



Reggio-Inspired Network of Minnesota

Monthly Gatherings

2017-2018

These events take many forms at different sites around the Twin Cities: early childhood centers, schools, community centers, libraries or other venues. Participants discuss topics, tour the environments, and explore materials. This year's slate of Monthly Gatherings will inspire us to participate more fully and listen more actively to create an educational context for children that can serve them as complex individuals and as partners in a classroom community. As always, our Monthly Gatherings will be a time for reflection and renewal and a chance to connect with colleagues. We welcome all who wish to participate!

September 23, 2017

9:30 – Noon

Set Your Intention To Pay Attention

Panel/group presentation being organized by Joanne Esser, Pre-K teacher at The Blake School, Hopkins campus

Facilitator: Joanne Esser, Pre-K Teacher, Blake School, Hopkins Campus

Location: Lakeview Room, Hyland Park Nature Reserve

10145 Bush Lake Rd

Bloomington, MN 55438

Cost: \$38

Students: \$19

To register:

October 28, 2017

9:00 – Noon

Light Breakfast Served

Explorations In Light And Shadow

Approved MNCPD Class #141741

Facilitator: Sandy Burwell, ECE Consultant

Location: South Metro Montessori School

10970 185th St W Lakeville, MN 55054

Cost: \$30

To register: Contact Sandy Burwell, smburwell@gmail.com



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November 11, 2017

9:00 – Noon

Whose Agenda Is It? Mapping The Terrain Of Parent Engagement From Multiple Perspectives

What do we, as educators, mean when we promote 'parent involvement'? What do families have in mind when we seek to be 'engaged' in our children's education? How do communities understand 'being involved'? We will discuss these questions, as parents, educators, administrators and citizens, framed by ideas from Reggio Emilia. What are the possibilities? Where are the boundaries? How do we construct shared agendas?

Facilitator: Lani Shapiro, Parent Educator

Location: TBA

Cost: \$38

Students: \$19

To register: <https://www.mnreggio.org/event-2694923/Registration>

January 28, 2018 (*Sunday afternoon)

Time: TBA

Cost: \$38.

Students: \$19.

Exploring The Geography Of Childhood

We will explore the questions: "What was it like to be a child where you grew up? What is like to be a child there now?" What are your hopes and dreams for your children's experiences with growing up now?"

Facilitators: RINM Civic Engagement Committee

Location: TBA

Cost: \$38

Students: \$19

To register: <https://www.mnreggio.org/event-2694937/Registration>



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February 24, 2018

9:00 – Noon

The Language Of Clay

Clay is one of the most inviting, adaptable and expressive sensory/art materials; one of the “Hundred Languages” of children that Reggio educators talk about.

In this hands-on workshop, we will explore the properties of earth clay, practice some art techniques with clay, learn ways to manage and recycle clay, and share ideas about the variety of ways educators use clay with children.

Facilitators: Kim Lane, Visual Arts Specialist at The Blake School

Location: Blake School, Hopkins Campus 110 Blake Rd. S Hopkins, MN 55343

Cost :\$38

Students: \$19

To register: <https://www.mnreggio.org/event-2694950/Registration>

March 9 and 10, 2018

Various Times

MNAEYC Convention

Support the Reggio Track at MNAEYC

Location: RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

To register: <http://mnaeyc-mnsaca.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1020196&group=>



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April 14, 2018

9:00 – Noon

Fostering A Collaborative Community

The school environment and the systems that support programming influence the interactions and relationships that form between colleagues, parents, children, and community members. Join the educators of WECC as we explore the intention behind spaces and methods and share ideas of how to apply value-driven collaborative systems within an early learning program.

Facilitator: Kellee Nelson, Director, Westwood Early Childhood Center

Location: Westwood Early Childhood Center, 9001 Cedar Lake Rd., St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Cost: \$38

Students: \$19

To register: <https://www.mnreggio.org/event-2694963/Registration>

May 2018

Time: TBA, Friday evening

Cost: Free

End-of-year Celebration With The Documentation Lab Participants and RINM Annual Meeting

Location: TBA

To register: Free, but please register