



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

Welcome to the new school year! The children and teachers are so happy to be back. The classrooms are busy, yet peaceful as everyone settles into their daily routines. It is truly joyful!

The beginning of a new year can also feel unsettling for both children and parents. The following excerpt from Dr. Catherine McTamaney, Ed.D, author of the blog [Montessori Daoshi](#), sums up the experience and provides a comforting perspective:

"If your child asks if you will stay with them, remind them that their classroom is a special place that has been designed just for them. Assure them calmly and in simple terms that you know they're feeling that way is a way many children feel on the first day(s) of school."

Remind them that their teachers care about them and that you will be back promptly at the end of the day to hear all about how it went. Acknowledge the worry, but don't dwell on it. Your child will take their cues from you - demonstrating that you feel safe and sure about your choice of school for them will help them to feel that way too.

One of the most important gifts you can give your child is the time and space and eye contact to know that, even in curious times, they are loved and secure. A child who is excited can simultaneously be scared. A child who is scared can simultaneously be overwhelmed. A child who is overwhelmed can look quiet and peaceful. Keep the communication open with the other people you have trusted to do this work with you... Together as teachers, parents, and Montessorians, we are working to unwrap the extraordinary mystery each child brings... You're going to be ok. Your child will be too. But it's much nicer to be ok as part of a community that acknowledges all of those feelings than to think you're supposed to have it all together already."

Dropping off and picking up

We understand that morning drop off, especially between 8:30 am and 9:00 am can cause congestion in the parking lot. Here are some important tips to make drop off and pick up times as smooth as possible:

*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 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.

*Families with children in both IT House and PreK/K, please note that children must be signed in and out at their own program. For IT House, this is the child's classroom. Buttercup and PreK/K children may be signed in at the front gate, or IT gate (from 8:35am to 8:55am).

*The gates for Buttercup and PreK/K drop off close at 8:55am. If you arrive after that, please walk your child to the office to sign in. A DVMS staff member will escort your child to their classroom.

*If your Buttercup or PreK/K child is being picked up at any time outside of their scheduled departure, come to the office to sign them out.

Most importantly, if you have any questions at all, just ask! The teachers and office team are always here to help!

With gratitude,
Jayne

After School Enrichment Programs



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, 12, 19, 26

NOV 2, 9, 16, 30

DEC 7

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

[Click here](#) to register.

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Youth First Sports



Free KinderSoccer Class @
Diablo Valley Montessori
Tuesday August 29th
3:00pm
SIGN-UP TODAY!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
YOUTHFIRSTSPORTS.COM**

**Sign up sheet for the free class available in the DVMS
Office**

Coach Mike is back for another KinderSoccer session.

The fall session details are:

Dates: Sept 5th - Nov 7th (10 Classes)

Time: 3:00pm

Cost: \$190

[Click here](#) for more information and registration link

DVMS Family Fun



Thanks to our Parents' Club, DVMS has been invited to Cirque du Soleil: Corteo at the Chase Center.

Below is the link to purchase tickets. Please note: the show spans a number of dates and times and we have a variety of ticket price points to choose from, so if you'd like to link up with others you'll need to coordinate with them when you purchase your tickets (DVMS doesn't have blocks of seats assigned; it's first come first serve). Feel free to share this link with extended family and friends.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets and have some fun with your DVMS family.



Do you love fantasy football as much as you love DVMS? Then join our second annual fantasy football fundraiser! Buy-in is \$100, with half of the pot going directly to DVMS and the other half to the winning team. Parents, staff, and their family members are all welcome to play!

To find out more information or sign up, email Albert Liu at: emailsforalbert@gmail.com

Your Child's Montessori Education: Parent Education Opportunity



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%.

Important Dates!



August 15: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting

September 4: Labor Day DVMS Closed

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.

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