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Happy New Year! Welcome to 2022. This is going to be a wonderful year!

As we return from Winter Break, COVID continues to be a significant part of our lives. Thank you for all of your support! Your cooperation in having the children tested for their first day back was much appreciated. We did have some families impacted by COVID over the break; I am relieved that everyone affected is recovering well. Thank you for the timely and open communication with us!

Please be assured that we will continue to communicate any developments related to COVID. I know that information from various agencies can feel conflicting. As a child care provider, DVMS follows the guidance of Contra Costa Health. I am in regular contact with them to make sure the DVMS policies and procedures are current. If you have any questions or concerns, give me a call or send an email!

The Genius of Montessori

This year, one of our goals is to provide more opportunities for us to learn about Montessori. Yes this is an amazing school for your children to attend each day, but what does Montessori really mean? One of the best things about reading the "latest" news and articles from the many sources that pop up in my daily feed, is when modern

science connects to the Montessori philosophy and method. Time and again, "new" research validates the work of Dr. Montessori from a century ago. She really was a genius.

One article that popped up this week is from Psychology Today. It states that: "The researchers suggest that a Montessori curriculum boosts childhood and adult well-being by focusing on activities that promote self-determination (children in Montessori classrooms choose their own work most of the time and feel like they are in charge of their own education), meaningful activities (children only take part in activities for which the underlying reasons are clear), and social stability and cohesion (classrooms span three years during which children have the same teacher and peer group)."

Here is a link to enjoy the full article: click here

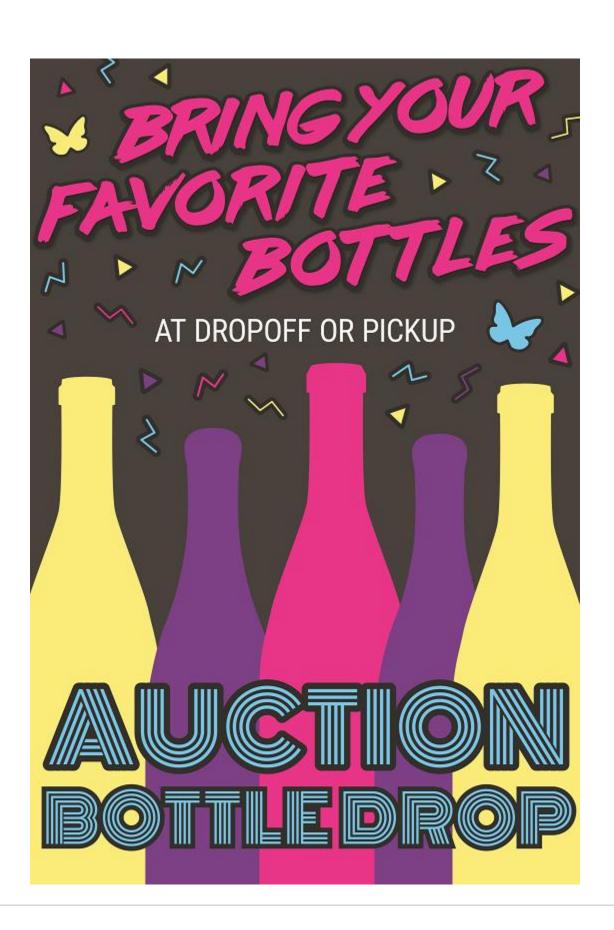
Wishing you health and happiness, Jayne

2022 DVMS Auction



2022 Auction Launch Party

Whether you are new to the school or a long-time family, please join us on Tuesday, 1/11 at 8:30pm via Zoom for an informational session about this year's totally awesome auction. This year's theme is Back to the 80s and we are looking forward to cutting footloose after a challenging couple of years. We have a series of fun, family-friendly activities leading up to the auction and can't wait to give you a radical preview. On Tuesday we will share what the auction is about, why it is important, what to expect and how you can get involved. Join for a chance to win a \$1,000 tuition raffle! Come with your questions, like, totally see you there dude!



Wine Week

You may have noticed posters in front of campus for our Auction Bottle Drop this week. The Auction Committee has two additional "Wine Weeks" planned before the big event in March so if you didn't get a chance to bring anything to campus this week, please make a point to bring something next time! Support from the DVMS community by way of donating a bottle of wine (or 3!) helps ensure the libations at the event never stop flowing and enables one of our unique fundraising opportunities like the Mystery Wine Grab. Thank you for your support!

DVMS Gives Back



Thank you for your generous donations to our Coats and Coins Drive in December. Several large bags and boxes of coats were delivered to One Warm Coat in Walnut Creek.

Additionally, all of the coins added up to \$157.01 for The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Important Dates!



January 11: Totally Tubular Auction Launch Party

January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **DVMS Closed**

January 18: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting

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

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

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

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