



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

It's another amazing week at DVMS! The classrooms are humming with productive, joyful learning.

This is a time to get your calendars out and note the multiple opportunities to connect with the DVMS community. Participating in classroom events, social times, and volunteering are all ways for families to get to know each other and build relationships that may last well beyond the DVMS years.

Be sure to participate in the Back to School orientation evenings, (see the schedule below in Important Dates). Your child's teachers are eager to share important information and give you a peek at the classroom. Please note, these evenings are for Parents only.

Getting Involved at DVMS - Volunteer Opportunities

Partnering with our families is a vital part of DVMS's success. The idea of each family contributing work hours goes back to the inception of our school. It encourages parent participation, allows the children to witness their parent's involvement and contribution to their school, provides opportunities for parents to meet one another and to feel a part of the larger school community. Additionally work hours help defray school expenses.

We ask that you share your skills, expertise and volunteer interests so we may offer you opportunities to contribute to our school and gain credit for your work hour commitment.

[Click here](#) to complete a brief survey today.

Parking Lot Grace and Courtesy

We understand that morning drop off and afternoon pick up times can cause some congestion in our parking lot, especially for drivers using the western lot by the Infant Toddler House. The following tips and guidelines will help make these times smoother:

*If you use the western lot (by IT House), please be mindful of other vehicles. The left lane is for pulling through and the right lane is for PreK/K morning drop off.

*When using the right lane please stay in your vehicle in order to keep the line moving and allow for parked cars to exit.

*Parking in the disabled spot is for authorized users only, even when no other spaces are available.

*Parking at the neighbor's, (gray house) lot is prohibited. This is an assisted living facility. The residents need access to their ramp and space must be reserved for emergency vehicles at all time.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We love connecting with you.

Have a great week!
Jayne

Cosmos (Outdoor Classroom)

Cosmos Teachers

Outdoor Classroom + Movement



Susanne Powers
Co-Head Teacher

"I love the families, the children, and the staff at DVMS. It's unconditional love and support from everyone."



Nelita Antezana
Co-Head Teacher

"I have been teaching children in the Bay Area for the past 15 years & previously owned my own preschool in Lafayette. I love traveling, hiking, and singing as well."



Katy Conlan
Assistant Teacher

"Of course, my favorite part of working at DVMS is the children! When I'm not working here, I'm likely giving children swim lessons or walking my dog."



Katie Moreno
Movement Teacher

"I love the community of DVMS and getting to combine my love of working with children and yoga. When I'm not working, I love hiking and being outdoors with my family and our pets."

At DVMS we are fortunate to have the Cosmos, (Outdoor Classroom) for our PreK/K children. This program is led by a dedicate teaching team, Susanne, Nelita, Katie, and Katy. One morning a week, each of the PreK/K classrooms spend their time in the Cosmos class. During these mornings, the children participate in lessons focused on

nature and engage in hands-on activities such as gardening, building, and so much more. The children also participate in Movement class, led by Katie, in small groups. Needless to say, this is a favorite day for many!

We are also excited to say that the remodeling of the Cosmos classroom is almost complete. The indoor space has been completely updated! The team is looking forward to setting up this area in the coming weeks.

Enrichment Classes



WANT TO LEARN
SPANISH?

¡Hola!

mi escuela

Spanish classes
offered by Ms.
Alma Topete

Quién - Who
Qué - What
Cuándo - When
Dónde - Where
Cómo - How

Pre-School Spanish Classes (Ages 3-5) will be held Wednesdays after school between 3:05 PM and 3:55 PM starting August 23rd – December 20th.

Curriculum (16 classes):

- Kids will learn Spanish vocabulary
- Introduction to conversational Spanish
- Spanish Games
- Spanish Songs

Registration @ www.mi-escuelita.com or

 

Ms Alma is pleased to offer after-school Spanish for our PreK/K students again this year. It's not too late to sign up for the fall session!



Jump, Dance, Move and Groove

Calling all little dancers for the fall session of Kinderdance!

Ms Kira will be back offering her always-popular Kindertots and Kinderdance programs on Thursday afternoons. Kira's contact information and class descriptions are attached.

The Fall Session Dates are:

AUG. 24, 31

SEP 14, 21

OCT 5, 19, 26

NOV 2, 9, 16, 30

DEC 7, 14

(NO class on 9/7, 9/28, 10/12, 11/23)

[Click here](#) to register.

NAYBAHUD YOUTH
FOUNDATION

Youth First Sports



Free KinderSoccer Class @
Diablo Valley Montessori
Tuesday August 29th
3:00pm

SIGN-UP TODAY!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
YOUTHFIRSTSPORTS.COM**

Fun for Parents - Fantasy Football and Social Time



We've got a record 13 teams signed up for the DVMS Fantasy Football Fundraiser and need 3 more to join! The buy-in is \$100, with half of the proceeds going to DVMS. Please email Albert Liu at emailsforalbert@gmail.com by this Friday August 25 if you want to play!

DVMS MOMS' NIGHT OUT



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 30TH
@ 6:00PM

SKIP THE
BEDTIME ROUTINE
& COME
SOCIALIZE!

LAFAYETTE PUBLIC
HOUSE

SKIP THE BEDTIME ROUTINE
& COME SOCIALIZE!



DVMS DADS' NIGHT OUT

**Headlands
Brewing**

Thursday,
August 31 @
6:00pm

Important Dates!



Back to School/Orientation Nights:

*August 23: Jasmin 6:00pm

*August 24: Honeysuckle 5:00pm

*August 25: Petunia 6:00pm

*August 28: Lavender 6:00pm

*August 31: Sunflower 5:00pm, Daisy 6:00pm

*September 18: Kindergarten Enrichment 6:00pm

August 30: Mom's Night Out 6:00pm Lafayette Public House

August 31: Dad's Night Out 6:00pm Headlands Brewery

September 4: Labor Day DVMS Closed

September 8: Ice Cream Social 5:00pm at DVMS

September 19: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

September 27: Montessori 101 Parent Education Evening 7:00pm - 8:30pm

October 4 - 6: School Pictures. More information coming soon from Sandbox Photographers

October 9: DVMS Staff In-Service Day No classes for children

October 10 - 13: Parent-Teacher Conference Week. Half days for all children except Sunflower. Extended Care available on a limited basis. Sign Up information will be available early September.

October 14: DVMS Fun Run Lafayette Reservoir

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