



**DiabloValley Montessori School**

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*March 25, 2022*

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## **Message from Jayne - Auction and Conference Time!**

Another busy week at DVMS!

Tomorrow is the event we have all been waiting for - the Back to the 80s Auction. I am excited to see so many of you there. Thank you to everyone who has generously sponsored and contributed to this important fundraiser for DVMS!

Next week is a special week on campus. Please make note of the schedule changes:

\*Monday is a Teacher In-Service Day. Classrooms are closed for the children.

\*On Tuesday through Friday, March 29-April 1, the afternoons are reserved for Parent-Teacher conferences. I hope everyone has signed up to meet with your child's teachers for these important conversations. Preschool children not in reserved extended care will be dismissed at 11:45am. Poppy and Wildflower children not in reserved extended care will be dismissed at 12noon. Please be patient and drive carefully in our parking lot during this extra-busy time.

Just like conference week in October, I am also offering up times to meet and discuss any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have. Here is a link to the Sign-up Genius: [click here](#)

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Of course, I am always happy to arrange a time to talk with you any week of the year. Just let me know when you would like to meet.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Jayne



Thank  
you!

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## COVID Policy Updates

On Wednesday a change to the DVMS COVID-19 policy was announced. Effective March 29, 2022, masks will be optional. The fully updated DVMS COVID-19 policy is attached for your review. It includes revisions for masking and updated guidance from Contra Costa Health regarding isolation requirements in the event of exposure to a positive COVID-19 case.

Today we had the opportunity to implement the revised guidelines. A staff member in the Daisy classroom tested positive for COVID-19. Because the exposure was at school, we will follow these steps:

- The Daisy class remains open.
  - All **asymptomatic** individuals, regardless of vaccination status, may continue to attend DVMS as long as they remain symptom free.
  - Close contacts must wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after exposure.
  - Recommend testing on Day 5 after exposure.
  - Continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
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With Spring Break coming up there have been many questions about the travel policy and the need for unvaccinated children to quarantine after out-of-state travel. Yes, the CDC still recommends that any unvaccinated person isolate for 5 days after returning and take an antigen test on 3-5 days after their return. This is the guidance DVMS currently follows. [click here](#)

COVID-19 continues to be a presence in our daily life. As restrictions loosen, we still need be careful to protect our community. We rely on families to make wise choices and follow the health policy for ALL illnesses so that our children and staff stay healthy.

## Parking Lot Safety

The safety of our families is vitally important. Recently there have been many reports of unsafe driving practices at DVMS.

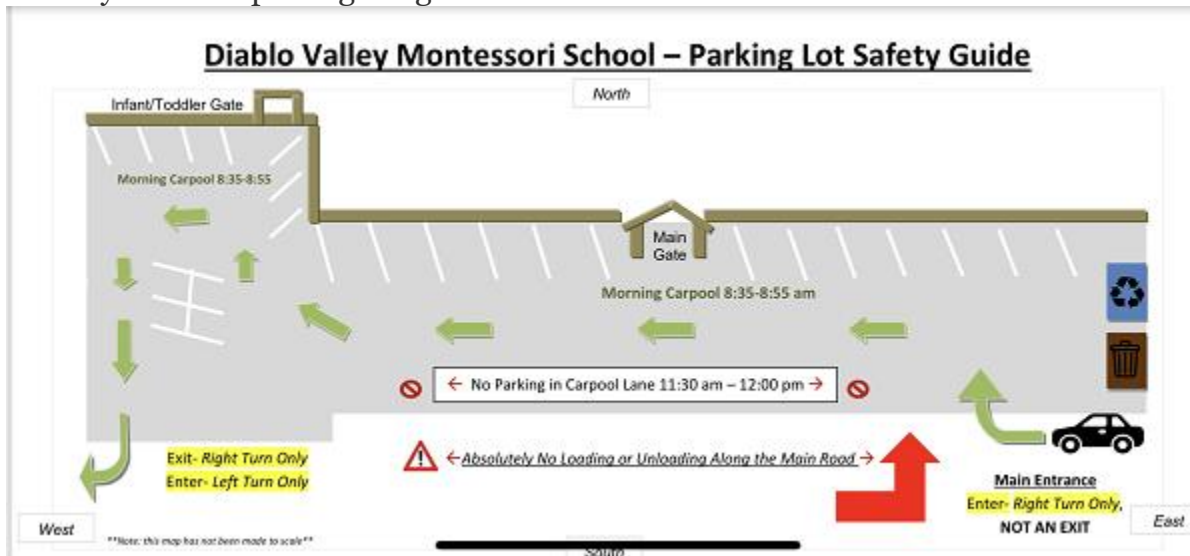
We understand that the entrances to our parking lots can be a challenge to navigate, especially during busy times or when parents are running late. However, adhering to our traffic regulations is expected for the safety of everyone.

Please remember the following regulations as stated in the Parent Handbook:

- Left hand turns into the east parking lot are not permitted.
- Exiting is not permitted from the eastern entrance (by the dumpsters)
- Help alleviate gridlock by turning right out of the western entrance
- Respect the disabled parking space in front of the Infant Toddler House.

If there are violations of these regulations, fines may be imposed.

Thank you for respecting the guidelines.



## Important Dates!



March 26: DVMS Back to the 80s Auction

March 28: Teacher In-Service Day - **No classes**

March 29-April 1: Parent-Teacher Conferences. Early dismissal for all children. Extended care available on a limited basis.

April 4-8: Spring Break for Buttercup and Preschool classes. Preschool extended care available on a limited basis

April 19: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting -7:30pm

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