



**DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool**

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## **Message from Jayne**

Hello DVMS Families,

Our Montessori classrooms are wonderful, special places. As parents, it is so important to understand and see the environment where your child spends their days. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have not been able to invite parents onto campus for observations. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

In February, we want to give you a glimpse of the day-to-day activities here. We will host live Zoom observations for each class. These sessions will be 20 minutes in length, followed by a Q&A session. Look for an e-mail next week with the invitation.

You can also take a look at the Parent Education section of the DVMS web site. There is a list of resources and suggested readings to give you more insight into the magic of Montessori.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Jayne

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## **COVID Safety Measures**

Yesterday I attended an extensive Zoom meeting with representatives from Contra Costa Health and Community Care Licensing to hear about the latest COVID-19 guidance, recommendations, and ways to support our families.

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Next week, we will send out an updated DVMS COVID-19 policy with many of these updates and how various scenarios may affect our school and classrooms.

One key element of this updated guidance is shortening the length of quarantine for those who test positive, or those who are a close contact to a positive case from 7-10 days, to 5 days. This shorter time frame also requires that individuals test and wear well-fitting masks once the quarantine period is complete.

Hopefully everyone signed up to receive their 4 free kits this week. If not, here is the link: [click here](#)

Finding well-fitting masks for our children can be a challenge! The important features to look for are:

- mask straps fit comfortably over the ears
- the mask does not rest directly on the child's mouth. Look for more conical shaped designs
- use a lanyard so the mask does not fall on the ground if the mask slips or the child needs to remove the mask for eating and drinking.

Here are a few sites for children's masks recommended by parents:

[behealthyusa.net](http://behealthyusa.net)  
[everydayemail.com](http://everydayemail.com)  
[lutema.com](http://lutema.com)

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## Parent Education Events

### What's Next for My Two Year Old?

Moving from the Toddler classroom to Preschool is a big milestone and often comes with many questions. How is the program different? What new things will my child experience? How can I help prepare my child for the transition?

All of these questions and more will be discussed at our parent education evening on Tuesday, February 1 at 7pm on Zoom, (link coming soon).

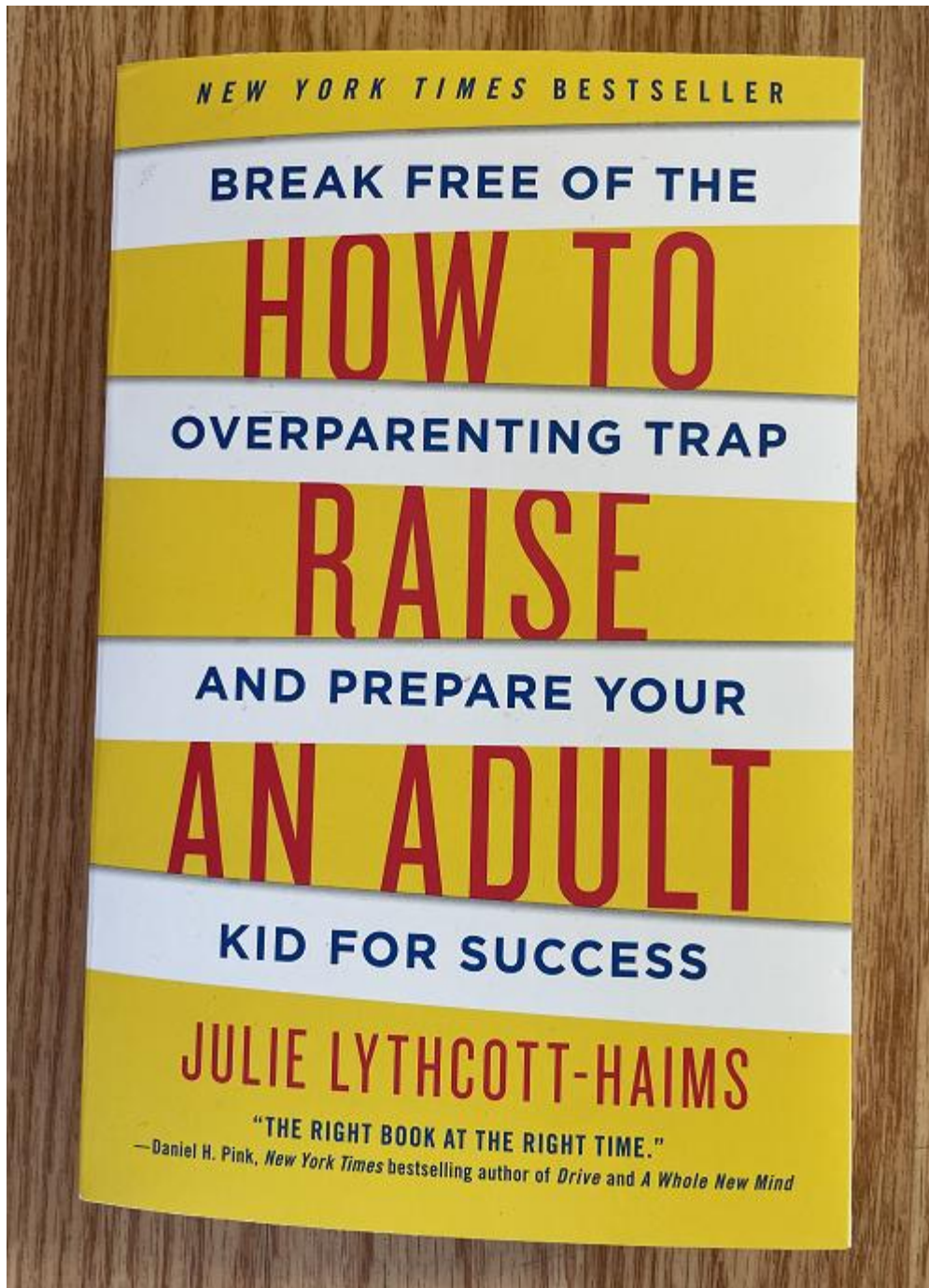
### Parent Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, February 8 at 8pm on Zoom for our first Parent Book Club meeting, (link coming soon).

Pick up your copy of [How To Raise An Adult](#) by Julie Lythcott-Haims. Don't worry, you needn't finish the book by February. We will discuss initial thoughts about the book's theme and plan the reading schedule together.

If you purchase on Amazon, make sure to use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) with DVMS as your charity of choice!

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## Important Dates!



February 1: "What's Next for My Two Year Old?" Parent Education Evening 7pm Zoom

February 7-23: Re-enrollment for current DVMS students and siblings

February 8: DVMS Parent Book Club - 8pm Zoom

February 18-21: President's Day holiday weekend - **DVMS Closed**

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