Message from Suzette

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

Tomorrow is the start of a new school year for our community. We are welcoming 31 new families and 44 new children, 13 of whom have siblings attending DVMS. I trust returning families will make a special effort to welcome new families. If you are new to the DVMS community, please feel free to reach out to a returning family or the office if you have any questions. The ice cream social on September 12th will be a great place to start making connections. RSVP HERE

I want to thank each of you for choosing DVMS for your children. We strongly believe early childhood education is important, not only for developing young minds, but for the future of our society. Montessori believed that when a young child is provided with a specially prepared environment, filled with activities to stimulate curiosity, encourage hands on exploration and teachers ready to assist as needed, a child will thrive, develop necessary skills and more importantly a joy for learning.
Our teaching teams have worked hard to prepare their environments so they are ready to welcome your children this week. If you have a child in one of our 3-6 programs, please remember they will attend only two days this week - either Tuesday and Wednesday or Thursday and Friday. Our half day two's class also has a transition schedule for this week. Some children will attend from 8:30-9:30 am and other will come from 10:00-11:00 am. The email sent back in the first week of July specified your child's transition schedule. Children new to our Infant/Toddler House will transition to school over the next couple of weeks. Each child's transition from home to school will be designed to meet their individual needs. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about his/her transition.

Parking Lot

Reminder: Traffic and Parking Regulations

Our use permit and the safety of other drivers and children are dependent upon DVMS parents and staff keeping the following traffic and parking regulations. As stated in the Traffic Pledge signed as part of your enrollment paperwork, the license numbers of violators will be recorded and action will be taken if violations continue. Children of drivers violating these regulations may be subject to dismissal from the school.

1. Left-hand turns are not permitted at the crest of the hill into our eastern entrance. Left-hand turns may only be made into the western entrance.
2. Exiting is not permitted from our eastern entrance (by the dumpsters).

3. When turning left out of our exit is difficult due to traffic on Deer Hill, please consider turning right. Waiting to turn left can cause gridlock in our parking lot.

4. Left-hand turns are not permitted into the private driveways or streets to the east of the school. Left-hand turns are only permitted at our western driveway.

5. Right hand turns are not permitted into our western entrance. Right hand turns are to be made at the crest of the hill into our eastern entrance.

6. Cars are not permitted to park in the bike lane on Deer Hill Road in front of campus. Passengers may not be loaded or unloaded on the street. EVER.

7. Parents are asked to parallel park under the eucalyptus trees in the east parking lot whenever possible except between 11:30 am and 12:00 noon.

8. The designated Disabled parking stall and adjacent cross hatch pattern in front of the Infant/Toddler building is for the exclusive use of anyone with a disabled plaque. Please honor this and be a good role model for your child and fellow parents. The fine for unauthorized use is $275.00 and applies to the “hatch mark” area as well.

9. No parking is allowed along the edge of the lower lot parallel to Deer Hill Road, where the curb is painted red.

10. West lot parking spaces are intended for parents with children enrolled in one of the infant/toddler building programs between 8:00 am - 9:00 am and between 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Parents of children in the other three buildings are encouraged to park in the east lot and escort their child into the classroom. Morning carpool drop-off will continue at both gates for any preschool child.

11. All children arriving after morning carpool must be escorted to the classroom and signed in.