



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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*April 26, 2023*

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## **Message from Jayne**

It is hard to believe that we are here at the end of April with just a few weeks left in the school year. The playgrounds and classrooms are filled with joyful learning as the children feel such a sense of community and accomplishment.

Many celebrations are ahead! Be sure to check the Important Dates section for class end-of-year parties and more details about May Day below.

With our warmer, and thankfully drier, days here, there are several projects planned to improve our campus. As the year winds up, this is also the time to complete your family's work hours commitment. [Click here](#) for opportunities to volunteer.

We are here for any questions, concerns, and comments! Just give us a call or e-mail.

Have a great week!

Jayne



## May Day - Friday, May 5

We are excited to welcome parents back to May Day in person this year!

Parents may come and watch as each class performs a dance to celebrate this beautiful time of year. The program begins at 10:00am.

To make this a special celebration, we ask that parents volunteer to contribute bouquets of flowers to decorate the field. These can be dropped off with your child in the morning. We are also looking for some volunteers to help decorate and clean up. Here is a link to the Sign Up Genius: [click here](#)

Due to limited space around the soccer field, please understand that this is a parents only event.

### Parking

**\*PARK OFF CAMPUS** due to the fact that our parking lot cannot accommodate so many cars at one time. Only staff and designated volunteers with Parking passes will be allowed to park on campus the day of the event.

**\*Parking is not permitted anywhere in our neighbor's lot,** (the gray house).

\*Please be respectful when parking on side streets. We strongly recommend carpooling and parking in designated spaces along Brown Avenue and into downtown Lafayette. It should be a pleasant morning for a walk!

### After the Event

With parents being allowed at the event this year you can be sure some children will have a hard time saying goodbye as all parents exit after the event. If your child sees you

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and has a hard time recovering it may be a good idea to consider taking your child home. If this is something you anticipate please let your classroom teachers know so we can prepare your child.

ALL CHILDREN MUST RETURN TO THEIR CLASSROOM AFTER THE MAY DAY DANCE regardless of pick up time. All children must be signed out through the office if they are leaving prior to their usual time. Jayne and Melissa will be available to sign out and collect children that may be leaving early. Again, please let your classroom teachers know if this is your plan.

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## DVMS Food Drive - Last Day Tomorrow!

### DVMS Food Drive

Our food drive is still going on through Thursday, April 27th. Bring your non-perishables to school & place them in the bins located at either gate. Donations will directly support the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano Counties.

You can also donate online, to our virtual DVMS Food Drive, at the link in the post!



DVMS is  
proud to

host a Food Drive, supporting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Bring your non-perishables to school April 24 - April 27 and place them in the bins located at each gate. Or, you can donate online to our virtual DVMS food drive: [click here](#)

Thank you so much for supporting our community and also teaching our children a wonderful lesson about the importance of helping others. Please reach out to Annie Myers (annieb@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## AMS Family Connect



*"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." - Maria Montessori*

Independence is one of the keystones in the Montessori classroom. From infancy we guide each child in their journey of self-construction. By entrusting them with tasks such as placing their jobs back on a shelf, sweeping the floor, to working with the Montessori materials, their confidence builds.

Attached is this month's AMS Family Connect newsletter. Take a moment to learn more about independence in our classrooms. There is also a great article about one of the iconic Montessori materials, the Bead Cabinet and its significance in the 3-6 classroom.

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## Important Dates!



April 26: DVMS Book Club 6:30 pm - TONIGHT

April 28: Wildflower Parent Night 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

May 5: May Day Celebration 10:00 am

May 13: Poppy End-of-year Party 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

May 16: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm

May 18: Honeysuckle Teddy Bear Picnic

May 22: Petunia End-of-year Party

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May 23: Lavender End-of-year Party 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

May 24: Daisy and Honeysuckle End-of-year Parties

May 25: Last Day of School

May 25: Jasmin and Buttercup End-of-year Parties

May 26 - May 31: Teacher In-Service Days - No classes for children

June 1: IT House reopens

June 1 - 2: Buttercup and PreK/K Summer Camp Teacher In-Service Days

June 5: First Day of Buttercup and PreK/K Summer Camp Session #1

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