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Message from Jayne

January has been a challenging month with many illnesses affecting children and teachers. The Poppy class continues to manage a COVID outbreak with another child testing positive today.

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.

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

*if your child is taking any medication for an infectious condition, they must stay home while they are still infectious

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

2023-2024 School Year

Re-enrollment for current DVMS students and their siblings begins on Wednesday, February 8 and is open until Wednesday, February 22. This time can often raise many questions as children transition to the next level. We are here to help!

If you have a two-year old, please join us on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00pm for a special parent education evening, "What's Next for my Two-Year-Old?". We will walk you through how we support the children moving up and as parents, what is different about the preschool program.

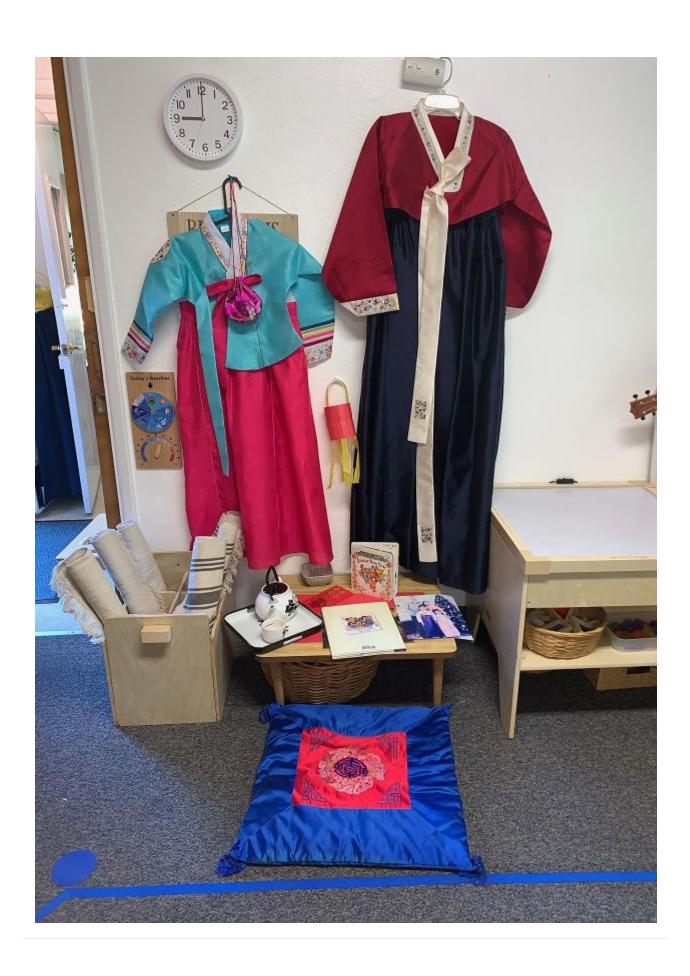
For parents of preschool children, you should have received an email from your classroom teachers inviting you to observe your child's class. I encourage you to take this opportunity to take a look at what makes the Montessori 3-6 year-old class so special. If you have any questions about your child's next steps, reach out to myself and your teachers. We are always delighted to speak with you.

To prepare for next year, the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar is attached for your review.

Happy Lunar New Year

This week many classrooms celebrated Lunar New Year. Lavender teacher Tina Bentel shared her family's traditional Korean dresses, known as Hanbok.

Have a healthy week! Jayne



Go All In for DVMS: Annual Auction

This week we launched ALL IN, a streamlined fundraising effort for the auction that will cover two tickets at the early bird rate, your contribution for one student's classroom fund-a-need project and the purchase of one student's individual art project.

If you go ALL IN you will be automatically entered to win a \$1,000 tuition credit!

Donations of \$500 and above will also generously support our capital improvement fund. Please see the attached flyer for more details and use this link to go ALL IN for the auction:

Click here

We hope you will go ALL IN for DVMS Today!



GO ALL IN FOR DVMS

TO STREAMLINE OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND PROVIDE A CLEAR, TRANSPARENT ASK.

WE DEVELOPED A PACKAGE WE CALL "GO ALL IN".

RATHER THAN A NEW DONATION REQUEST EVERY FEW WEEKS, THE "ALL IN" PACKAGE WILL COVER COVER TWO TICKETS TO THE ACTION AT THE EARLY BIRD RATE, YOUR CONTRIBUTION FOR ONE STUDENT'S CLASSROOM FUND-A-NEED PROJECT AND THE PURCHASE OF ONE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL ART PROJECT.

DONATIONS OF \$500 AND ABOVE WILL ALSO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT OUR GENERAL FUND
THAT CONTRIBUTES TO SCHOOLWIDE CAMPUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.

ALL IN: \$450
ALL IN SILVER: \$500
ALL IN GOLD: \$750
ALL IN PLATINUM: \$1,000

WE HOPE YOU WILL GO ALL IN

SCAN THIS OR CODE TO SIGN UP TODAY



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS YEAR'S AUCTION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.DVMS.ORG/GIVING/SPRING-AUCTION

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR DONATION
BY \$200 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD TO COVER THEIR CLASSROOM FUND-A-NEED AND ART PROJECT.

What Parents are Saying About DVMS

"There's nothing better than to witness your child enjoy learning and thriving at school!

We entrusted our daughter's kindergarten year here, and our entire experience, including KE, superseded our expectations! Her heartfelt stories, memories, and limitless curiosity remind us that she was in a very well-cultivated environment with the best teachers.

Montessori laid the foundation for her learning and socio-emotional understanding of the world and people around her. She's happily budding as a first grader at her current school. Our youngest is just beginning her preschool journey at DVMS, and we couldn't be happier!"

DVMS Fantasy Football



Congratulations to Dan Pfeiffer for getting first place in our inaugural fantasy football fundraiser! He'll take home a cash prize for defeating league parents (Kedar, Bryan, Shawn, Brandon, Dan, Mike, Jeff, Roger, Lea, and Albert), staff (Jayne), and staff family members (Andy). But most importantly, \$450 dollars of the money raised from the competition will go to DVMS to support the staff and the students!

Thank you to everyone who played, and please keep an eye out for when we do it all again next year!

Important Dates!



January 26: Daisy Parent Night 6:30pm

January 31: Petunia Parent Night 5:30pm

February 1: DVMS Mom's Night Out 7:00pm The Coop

February 7: "What's Next for My Two-Year-Old?" Parent Education evening 6:00pm -

7:30pm at DVMS

February 8: Lavender Parent Night 6:00pm

February 9: Petunia Parent Night 5:30pm

February 16: Honeysuckle Parent Night

February 17: February 20: Presidents' Day Holiday DVMS Closed

February 21: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

February 22: Jasmin Parent Night 5:30pm

February 23: Daisy Parent Night 6:00pm

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