



DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool

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Message from Jayne

Tis the season for illness. Unfortunately there is a COVID outbreak in the Infant Toddler House. As of this morning, there are five confirmed cases. Each person is doing their part in following the DVMS COVID Policy.

Our teachers are diligent in observing and assessing the well being of the children. In addition to general observation, we take care to follow guidance from Contra Costa Health and the California Department of Public Health. The decision to send a child home due to illness is never done lightly.

Our DVMS Health policy is for the benefit of everyone. Key points to remember:

*a child must be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school

*if a child vomits or has diarrhea, they need to stay home for 24 hours after the illness passes

*if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness such as pink eye, you must notify the DVMS office

*excessive runny noses and are sufficient reason for a teacher to send a child home if they feel it necessary

We understand that it is difficult to rearrange routines and schedules when a child is sick and needs to stay home. Giving your child the chance to recover at home is essential for many reasons. First of all, they need time to get better. Returning to school when they are not fully ready is stressful for our little ones. Secondly, when children are sick at school, other children and teachers are at risk of becoming ill, creating a domino effect for other families and staff.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping DVMS healthy for everyone!

2024-2025 School Calendar

Attached is the school calendar for 2024-2025. We aligned with the Lafayette School District for all key dates. Along with recognizing all Federal holidays, some dates to note include:

- *First Day of School: August 13
- *October 14: Teacher In-Service Day
- *October 15 - 18: Parent Teacher Conference Week (half day dismissal for all children except Sunflower)
- *November 25 - 29: Thanksgiving Break
- *December 23 - January 1: Winter Break for all classes
- *January 2 - 3: IT House Open, Pre/K Extended Care, Buttercup closed
- *January 6: All classes reopen for 2025
- *March 17: Teacher In-Service Day
- *March 18 - 21: Parent Teacher Conference Week (half day dismissal for all children except Sunflower)
- *March 31 - April 4: Spring Break for Buttercup and PreK/K classes
- *May 29: Last day of classes for the school year

If you have any questions at all, please let me know. I am always happy to chat.

Have a great week!
Jayne

Moms' and Dads' Nights



DON'T MISS OUR NEXT DVMS MOMS' & DADS' NIGHTS!



- **Moms' Night Out:**
Wednesday,
January 31 at
6:30pm (Lafayette
Public House)



- **Dads' Night Out:**
Thursday,
February 1 at
6:30pm
(Headlands
Brewery)



DVMS at the Golden State Warriors



SPECIAL GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS EXPERIENCE:

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets to the Warriors Game on Saturday, March 9th at 5:30pm (vs. the San Antonio Spurs). The first 15 kids (must be at least 5 years old) who purchase tickets will get to stand alongside the Spurs (on the court, pregame) to sing the National Anthem. This will be chaperone supervised, but not by parents.

We're giving current DVMS 5-6 year old students the opportunity to purchase tickets and earn this special experience through January 31st. After January 31st, older alumni siblings of current DVMS students will be eligible to participate (if space remains, must be at least 5 years old) on a first-come, first-serve basis. Don't wait to buy tickets, and let us know if you have any questions.

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 23: Parenting Workshop with Vanessa Callaghan
7:00pm

January 31: Moms' Night Out 6:30pm Lafayette Public House

February 1: Dads' Night Out 6:30pm Headlands Brewery

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

April 13: DVMS Auction

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see you soon



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dums 2024 auction

saturday / april 13th / bourbon highway

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