



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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"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 Coin Drive This Week



DVMS is delighted to host our annual coin drive this week, December 5th - December

9th. 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.

Kinderdance Winter Registration



Jump, Dance, Move and Groove

Calling all little dancers for the winter 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 Winter Session Dates are:

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2

[Click here](#) to register.



Important Dates!



December 5 - 9: DVMS Coin Drive

December 19 - December 23: Winter Break (No classes) for Buttercup and Preschool. Extended care for Preschool on a very limited basis.

December 23: DVMS Office closing at 1:30pm

December 25 - January 2: Winter Break for all classes and office. DVMS Closed

January 3, 2023: DVMS reopens

January 7: DVMS at the Golden State Warriors [Click here to purchase tickets](#)

January 12: 7pm Parent Education evening with Vanessa Callaghan "5 Kind and Clever Ways to Motivate Kids... without rewards and punishments"

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