



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Your Child's Foundation at DVMS

"This is education, understood as a help to life; an education from birth, which feeds a peaceful revolution and unites all in a common aim, attracting them as to a single centre. Mothers, fathers, politicians: all must combine in their respect and help for this delicate work of formation, which the little child carries on in the depth of a profound psychological mystery, under the tutelage of an inner guide. This is the bright new hope for mankind."

– Maria Montessori

DVMS is a partnership of its teaching staff, parents, and administration. Raising our children is big work! At DVMS we deeply value our partnership with parents in this work together. It is such a joy for us to witness a child's journey from infancy through their Kindergarten year.

But don't just take our word for it. Here is what a DVMS parent has to say about how DVMS laid the foundation of learning and respect for their children:

"I am extremely lucky to have been able to send our kids to DVMS for their

Kindergarten year. I was hesitant at first, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions. They were already familiar with the routine at DVMS so they were immediately able to focus on getting the most out of their final year, and their brains were ready! The teachers here gave my children a rich individualized learning experience that they aren't able to offer in a traditional Kindergarten classroom. One of my favorite memories from last year was when they came home so thrilled to tell us about how the earth was formed along with the different eras. Hearing them discuss the Paleozoic era so proudly was such a joy to hear as a parent. They still talk about KE to this day! What a gift to be given the opportunity to learn so many large concepts at such a young age!

They learned how to mentor and work well with younger children. They reinforced what they were learning by helping the younger children learn it as well.

After an adjustment to a different learning style than they were used to, the transition to first grade went better than I could have ever imagined. They had the skills to make friends immediately and fit right in with their peers, seamlessly. Their first grade teachers have mentioned to me multiple times how impressed they are with their ability to be attentive for such long periods, helpfulness around the classroom and collaborating well with other students. In fact, my son was even celebrated in front of the entire school for demonstrating the character trait of respect during the first month of school. It's truly a testament to the teachers at DVMS. Our children were always treated with respect and their teachers helped instill how important it is to demonstrate it. DVMS gave my children so much more than just academics, they see the bigger picture and we attribute a big part of this success to their "capstone year" at DVMS. I'm so thankful for the well balanced foundation and education DVMS provided for my children that will serve them well throughout their life."



DVMS is delighted to host our annual coin drive this week, December 4th - December 15th. This is a long-standing DVMS tradition to raise money for the Contra Costa County Food Bank. Bring your coins directly to your child's classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Annie Myers at annieb@gmail.com.

After School Enrichment Programs: Kinderdance and Spanish



Jump, Dance, Move and Groove

WINTER SESSION- ENROLL NOW :)

Please see our Winter dates below (and Spring Session as an FYI). You are only enrolling for Winter Session currently. Please Enroll NOW at:

<https://kinderdanceeastbay.com/classes>

Winter Dates:

Jan. 11, 18, 25,
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8 Classes

Spring Dates:

Mar 7, 14,
April 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16
8 CLASSES

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 January 10th – May 22th 2024.

Curriculum (17 classes):

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

Registration @ www.mi-escuelita.com or



Parent Education



**FREE PARENT
WORKSHOP**

**January 23rd
7-8:30pm**

**Register on
Eventbrite**

Diablo Valley Montessori School presents...

The 3 Keys to Navigating Meltdowns, Tantrums, & Power Struggles with More Calm & Confidence

In this workshop, experience how to...

- COACH your child through their big emotions
- TEACH your child self-regulation tools
- KEEP your cool during tough moments
- AVOID the biggest mistake parents make during tough parenting moment



Learn how to stay calm, kind, and connected, even during the most challenging moments.



Vanessa Callaghan, MEd. is a proven educator known for her refreshingly honest, hands-on, and personal approach. She empowers parents struggling with their children's challenging behaviors to find the calm, confidence, and tools they need to build lifelong relationships based on love, respect, and appreciation.



Kathryn Dunn is an experienced educational occupational therapist with expertise in executive functioning, interoception, and visual perception related to dyscalculia and dysgraphia. She also specializes in comprehensive behavioral intervention for Tourette and Tic disorders. She resides in Richmond with her family.

Important Dates!



December 4 - 15: DVMS Coin Drive

December 21: Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

January 3: IT House reopens. PreK/K Extended Care days by reservation only, (sign ups available December 4th)

January 8: All classes reopen after Winter Break

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day DVMS Closed

January 16: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

January 23: Parenting Workshop with Vanessa Callaghan 7:00pm

February 6: What's Next for My Two-Year-Old Parent Education Evening 7:00pm

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