



# Diablo Valley Montessori School

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*February 23, 2023*

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## **Message from Jayne**

Wow, it's already the end of February! Your children are busy learning every day, joyfully engaging with jobs, friends, and their beloved teachers. They work confidently, proud of their independence and accomplishments.

We are thankful for the many families that have come to observe the Preschool/Kindergarten classrooms and attended Parent Nights to have a glimpse of a child's day. Our Montessori classrooms are truly unique. The following link provides a great summary of how special our Montessori classrooms are as they prepare children through their Kindergarten year:

[click here](#)

Please take a moment to see why we know this is the best educational foundation for your child.

## Re-Enrollment

Re-enrollment for 2023-2024 for current DVMS students and siblings closes tonight. If you have not yet submitted your form, please do so. Next week we will begin reaching out to families in our deep waitpool. For children who are not returning, it is still important to complete the form. If you have any questions at all about your child's enrollment, do not hesitate to give us a call.

## Extended Care Sign Ups

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In March, the second Parent-Teachers conferences are taking place from the 21st through the 24th. During these days, all children except for the Sunflower class are dismissed before lunchtime. Extended care is available on a limited basis with spots given on a first-come first-served basis. The form to request extended care during conference week will be available at 11 am on Tuesday, February 28.

Spring Break, for Buttercup and Preschool/Kindergarten classes is the first week of April, (the 3rd to the 7th). Limited extended care for Preschool/Kindergarten children may be available. Sign ups and schedules for that care will open at 11am on Monday, March 6.

We are here for any questions, concerns, and comments! Just give us a call or send an e-mail.

Have a great week!  
Jayne





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## State of the School Yearly Report

I am happy to report our school remains as strong as ever and is well positioned for the future.

When we started the school year we focused on four main areas, teacher and staff recognition, transparency, campus improvements and the return of in-person events. We made progress in each of these focus areas and are on track to achieve our goals by the end of the year.

### Teacher and Staff Recognition

We have been able to deliver on recognizing, compensating, and retaining our teachers and staff. Through careful financial management, we have provided additional compensation and recognition for our teachers and staff. It goes without saying that our teachers and staff are so critical to DVMS. We will continue to prioritize our compensation packages while also balancing the school's over financial health. Our Finance Committee has been instrumental in partnering with the school

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administration in making this happen.

### Transparency

Increased and clear communication with parents has been a central focus this year. Our Communication Committee put our first ever DVMS annual report, which provided more insight into our school community, operations, and financial condition. In particular, it provided insight to how parent tuition and donated funds are being deployed. Behind the scenes, we have also augmented and updated our school policies and procedures. Our Policies and Procedures committee, working with our Head of School, have been critical in making these important updates as conditions continue to evolve.

### Campus Improvements

We are actively using our capital funds towards projects that have been delayed the past few years because of COVID. In the Fall of 2022 the windows in the campus were replaced, allowing for better weather and sound insulation – a significant improvement for both the teaching staff and the students. We also made a major sewer repair and a pest-control improvements. The long-awaited Wildflower Deck is scheduled for Summer 2023, as well as a handful of other projects related to campus safety improvements. We also laid the foundation for the future school operations, including an improved IT security environment, a new HR/Payroll system, and a review of our financials by an independent audit firm.

### In-person Events

The best part of our school year was getting back to the in-person events. School field trips, Fun Run, Annual Auction, book club, and the various events put on by our amazing Parents Club have really energized the school community. The Fundraising Committee has done an amazing job with the Annual Fund, which has allowed teachers to attend Montessori conferences which will further add value to our school and the addition of our first-ever Fantasy Football league was a great way to connect with the community. Additionally, our Auction Committee is doing a great job planning our Annual Auction in April.

In closing, there is a lot to be proud of at DVMS. We've got a great foundation and we are building for the future. I look forward to seeing how the school continues in future years.

Roger Tanaka, DVMS Board President

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## **Fiesta! DVMS Auction**

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SPRING AUCTION 2023

There is still time to get your ticket to the party of the year! Join us on Saturday, April 15 for the annual DVMS Auction.

Location: Cocina Hermanas, 501 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA

Theme/Attire: Casual Cocktail Attire

For those who did not go All In, Early Bird tickets are still available! To purchase yours [click here](#).

## **Class Fund-a-Need**

Your child's class FAN supports an "urgent need" specific to each classroom. Your donation goes directly to funding your classroom project (e.g. updated play structure, air conditioning unit, new garden). Each classroom with 100% participation will receive a class party. To donate to your class FAN [click here](#).

## **Individual Art Project**

Every year, each classroom designs a project children complete individually. Individual art projects will be billed at \$100/student. If you would like to opt out of receiving your child's individual art project, please email Deb Donnelly by March 2.

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Hope to see you all at the Auction!

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## **After School Soccer Class**



The children had a blast with Coach Mike at yesterday's free soccer class. Coach Mike is excited to come back in March to offer weekly classes each Tuesday afternoon. The spring session begins on Tuesday, March 7 and runs until May 23, (no classes March 21 or April 4)

Class time: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm or 3:30pm - 4:00pm  
Cost: \$65 per month  
Age: 3+

To register [click here](#)

For any questions, they email Coach Mike at [naybahudyouthfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:naybahudyouthfoundation@gmail.com) or call 415-228-6878.

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## **Important Dates!**



February 22: Jasmin Parent Night 5:30pm

February 23: Daisy Parent Night 6:00pm

February 28: Extended Care sign ups for Parent-Teacher Conference Week opens

March 2: Lavender Parent Night 5:30pm

March 3: Wildflower Parent Night 5:00pm

March 14: Buttercup Parent Night 5:00pm

March 16: Honeysuckle Parent Night

March 20: Teacher In-Service Day - No Classes

March 21 - 24: Parent Teacher Conference Week. All classes, (except Sunflower) dismissed prior to lunch. Extended Care on a limited basis.

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