently with the materials as they are gently led from concrete to abstract. Montessori Math is designed to facilitate and nurture the child's "mathematical mind" and encourage a lifelong love and full appreciation of Math.

### **2. Embracing Humankind - Presented by Julie Harrison**

Julie Harrison, a Montessori Primary and Elementary teacher for 26 years, Diversity trainer and Montessori Teacher educator for 10 years at the Michigan Montessori Teacher Education Center, will engage you in her interactive and experiential presentation designed to increase self-awareness and sensitivity.

### **3. Individualized Second Language Acquisition - Presented by Cecilia Mellem**

Cecilia Mellem is a Montessori Primary teacher and Spanish teacher with over 14 years of experience teaching Spanish to children. Spanish is her mother tongue and she is quite gifted with the ability to fully engage students in small group lessons, encouraging them to speak Spanish fluently. Cecilia will be sharing her

instructional methods of engaging, tracking and inspiring children to fully participate in learning a second language.

## **Session 2 (Breakout Workshops)**

**2:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

### **4. Montessori Language: Hands on Phonics - Presented by Sue Cherry**

### **5. Healing Humankind: A Diversity Curriculum - Presented by Julie Harrison**

### **6. Welcoming Gender Diversity - Presented by Heather Bomsta**

In addition to being a long time Montessori mom, Heather Bomsta is a Ph.D. candidate in Ecological-Community Psychology at Michigan State University. Through her work she partners with community stakeholders to evaluate and strengthen programs that serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Her broad interests include gender, women and children, including pregnancy, birth, parenting, early childhood, violence against women and children, and rebuilding families after trauma. Heather will be starting with how the differences in gender have been exaggerated in research, what gender research shows about gender in the classroom and then segue into talking about gender beyond the binary (male-female) and how much more gender-fluid children are today and how schools can be more welcoming and less gendered.

## **Tour of Montessori Academy and Question/Answer Time**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm**