



**Diablo Valley Montessori School**

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## **Message from Jayne**

Happy New Year!

2023 promises to be a wonderful year for our DVMS community.

Parents, we are looking forward to many opportunities to get together to learn and socialize.

\*To get things kicked off, be sure to join us next Thursday evening with parent coach and Montessorian Vanessa Callaghan as she presents "5 Kind and Clever Ways to Motivate Children with less rewards and punishments". The registration QR code is below.

\*On February 7th, toddler parents will want to be sure to attend "What's Next for My Two Year Old?" as you prepare for the Preschool/Kindergarten class.

\*Our Parents' Club have more Moms and Dads Night Outs planned. Stay tuned for dates and venues.

\*The party of the year, the DVMS Auction is on April 15. This is always an evening to remember. Be sure to save the date!

Campus improvements are continuing. The window installation is nearly complete. Some windows needed to be reordered; we anticipate those to arrive later this month or early February. In total, 94 windows were upgraded throughout the campus. The classrooms are much quieter and warmer! Thanks to the generous support of our

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community, more large capital projects and classroom improvements are in the planning stages for 2023.

Whenever work and renovations occur on campus, be assured that keeping our environment safe for the children and staff is always a top priority! DVMS has a comprehensive Illness and Injury Policy and our Board Safety Committee is responsible for the overall well being of our facility, reviewing and updating projects as needed to ensure the campus is not just safe, but beautiful, for our children and staff. Each day Jack Armendariz, our Facilities Manager, and I work closely to make sure each project is planned and executed safely. If you have any concerns regarding the improvement projects, please let me know! I am always happy to have conversations and address any questions that come up.

Thank you for your partnership as we enter another year together!

Jayne

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**Parent Education Night at DVMS Next Week**

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**FREE PARENT  
WORKSHOP**

**Thursday  
January 12th  
7-8:30pm**

**Register on  
Eventbrite**



Diablo Valley Montessori School presents:

## **5 Kind & Clever Ways to MOTIVATE children... with less rewards & punishments**

Experience how to...

- WIN your child's cooperation
- SUPPORT more focus & engagement in school, virtual learning, and family life
- TAKE ACTION to build more trust and mutual respect.
- USE ALTERNATIVES to punishments and rewards

**Let's get together for this highly interactive workshop to connect, exchange ideas & learn tools and strategies we can use right away!**



**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. Learn more about [Vanessa](#), her yearlong parent [Immersion](#), and join her free parent [Facebook Group](#) for weekly trainings.

## Enrichment Classes: Music (new) and Kinderdance



Andrea's Musical Adventures at DVMS presents:

Piano and Me group lessons for children 3.5 years to 5 years of age.

Join multi-award-winning

teacher, entertainer and songwriter Andrea Gaspari for this fun, educational approach to group piano lessons.

Reading, writing and performing music will be practiced and explored.

Through singing, games, instrument play and activities, children will learn finger number and letter placement, tonal and rhythm patterns, scales, and many other musical concepts as they pertain to the piano.

Class times:

Mondays 3:00pm at DVMS

January 23 - March 20, (no class February 20)

\$200

To register, bring an envelope with your child's name, classroom, and check payable to Andrea Gaspari to the DVMS Office.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Andrea.

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## *Jump, Dance, Move and Groove*

### Kinderdance

Calling all little dancers for the winter session of Kinderdance!

Ms Kira will be back offering her always-popular Kindertots and Kinderdance programs on Thursday afternoons. Kira's contact information and class descriptions are attached.

The Winter Session Dates are:

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2

[Click here](#) to register.

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### **AMS Family Connection**



"Since we have the means to guide the child, it is clear that the formation of man is in our hands. We have the possibility to form the citizen of the world and the study of the young child is fundamental to the peace and progress of humanity." - Maria Montessori

The Montessori classroom is a carefully prepared environment to inspire learning and an awareness of one's place in the world. In contrast to traditional child care and schooling, our classrooms are "a symbiotic relationship" between the child, the teacher, and the environment, each

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one influencing one another.

Attached is this month's AMS Family Connection publication. In addition to describing the prepared environment, it details one of the many unique features of the 3-6 year classroom, child-driven research. This element to Montessori education encourages children to follow their interests, develop a broader perspective of the world, all while working on their language skills. Please take a moment to learn more about what makes the Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten classroom so special.

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## Important Dates!



January 12: 7pm Parent Education evening with Vanessa Callaghan "5 Kind and Clever Ways to Motivate Kids... without rewards and punishments"

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day DVMS Closed

January 26: Daisy Parent Night 6:30pm

February 7: "What's Next for My Two-Year-Old?" Parent Education evening 6:00pm - 7:30pm at DVMS

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

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• SAVE THE DATE •

*It's Auction Time  
Let's Fiesta!*

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**SATURDAY | APRIL 15TH | 5PM  
COCINA HERMANAS, DANVILLE**



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