November 19, 2019

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**Message from Suzette**

I am very sorry to have to tell you that our maintenance man, Mr. Andy, has been experiencing some serious health issues recently. He shared with me that he now knows a malignant mass is blocking his bile duct. Andy is hopeful that after treatment he will be able to return to us, but knows that it will be quite some time before that can happen. The Outdoor Classroom, led by Susanne Powers is making a quilt for Andy to remind him of our love. If you would like to send him a message, he can be reached at andymon61@yahoo.com.

You may have heard that parts of Lafayette were expected to lose power tomorrow, Wednesday 11/20. DVMS was definitely on that list, but we have since received notice that the PSPS event for Lafayette has been canceled due to changing weather patterns. PHEW! We lucked out this time.
**DVMS Dines Out**

**Save the Date - Wednesday 12/11 - December Restaurant Fundraiser @ Chipotle!**

We had a great turnout at Tutu's for dinner last Wednesday. DVMS earned a $300 donation that night. I know that I enjoyed a yummy dinner and hope your family did too! Many thanks to Tutu's for the offer and to all the families who went out to dinner.

The holiday season is upon us, and that means: BUSY. Support DVMS with dinner planned on Wednesday 12/11! Flyers and Details to come.

Have more restaurant ideas and suggestions? Email our Fundraising Chair, Kay Hope @ kayhope15@gmail.com

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**From the DVMS Kindness Committee**

**Coin Collection for the Contra Costa Food Bank**
Our children are busy collecting coins in the classrooms for the Contra Costa Food Bank. Not only are they collecting, but they are sorting, counting, adding and even cleaning them. Here are a couple of pictures of wrapped coins along with Montessori beads to help the children add up how much money has been collected. This is such a worthy activity. The children feel so empowered to help others. Thank you for making this happen. Please note that Friday, 11/22 is the last day to bring in coins.

Kindergarten Night - 12/5 @ 5:15 PM

Did You Know?

Montessori Pre-school/Kindergarten classrooms are for children from ages 3-6? That means children can attend DVMS through their kindergarten year and move right into first grade. Children are appropriately challenged, keep their joy of learning and develop confidence in not only their academic skills, but perhaps more importantly, their social and emotional skills. We are hosting a Kindergarten Night on December 5 at 5:15 to help you learn more about this very important 3rd year in the Montessori classroom. An invitation will be sent soon.

November/December Dates

11/20 Potluck for BOD/PC/Staff
11/22 Last Day for Coin Collection
11/27-29 School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
12/5 Kindergarten Night
12/23-1/3 Winter Break - Extended Care (with reservation) and I/T House open on 12/23, 12/30, 12/31 (close at 3pm), 1/2 & 1/3

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