



**Diablo Valley Montessori School**

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## **Message from Jayne**

Happy Summertime at DVMS!

The cooler, overcast mornings have not dampened the excitement for the start of summer at DVMS. The Buttercup and PreK/K summer camps are underway with lots of fun activities and opportunities to meet new friends. We are pleased to introduce two new DVMS teachers to our PreK/K team, Nelita Antezana and Alex Maciel.

Our Infant Toddler House has been so patient over the past several months waiting on the permanent sewer lateral line replacement. Last week the job was finally completed. Needless to say it was a huge job. Thank you to our IT House families for your understanding last week.

This week demolition of the Cosmos classroom continues. During the heavy winter rains the room experienced flooding. Currently the mitigation service is assessing the level of work required along with testing for asbestos. We anticipate a full remodel of the room in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know!

In Partnership  
Jayne

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# Join us in Welcoming:



**Nelita Antezana**  
Co-Head P/K Teacher

- *Nelita loves to travel, hike in places like the rainforests of Costa Rica, and she enjoys reading & swimming.*
- *She was part of a choral group that sang Verdi's requiem in the Santa Barbara Granada Theatre, conducted by Nir Kabaretti.*
- *She previously owned her own preschool in Lafayette & has been teaching children in the Bay Area for the past 15 years.*



**Alex Maciel**  
Assistant PK  
Teacher

- *When she's not working, Alex enjoys hiking with her 14-year-old son.*
- *She was born in Mexico & moved to the Bay Area when she was 8-years-old.*
- *She has been teaching children in Montessori Schools since 2001.*

## Summer Kinderdance with Kira



## *Jump, Dance, Move and Groove*

Calling all little dancers for the summer 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.

[Click here](#) to register.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Summer time is a great time for lots of campus improvement projects!

[Click here](#) to find out about the opportunities available to volunteer or check out the links on our webpage. Keep checking back as more items will be added. These are great opportunities to fulfill your family's 15 hour work hours commitment before the end of July.

## Parent Education Event

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There is a special, free session coming up by Raising Our Resilience that we encourage you to attend.

The motivation struggle is real, and more common than you might think! (If you experience



power struggles with your kids, you're not alone). But, here's the good news → there are powerful tools and highly effective strategies that every parent/caregiver can add to their toolbox to help motivate their children without resorting to negative reinforcement.

And PS, these same motivational tools work for us adults, too. We get to learn right alongside our children - bonus!

Join parent educators Vanessa Callaghan, MEd. and Dr. Luz Casquejo-Johnston at 7pm on **Thursday, June 15th**. They'll show you ways to...

\*Solve problems and establish cooperation, together

\*Encourage your child to be a responsible and active member of your family and community

\*Raise an empowered, self-determined, and independent child

\*Empower resilience in the face of challenges and setbacks

End those unnecessary power struggles and get your kids on board with routines, expectations, etc., all while building more positive relationships. You got this!

**Register for this free, interactive masterclass** and learn 5 proven strategies for the whole family with 2 motivation researchers by [clicking here](#)

What is it? A highly interactive masterclass with motivation researchers Vanessa Callaghan, MEd., and Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston, 5 Motivation-Boosting Habits: Eliminate power struggles for good!

Who is it for? Parents and caregivers seeking tools and strategies to motivate their children without negative reinforcement.

When is it? Thursday, June 15th @ 7pm PT

\*Yes, there will be replays available for about a week

Where is it? We'll be in a virtual Zoom Room - Please be sure to register so Vanessa can send you our Zoom link and handy email reminders.

How do I sign up? [Click here](#)

Who are the presenters?

Vanessa Callaghan, MEd. is the lead coach and founder of Raising Our Resilience. 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. You can learn more about Vanessa and her motivation research, her yearlong Parent Immersion, and are invited to join her free parent Facebook Group where she shares her top tips in weekly trainings.

Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston has over two decades of experience in the field of education. Over that time as a classroom teacher, principal and professor, Dr. Luz has worked with hundreds of parents to create families that learn and grow together, with a special focus on intrinsic

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motivation and relationship-building practices. She currently consults with schools, parent groups and individual families to share her warmth and wealth of knowledge.

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## Important Dates!



June 19: DVMS Closed in observance of Juneteenth

June 20: First Day of PreK/K Summer Session #2

June 30: Last Day of PreK/K Summer Session #2 and Buttercup Summer Session #1

July 3 - 4: DVMS Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 5: First Day of PreK/K Summer Session #3 and Buttercup

Summer Session #2

July 14: Last Day of PreK/K Summer Session #3

July 17: First Day of PreK/K Summer Session #4

July 28: Last Day of PreK/K Summer Session #4 and Buttercup Summer Session #2

July 31: DVMS Closed

August 1 - 7: DVMS Teacher In-Service Week. No classes for children

August 8: First Day of School for IT House, Transition Week for Buttercup and PreK/K programs

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