



# LA CASA DEGLI INSEGNANTI NEWS



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## The commitment continues

After the period in September in which members listened and spoke refreshed with re-charged batteries, La Casa degli Insegnanti (The Teacher's House) worked around the clock to concentrate on the theme of "laboratorialità". During the meetings, the theme was discussed in various ways through actions that, from time to time, led us to play, invent and explain....without losing sight of the feasibility and practical importance of the proposals. We are united by the awareness that the role of the teacher has changed, that the school can't go in tow of changing society and at the same time can't be left in the dark. While we believe that inventing, creating and organizing lab space allows you to build and reinforce concepts that give knowledge, we are also aware that there is no need to engage in impossible tasks to know and master a wide range of knowledge, ideas and skills. By actually engaging in such projects and activities ourselves, this is what we are now realizing. During the extended period throughout the school year, we are proposing to teachers and schools to realize this as well.

Claudia Testa e Rino Coppola

## Eventi

**17 dicembre 2012 ore 16**

Ce.Se.Di - Via Gaudenzio Ferrari, 1  
Aula Magna secondo piano

**Exhibition of paintings of our teachers artists**

*Si può visitare anche il 18 dalle 15 alle 18*

**13 febbraio 2013 ore 17**

Aula Magna Istituto Avogadro  
Via Rossini

**Music and poetry with new compositions by Marco Emanuele**

## GEOGEBRA Practical community project

Continuing to be of great interest is The GeoGebra Project that The Teachers' House has realized among the many proposals of CE.SE.DI. From over 40 members in the first year, we went on to have 70 last year and so far this year we have got over 100 subscriptions.

The features of the software: versatility, ease of use, integration of multiple frameworks (dynamic geometry, algebra, spreadsheets)... it is becoming a very successful tool and teaching application around the world.

The activity of this year began with a meeting in Cantalupa and continued on GeoGebra Day October 27<sup>th</sup>. Now, besides the five courses of different levels, which this year also involve a greater number of 'compulsory education' teachers, we've added the training of tutors, research-action as well as experimentation as individual areas or as entire schools (Darwin of Rivoli and Majorana of Torino).

The focus of this year is on the possibilities of using software in situations of mathematical learning difficulties and to see how GeoGebra may constitute, in some cases, an adequate aid for teachers.

As always, course activities will be complemented by interesting seminars on teaching mathematics which are open to all teachers who are interested.

The activities on GeoGebra also branch and develop outside of this project; for example, in a Cooperative Group of the MCE which has just been established in Pinerolo and is engaged in research and interdisciplinary teaching. This year they will mostly work on the links between Italian and Mathematics capitalizing on the potential of the software to help primary school pupils to reason and to write.

Ada Sargenti



## Seminars of Mathematics

Liceo D'Azeglio ore 15-18

**23 gennaio 2013**

**Ornella Robutti** The teaching profession and the use of GeoGebra.

**26 febbraio e 12 marzo 2013**

**Elisa Gallo** From problem solving to problem posing. Geometrical and Algebraic Strategies. How our students mathematic thought changes in problem solving (two sessions)

## English in the 'House'

News in English class: this year the opportunity to learn English has been enriched by the presence of *Fiona McLoughlin* who is an Irish Erasmus student in Italy. While *Giovanna Flaviani* deals with the grammatical areas of English, Fiona, on the other hand, structures her conversation classes around the area of topics studied. This further expands the possibility for both levels of the course to practice English with fluent mother tongue teachers.

Maddalena Zan

Donatella Merlo

## A study visit

From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Turin will host a study visit for experts in education coming from all over Europe. We will discuss about Professional Institutes and school/work experiences (learning by doing). The work will take place partly in CE.SE.DI and partly in the Institutes which are collaborating with us.

## The bridges between schools and hospitals

The 'Invisible' Students seminar took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September. This seminar was organized by the Neuropsychiatry Department of the Regina Margherita Children's Hospital, with the collaboration of The Teachers' House, and was aimed at educators, teachers, psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers. Various factors that cause pain and discomfort in adolescents were examined; pain and hardship that have grown in recent years. In order to understand the extent of the phenomenon of 'discomfort', the psychiatrists of ASL T03 provided statistical data obtained through a territory survey, with results that prove to be rather worrying. Therefore, it is necessary to have "bridges" between the school and hospital, especially for the reintegration in difficult situations: a bridge between students in hospital and their class, a bridge between students in hospital and their teachers, a bridge between teachers in hospital and teachers in school, a bridge between students in hospital and the school as an institution, a bridge between the school as an institution and the hospital.

As an association, we intend to address in a more specific way areas connected to teaching, both in a general sense (methodologies, strategies for motivation and involvement, learning processes) and a disciplinary sense (regaining knowledge, ability, competence, the meaning of what it is to learn). This requires

training that must involve both the teachers of the hospital and those of the school. This is, therefore, the first bridge that Teachers' House is willing to work with. For the activation of a second bridge, which concerns students of Day Hospital, The Teachers' House has resources to invest. The objective in this case becomes twofold: firstly, reintroducing the students to school subjects, and, secondly, giving support to teaching in the classroom, inventing strategies that help the Day Hospital students to be reintegrated in the group, not considering them as 'different' but instead, as an integral part of the class.

Ada Sargenti

## Music and Literature

The Music and Literature project at the Berti Institute of Torino and Pascal of Giaveno will be repeated again this year. The meetings in January, dedicated to symbolism, will follow the theme of imagination while the spring meetings, dedicated to the birth of romance, will have the theme of night as a common denominator. As always, music, images, and words intertwine offering the classes involved a blast from the past as well as a voyage in a cultural atmosphere.

Laura Vattano

## At School with iPad

In September Stage, Alberto Pian engaged the teachers present with an educational workshop in which he showed, albeit briefly, the teaching method he was working on to use the Apple iPad in the classroom.

In his book, which has now been published, he explains the necessary information on how to start doing using the iPad this in the classroom. Many teachers have expressed great interest in broadening their knowledge on how to use it for both educational and personal purposes. As a result of this interest, The Teachers' House organized a course, for now with a limited number of participants, which is proving to be extremely successful. After the first

meeting, a second was immediately organized, which will be followed by another on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Some participants already have an iPad, others used those provided by Alberto Pian. It is a practical workshop with the aim of making the iPad familiar and easy to use but also evaluate its potential in an educational context, considering that almost all of the participants teach in the school system. You learn, for example, how to set up a work flow, using for each phase the most appropriate app from among the thousands that are in existence.

A. Pian's book, an e-book, can be found on several sites. Visit The Teachers' House site



where you can access it directly from the homepage.

Donatella Merlo

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