Friday, September 6, 2019

Message from Suzette

I love the start of a new school year with fresh faces, ready to embrace new challenges, new ideas, new classrooms and new friends. So much development will take place over the next several months. The confidence you express in your child's ability to adapt, learn and do for himself will help him/her soar.

One of Maria Montessori’s famous quotes is "Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.” A Montessori classroom is where a child’s independent nature is nurtured. Teachers are there to lend support, a watchful eye and to teach lessons. They are there to create the space for children to learn, on their own time, in their own ways and on their own schedules. We know humans develop on a timeline that varies slightly for each of us. When children are babies, we are looking for milestones such as walking and talking. As they grow, they begin to read, write and develop more social skills. I hope you can enjoy the journey with your child as he/she develops more and more independence and confidence.

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

Next week when all of our preschool/kindergarten children are on
campus, the parking lot and campus will be busier. Here are a few suggestions that will facilitate the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

1. Utilize morning drop off. If your child is in a 3-6 class and arrives between 8:35am and 8:55am, drive up to the front gate or I/T gate, sign in with a staff member and allow your child to walk to class. They will feel so proud!

2. When using morning drop-off, pull your car to the right, making space for cars to pass you on the left. If possible, have your child on the passenger side of the car with his/her school bag, ready to get out.

3. If you do park (and parents of children younger than 3 must park), please try to make a quick drop off so that the parking spaces turn over. Arriving early and letting your child play in the yard before class is tempting, but that means you are taking up a parking space that another parent needs.

4. When lining up for the 11:45 pickup, do not line up prior to 11:40am. This will allow the half-day two-year old parents to pick their child up at 11:30am and exit the lot.

5. Do not park under the eucalyptus trees between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. Doing so prevents us from having 2 car pool lanes and causes the cars to back up onto Deer Hill Road.

Remember that your children are watching and learning from you. Please practice patience and respect the traffic and parking regulations.
School Events

Our first school wide event of the year is the annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 12th from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm. It's the perfect chance to meet new families and get reacquainted with old!

Please bring a blanket for a picnic on the beautiful new turf, a reusable water bottle for the water cooler and cash for Pizza ($2 per slice). Ice cream and an array of toppings are on us! To help us plan, please RSVP HERE.

Please Note: Due to limited parking spaces, many families will need to park down the street on Brown Ave (under the freeway) or on Miller Drive. Please take care not to block any driveways, or park on the private portion of Brown or on the no parking area on Iverson. Thank you for your cooperation - our neighbors will appreciate your consideration.

We still need a few more volunteers to help at the Ice Cream. CLICK HERE

Butterfly Fun Run Festival
The DVMS Butterfly Fun Run Festival, on Sunday, October 6th will be the most fun family event of the year for the DVMS Community! This year, we're bringing all the festival favorites from DVMS's beloved Oktoberfest to the FUN ZONE after the race at the Lafayette Reservoir starting at 10am.
You can check out all the details, sign up for the Fun Run, buy extra festival tickets and sign up to volunteer all right [HERE](#).

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**After School Programs**

**Start the week of September 9th**

DVMS contracts with outside vendors to provide supplemental classes to further enrich the Montessori curriculum. Spanish, Soccer, Music and Dance are offered throughout the academic year. These programs are for children enrolled in one of our 3-6 classrooms, with the exception of the dance class which is also available to children in one of our 2 year old classrooms. If you are interested in one of these supplemental classes, please sign up directly with the providers. The schedule for the classes is as follows:
You can find out more about the programs including how to register by going to the Afterschool Program tab on the [DVMS Website](http://www.dvmswebsite.com).

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Upcoming Dates**

- **September 12**  Ice Cream Social (5:15)
- **September 17**  Fundraising Meeting - all welcome (6:30)
- **September 20**  International Day of Peace (observed)
- **October 6**  Butterfly Fun Run Festival (9:00)