



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

At the heart of DVMS is our commitment to the Montessori philosophy and method.

So what makes Montessori so special?

Dr. Maria Montessori was a trail blazing physician, feminist, neuroscientist, educator, and inventor long before the twentieth century had a name for her accomplishments. In observing children, she developed a method to support the whole child, ensuring that they learn tasks critical to their development during each stage of their growth. Modern brain research continues to validate her work. In allowing a child to develop concentration, independence, and a sense of wonder, we inspire a love of learning. The child become confident, sure of themselves not because of any extrinsic reward or praise, but because they know they can do it themselves.

Montessori is not just for school! There are many ways families can incorporate the method at home, providing consistency for your child (and actually helps parents too!). Our web site has a parent education section with some resources. Of course we are always happy to talk with you and share ideas too.

On September 15, we hope you will join us for Montessori 101 to learn more about the genius of Montessori.

Afternoon Pick Up Times

Now that the school year is well underway, we hope that you have settled into your routine for drop-off and pick-up. We have been understanding of occasional late pick ups during the month of August, however we will be invoicing all late fees starting in September. Here is a reminder about our late pick-up policy from the Parent Handbook:

If you are more than 5 minutes late beyond your scheduled block without notifying the office or extended care staff prior to your scheduled pick up time, you will be charged the hourly drop in rate (\$19.00) or \$1.00 per minute, whichever is greater. (This also applies if on campus but late picking up child).

Note: While we offer a 5 minute grace period for occasional late pickups, the 5 minute grace period does not apply for pickups past 5:00 pm when the campus officially closes.

Getting Involved - Take the Parent Interest Survey Today!

As parents, we depend on you too! Your contributions are vital as we aim to provide a wonderful environment for the children. Please take a moment to complete the following survey to share how you can share your talents with DVMS. [Click here](#) to complete the Parent Interest Survey.

Make sure to look at the Important Dates section below for your classroom orientation date(s), parent education evenings, and community events!

We are here for any questions, concerns, and comments! Just give us a call or e-mail.

Have a great week!
Jayne



Kinderdance and Spanish

We are so pleased that enrichment programs are back at DVMS!

Ms Alma, Jasmin Lead Teacher, is excited to offer an after-school Spanish program on Wednesday afternoons from 3:05pm-3:45pm. The children will learn vocabulary, have fun with conversational Spanish through music and games. See the attached flyer for more details. It's not too late to sign up!

Ms Kira will be back in September offering her always-popular Kindertots and Kinderdance programs on Thursday afternoons. Kira's contact information and class descriptions are attached.



DVMS Spirit Wear - Last Week to Order



DVMS Spirit Wear is BACK! This season's campaign has something for the whole family from onesies, tees and sweatshirts. Support DVMS and order some new swag for the whole family today!

Sizing tip: Make sure to note the availability

of Youth XS on some of the products which covers the 2-4 size group.

To place your order by August 31, [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to parentsclub@dvms.org.

Thanks for your support!
The DVMS Parents Club

Butterfly Fun Run

Calling all current & former DVMS Teachers, Families, & Alumni!

Our Annual Butterfly Run Run at the Lafayette Reservoir is happening on Saturday,

October 8. Please join us for a lap around the reservoir and bring a blanket for a picnic afterwards.

Registration is open now! [click here](#)

REGISTER EARLY, by 9/15/2022, for \$35 (\$20 for teachers/staff) and get your commemorative T-shirt before race day. Registration after 9/15/2022 is \$55 (\$25 for teachers/staff).



Important Dates!



September 5: Labor Day DVMS Closed

September 15: Montessori 101 Parent Ed Night 6:00pm

October 5-7: School Picture Days

October 8: Butterfly Fun Run 9am - 11am Lafayette Reservoir

Classroom Orientations/Information Nights:

August 24: Lavender 6:00pm - 7:00pm

August 25: Petunia 5:15pm - 6:15pm

August 26: Sunflower 5:00pm - 6:00pm

August 29: Honeysuckle 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Jasmin 5:30pm - 7:00pm **note date change

August 30: Daisy 5:15pm - 6:15pm

September 1: Poppy 5:00pm - 6:00pm

August 31: Kindergarten Enrichment 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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