



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

Last week I had the privilege of attending the American Montessori Society's annual conference in Orlando. It was, as always, an inspiring few days of professional development learning as well as connecting with mentors and colleagues from across the country. The theme of the conference was "Standing Together", a reminder of how we have the power for positive change. I am excited to bring back many new ideas and perspectives to our DVMS community.

As Montessorians we truly believe that we can build a better world through our children. A key element of this pursuit is the commitment to respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion. This year Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston has led the DVMS team as we examine our own approach to DEI. On Monday, March 18, the DVMS team has the final workshop in this series with Dr. Luz as part of the in-service day. Please note that there are no classes for the children on Monday.

Parent Teacher Conference Week Early Dismissal

From Tuesday March 19 through Friday March 22, all classes, except for Sunflower, will be dismissed prior to lunch. To make sure our parking lot is safe and traffic moves smoothly, please be mindful of the pick up times:

*Buttercup - all children must be picked up by 11:30am. Any PreK/K siblings can be picked up at this time too.

*Poppy: 11:30 am

*PreK/K (Jasmin, Petunia, Honeysuckle, Lavender and Daisy) carpool 11:40 am - 11:55 am

*Wildflower: 12 noon

We understand that our parking lot will be very busy during these times. Please be especially mindful of the flow of traffic and appropriate parking spaces to ensure everyone is safe. Be efficient when picking up your child and vacate the lot as soon as possible so others can use the space.

With appreciation,
Jayne

Parent Education Opportunities

All About Language

RSVP by [clicking here](#)



Parent Education Night

ALL ABOUT LANGUAGE

You are cordially invited to our Montessori Language Education Night, an insightful evening designed to explore the fascinating world of language development through the Montessori approach. Whether you're new to Montessori or have been part of our community for years, this event promises valuable information and engaging discussions that will enhance your understanding of how language is nurtured in the Montessori environment.

Session Highlights:

- Discover the Montessori philosophy behind language acquisition and literacy development.
- Gain practical insights into how language skills are cultivated in our classrooms.
- Learn about the importance of language-rich environments and how you can support language development at home.
- Engage in hands-on demonstrations of Montessori language materials.
- Participate in Q&A sessions with our experienced Montessori educators.

Date: Thurs., Mar. 21

Time: 6 - 7:30pm

Location: Jasmin Class

[CLICK HERE](#) RSVP



RSVP

Please [CLICK HERE](#) RSVP by Monday, March 18th to reserve your spot.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the wonders of Montessori language education with you!

The Calm Empowered Parent



To the parents and caregivers in our community... parenting can be hard on the heart, right?! Especially when the societal expectation is that parents should already know everything they need to know about raising children and struggle to learn the rest on the job all while stressed out and tired.

Combine that with feeling like our kids are not only practically our hearts walking outside of our bodies, but were also put here to test our patience. It's no wonder emotions run high and we sometimes lose our cool!

That's why we're so excited to share this incredible resource with you.

A friend of our school and talented parent empowerment coach, Vanessa Callaghan, is launching her brand new podcast, **The Calm Empowered Parent**, where she'll share practical parenting strategies, heartwarming anecdotes, expert wisdom, and hands-on guidance that will leave you feeling calm and empowered, and will challenge the myth that parents have to pull off perfect parenting from the start.

And to kick it all off, she dropped the first 2 episodes on Monday, March 11th! Next she'll be hosting The Calm Empowered Parent Podcast Launch Party, on March 18th at 6pm PT.

And you're invited!!

Register by [clicking here](#).

Vanessa sparks conversations that illuminate the path to a calm and empowered approach and leave you feeling poised, connected, and tapped into the boundless potential of your family.

During the launch party, you'll also enjoy exclusive party perks, such as:

- *Gain access to downloadable resources and parenting tips.
- *Enter exciting giveaways and win fantastic prizes.
- *Connect with like-minded parents and build a supportive community.

Register now for an evening of inspiration, insights, and transformation that will lead to a brighter, more connected future for your family.

PS If you're wondering more about [Vanessa Callaghan, MED](#), she is the lead coach of the Raising Our Resilience team, an invaluable group dedicated to empowering caregivers and children to build rock-solid relationships based on love, respect, and appreciation.

DVMS Auction



Let the one month countdown begin!

For those who did not go ALL IN, auction tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#).

Auction Date: Saturday, April 13th 5pm-10pm

Location: Bourbon Highway, 1677 N Main St, Walnut Creek

Theme/Attire: Boots and denim or country cocktail — your finest western wear is optional!

Class Fund-a-Need

This year the school Fund-a-Need is a hillside garden that runs along the back of our campus with raised beds and trees for each class to tend! With the fruits and vegetables we grow each class will have the opportunity to eat the food they are growing for snack time and participate

in special cooking projects! Your donation goes directly to funding this year's school garden. Each classroom with 100% participation will receive a class party. To donate to the FAN [click here](#).

Hope to see you all at the Auction on April 13th!

Social Time!



If the Daylight Savings switch has been hard for you, think about the teachers too and consider donating to the **DVMS March Madness Fundraiser! Today is the last day** to donate \$50 per bracket to support **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We'll crown a winner for both the men's and women's tournaments. Sign up by [clicking here](#) or send questions to Albert at emailsforalbert@gmail.com.

DVMS BOOK CLUB

Thursday,
March 27,
6:30-7:30pm

Join us for a
social hour, light
appetizers, and
discussion on
the book!



Important Dates!

March 13: Dads' Night Out 6:30pm Headlands Brewing

March 14: Moms' Night Out 6:30pm Headlands Brewing

March 18: Teacher In-Service Day. No classes for children

March 19 - 22: Parent Teacher Conferences. Half-day classes for all children (except Sunflower). Afternoon extended care registration closed.

March 21: Parent Education Night "All About Language" 6:00pm

March 27: DVMS Book Club 6:30pm *Present over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic For A Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living* by Shauna Niequist

April 1 - 5: Spring Break. Infant Toddler House open. Extended Care for PreK/K children by reservation. Sign ups available in Brightwheel now.

April 13: DVMS Auction

May 8: May Day Celebration 10:00am

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