



**DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool**

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## **Message from Jayne**

Spring is officially here! From April 4-8, the Buttercup and preschool classrooms are closed for Spring Break. If your family is traveling, please follow the CDC guidelines. The CDC recommends that all unvaccinated individuals self-quarantine for 5 days after travel and test on day 3-5. Here is the link for your reference: [click here](#). The California Travel Guidelines are attached as well.

Even if your child is not traveling over the break, we highly recommend that you test your child prior to returning on April 11 as a precautionary measure. At-home tests are readily available. We've all become experts in taking them!

COVID continues to be present in the DVMS community. The Daisy and Lavender classrooms have experienced direct exposures while other classrooms have been notified of possible indirect exposures from family members. Please refresh yourself with the DVMS Health and COVID policy so we can minimize the spread of any illness.

Last week I included information about our traffic and parking lot safety. We must also be good neighbors. The homes directly east of DVMS share a large

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driveway. This is a private area and not to be used as a turnaround for drivers heading eastbound on Deer Hill Road. Additionally, please do not block the entrance to the drive while waiting to turn into DVMS. There have been several complaints recently of drivers not respecting these private areas.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Jayne

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## **Back to the 80s Auction - Thank you!**

The Back to the 80s Auction was an awesome success!!! Thank you to everyone who came in their brightest 80s workout, rock, and prom wear. Such an impressive array of fashion! It was the party DVMS needed with lots of new friends, great food, and tremendous support for our school. We appreciate everyone who generously sponsored and donated to DVMS!

A very special "Thank you" to the Auction Committee! Their dedication and creativity made this an incredible event. In particular, thank you to: Jesse Dudum, Caitlin Pareenja, Ale Pegnim, Howli Pfeiffer, Jesse Abhyankar, Jennifer Brown, Jackie Rutherford, Lindsay Svenson, Sarah Holper, Lauren Ruby, Alana Cutler, Lauren D'Orazio, Tina Bentel, Arfana Sogal, Kelly Larsen, Christina Sands, and Carly Grote.

**If you did not have the opportunity to join the party, there is great news!** You the chance to sign up for special parties hosted by DVMS families. There is a wide range of events, from children's events to "parents only" such as:

- Bubbles and Bounce Party
- Preschooler Soccer Clinic
- Private Barre Method Class
- Yoga and Coffee
- Revenge of the Nerds Trivia Night
- Family Morning at Tilden Little Farm
- San Francisco Party Bus Bar Crawl

Spaces are limited! Sign up by [clicking here](#).

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## **Remembering Someone Special**



Andrew Francis Mulgrew (also known as Handy Andy), graced our school with his presence for about 6 years before leaving to address his cancer diagnosis. During that brief time, we all had the honor of experiencing his creative talents across the school.

Mr. Andy was an artist, healer, and

toymaker who deeply understood children and what the core of Montessori is about - serving the light of the child.

Andy would not merely fix something, he may also embellish it. He would hide little gold coins in the sandbox for children to find. He would make small toys from scrap wood and gift them to those who seemed to need them. On Halloween, he would dress as the Purple Pirate to the children's delight. He would hold circle times about either art or the items in his indigenous medicine bag. His gifts were precious and rare.

Mr. Andy passed March 23rd. It is safe to say that Mr. Andy loved the Diablo Valley Montessori community and the community loved him back. Mr. Andy will always be a part of our campus and we all wish him well as he embarks on the next phase of his journey.

Andy's family set up a Go Fund Me page to help with expenses. Here is the link to contribute if you wish: [click here](#)

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## **Important Dates!**



April 4-8: Spring Break for Buttercup and Preschool classes. Preschool extended care available on a limited basis.

April 19: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm

May 6: May Day Celebration - Zoom Broadcast

May 26: Last day of school for the 2021-22 year.

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