



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

Welcome to 2024! I hope you had a marvelous holiday season.

There are so many exciting things ahead for us this year. In the coming weeks stay tuned for information about:

*Enhanced program offerings for the next school year

*Re-enrollment in early February

*2024-2025 instructional calendar

*Summer camps

*New Student/Family software

Parking Lot Grace and Courtesy

We all understand that the DVMS parking lot is small, creating congestion during peak drop off and pick up times. This can be frustrating when you may be in a hurry, however, it is still the responsibility of every member of the DVMS community to be respectful and safe.

Parking in non-designated spaces block other drivers, creating unsafe and frustrating conditions for others.

The west lot by IT House can be especially challenging in the morning. It is highly recommend taking a few extra minutes to use the eastern lot where parking is much more plentiful. Please note that left hand turns into DVMS from the eastbound direction are not permitted.

Thank you for your cooperation in respecting our community.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know!

In partnership,
Jayne

Join us in welcoming Hadas Trost & Rylee Heinz to the DVMS team!



Hadas Trost
Preschool Curriculum
Coordinator

What is your favorite thing about DVMS so far?

What strikes me right away at DVMS is the warm and inviting atmosphere. The environment of the school reminds me of the school I used to go to as a child, creating a nostalgic and comforting feeling. It's like stepping into a familiar place where I feel welcomed and at home, which adds an extra layer of connection and fondness to my experience at DVMS.

What are your favorite things to do outside of work?

In addition to spending as much time as possible with my family, I enjoy working in my garden or finding new projects to work on around the house. I often go to the beach or on nature walks to unwind, think, and relax.

Any fun facts or hobbies you'd like us to know about you?

I am a good cook but I can't bake



Rylee Heinz
Jasmin Assistant Teacher

What is your favorite thing about DVMS so far?

I love having so many different spaces that the children can learn and play in!

What are your favorite things to do outside of work?

I love to do circus aerial arts when I am not at work.

Any fun facts or hobbies you'd like us to know about you?

I am a personal trainer when I am not at DVMS and I love finding new hobbies of all kinds.

DVMS FUNdraising



A big congratulations to our two DVMS Fantasy Football Fundraiser champions:

Stem League: Cloudy w/ a Chance o Footballs managed by Patrick Larsen

Leaf League: Jordan Loves Tacos managed by Albert Liu

Thank you to all the participating parents and friends for raising \$900 to support the DVMS community. Stay tuned for a March Madness fundraiser coming up in the spring!

AMS Family Connection



Attached is this month's AMS Family Connection. Inside you will find informative articles that provide more insight into Montessori such as:

*What does "Following the Child" mean?

*Be careful saying "Be careful"

*Montessori materials

Parent Education Opportunities



**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.



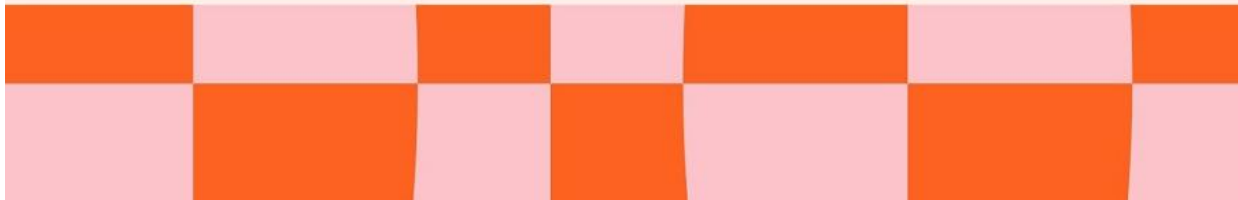
PARENT ED NIGHT

**“WHAT’S NEXT
FOR MY TWO-
YEAR OLD?”**

Tuesday,
February 6th,
7:00-8:00pm

This Parent Ed night is a must for parents who have not had children in preschool programs before! Not long after this meeting, you will be making Fall and then Summer enrollment selections for your child’s schedule. Attending this meeting will help you understand your options. Ms. Jayne will be answering many questions, such as:

- “Since preschool is not a year-round program like the Infant/Toddler house, what happens during the summer months, winter break, & spring break?”
- “If preschool starts at 8:45am, are there extended care options available before then?”
- “Can my child wear a diaper in preschool?”
- “What’s the difference in teacher:child ratio in preschool?”
- “What’s the curriculum like?”
- “What should I be doing now to prepare my child for preschool?”



Important Dates!



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

February 16 - 19: Presidents' Day Weekend DVMS Closed

March 18: Teacher In-Service Day. No classes for children

March 19 - 22: Parent Teacher Conferences. Half-day classes for all children (except Sunflower). Afternoon Extended Care by reservation. Sign-ups available mid-February

April 1 - 5: Spring Break. Infant Toddler House open. Extended Care for PreK/K children by reservation. Sign-ups available late February

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