



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

Here we are at the end of August, a fantastic start to the school year.

We appreciate your time and attention to all the information in these newsletters. Please take a moment to complete our Parent Interest survey, (details below), and note all of the dates for Parent Education and social events. DVMS is such a vibrant community supporting our families and most of all, providing an engaging environment for the children. We hope to have events for everyone to be involved!

Getting Involved at DVMS - Tell Us About You!

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.

Safety

The health and safety of the children and staff are always a top priority! This week we conducted the first fire drill of the year with success. The children are well accustomed to lining up and gathering quietly at their assigned outdoor space.

Today the air quality is not good due to the heat and smoke. Each classroom has air purifiers and our campus has its own Purple Air Monitor. We keep a close eye on outdoor conditions and adjust the children's activity accordingly.

We are still seeing a number of vehicles turning left into the main lot (by the dumpsters) from eastbound Deer Hill Road. This is safety hazard and prohibited. Signs are posted that indicate no left turns are allowed. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for additional guidelines. Repeated infractions will be cited.

Sending Love to Maui

The devastating fires in Maui earlier this month hit very close to home for many of us as it holds so many fond memories of family vacations. As with other times of disaster, knowing the best way to help is often in question. In the past we have found that having a local connection can ensure relief is sent to those who need it most.

The Montessori School of Maui has been a collection site for donations and has helped coordinate relief efforts. If you are looking for a way to help, the following organizations are ones which are most directly involved in assisting the community for both immediate and longer term needs.



2933 Baldwin Avenue
Makawao, HI 96768

We'd like to encourage anyone interested in giving or volunteering to reach out to the following organizations who are eager to share your support.

Maui Nui Strong
www.mauinuistrong.info

The Maui Strong Fund- Hawaii Community Foundation
www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong

Maui Medic
www.mauimedichealershui.org

We are excited to have the afternoon PreK/K Extended Care program back this year. This program is for children in the School Day schedule, until 3:00pm. Parents have the option of adding care to 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm.

Aaliyah and Edward recently joined DVMS as the Extended Care team.

Extended C Teachers



Aaliyah Harris

"I developed a passion for education while helping out in a Montessori classroom. I went to college with a Bachelor's in Child & Adolescent Development and have worked as a childhood educator for the past few years."



My name is Edward King. I have been in education for 10 years and I love being around kids. Teaching has been my whole life, so it's an obvious career in something I already have a lot of experience with. I'm married and have two children with my position in life due to my career. I have a great feeling I'm going to stay a long time at this job.

Enrichment Programs: Spanish, Music, and Soccer

It's not too late to sign up for Spanish with Miss Alma! [Click here](#) for more information

WANT TO LEARN SPANISH?



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



 Register



Music with Andrea is back!

Andrea is so excited to be back this year with GROUP PIANO LESSONS for your 3.6 - 5 year old

When: Mondays 9/11 to 12/18 3pm - 3:45pm

You can pay for the whole semester for a discount:

\$240 for 12 wks or by sessions, \$133 for 6wks
(9/11 - 10/23), (10/30 - 12/18)

*No classes

10/9, 11/20, 11/27

Please feel free to watch class at anytime to see what we do!

Join us for our last class in December for a small performance.

Visit www.musicwithandrea.com for class description or to find out about Birthday Parties and events and to contact Andrea with questions.



Coach Mike is looking forward to a fun fall of soccer! [Click here](#) to register. Classes are at 3:00pm Tuesdays starting on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Tip: just enter \$190 into the "donation" section to pay for the 10-week session.

Parent Education - What is Montessori??



Save the date! On **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.** Ms. Kylee, Jasmin Head Teacher, will guide us through a journey of all things Montessori. Who was Dr. Montessori? What is the purpose of these materials? What makes this philosophy so special? This is a wonderful opportunity to take a peek at what your child gets to experience each day.

We know you will enjoy this evening on campus with other parents and DVMS staff.



DVMS is an American Montessori Society Member School. This provides all of our teaching team individual AMS memberships allowing them access to various professional development opportunities and networking with other Montessorians around the globe.

As DVMS parents, you also have access to a wide range of parenting resources through AMS. This fall AMS is hosting a virtual class, *Your Child's Montessori Education: Early Childhood*. This class will give you insights into Montessori philosophy and how you can incorporate this into your home. [Click here for more information](#). A flyer is attached too! Use code MEMBER10 to save 10%.

DVMS MOMS' NIGHT OUT



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 30TH
@ 6:00PM

SKIP THE
BEDTIME ROUTINE
& COME
SOCIALIZE!

LAFAYETTE PUBLIC
HOUSE

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**DVMS DADS'
NIGHT OUT**

**Headlands
Brewing**

**Thursday,
August 31 @
6:00pm**

Important Dates!



Back to School/Orientation Nights:

*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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