November 1, 2019

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**Message from Suzette**

I hope you enjoyed our annual Halloween Parade yesterday. I know the children enjoyed showing off their costumes and seeing how their friends dressed up for the occasion.

Today our teachers are attending a workshop on Executive Function Skills and how we can help facilitate the development of these important skills in the classroom and at home. According to Sarah Hanson, LICSW "Executive functioning is a set of skills that include self-understanding, organizational skills, time management ability, emotion control, behavior control, flexibility, initiative, attention, working memory, and persistence". If you would like to read the power point from our workshop open the attachment titled "Developing Executive Functioning Skills in our Kids!"
2019 Coin Collection

For the last 24 years DVMS has run an annual Coin Drive, and all coins collected have been donated to the Contra Costa Food Bank. We are excited to take part in our Coin Drive tradition again. This is not only a fun activity for the kids but it is an important way we can empower our children to take action to help other children and their families who are in need. The annual Coin Drive is from 11/4-11/22, so please help your child search for coins in wallets, sofas, and pockets.

Extended Care News

Did You Know?

All children enrolled in a pre-school/kindergarten class can participate in Extended Care?
Happy Fall from Extended Care in the Cosmo’s Classroom!

Lunch Bunch is in full swing! Our goals have been grace and courtesy, practicing eating our lunches, opening and closing containers, washing plates, and keeping our lunch space tidy. To focus on health and nutrition jobs we have been identifying foods and categorizing them into protein, fruit, vegetables, dairy and grains, along with pretend food prep while becoming better familiar with utensils used in the kitchen.

Extended Care activities have been working on an assortment of free art, bracelet making and imaginary play in our “Zen Zone.” Additionally, we have been taking advantage of this amazing weather and have spent a lot of time outdoors using gross motor skills and peer collaboration.

Reminder: All students must be signed out before their scheduled block of time ends or the office must have received a phone call prior to their end time letting us know that you will be late for the day. If we do not receive a phone call before your scheduled block of time ends, you will be charged $13 or $1.00 per
minute which ever is greater. By placing a phone call prior to your scheduled block of time ending, you will only be charged the hourly drop-in rate.

For more information about extended care and how to contact Ashley Jones, our Extended Care Head Teacher, please open the attachment below.

Stay up to date

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November Dates

11/1       Staff In-service Day - No school
11/11      Veteran's Day - No school
11/20      BOD/PC/Staff Potluck
11/21      Last day of KE Session 1
11/27-29   Thanksgiving Holiday

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