Friday, September 20, 2019

Message from Suzette

Today we celebrated the International Day of Peace with our children by gathering on our field and singing "Light a Candle for Peace". It was a sweet moment, to hear those precious voices sending their hopes and prayers into the Universe. Children in Montessori Schools around the world gather to celebrate and express their wish for peace in a similar way, each year on this day. Click Here to hear the song, written by Shelley Murley.

Save the Date - Thursday, October 10, 5:15 pm
Would you like to have a better understanding of the Montessori philosophy of education? If so, you are invited to come on a Montessori Journey and experience firsthand how your child spends his/her day in the Montessori environment. The Montessori Journey provides an opportunity for parents to explore the curriculum and experience, just like their children, the amazing opportunities that a quality Montessori program has to offer.
**Early registration ends today!!!** Don’t forget to [REGISTER](#) for The Butterfly Fun Run Festival by **11:59pm TODAY** to take advantage of the reduced pricing! Come to run and stay for fun - it’s the most fun family event of the year! Even if you’re not a fan of running/walking (although we HIGHLY encourage it), come at 10am to enjoy face painting, games, crafts and food in the FUN ZONE. [LEARN MORE HERE](#).

**VOLUNTEER:** We need your help! Each class has been assigned an activity booth for parents to volunteer. Go to [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer for your class's booth and get to know a fellow class parent while you're at it! It’s a great way to give back to your school and start earning your work hours!

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**DVMS Gala/Auction**

**Join the fun!**

Planning for this year’s Gala/Auction has begun. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, September 17th and we had a great turn out - so much positive energy in the room! If you are interested in participating, please contact Ale Pegnim at alepegnimdvmsauction@gmail.com. We are looking for one or two people to take on a much needed technology role on the auction committee.

**TECH LEAD:** The glue behind the auction! Are you looking to participate in volunteering but would like to work from home or behind the scenes? Auction Tech Lead is a great option. This is a big job during auction planning time. It will require ~ 5-10 hours per week from Oct 2019 - March 2020.

**Basic Duties/Responsibilities:**
- Becomes the Greater Giving (GG) software expert
o Creates the backend of the Auction Website through GG
o Oversees Greater Giving Donation management into the system
o Works closely with Chair and Co-chair to communicate progress
o Manages donations from local businesses
o Helps print donation letters
o Enters donations onto GG site
o Helps to Create donation packages in GG system
o Creates donation item #’s

**Ideal Skills:**
o Tech savvy
o Experience with a database system similar to GG
o Ability to learn new tools quickly
o Understanding of an online and live auction structure

**Let’s stay healthy**

We’ve only been in school for three weeks and already children and teachers are starting to come down with colds. While we may encourage sharing of toys, we do not want to share germs so please be sure and keep your child home if he/she is ill or may be coming down with the latest bug. Not sure when to keep your child home? Please check out the DVMS Health policy which is published in the DVMS Parent Handbook. It is also attached for your convenience. Another way to help your family and our entire community healthy is by getting the flu shot. Check out this [VIDEO](#), produced by the CDC on ways to prevent the flu.

**Calendar**

**Dates to Note**

- September 23........ DVMS BOD Meeting 7:00 pm
- October 1, 2, 3......... School Pictures - Mornings
- October 10............. Montessori Journey