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### Message from Jayne

The Spring rains continue to fall. We are all looking forward to warmer, dryer days when the children can engage in outdoor activities, yet even with the rain, the children are enjoying some outside time in their wet weather gear. They keep smiling and laughing! Someone once said "There is no bad weather, just bad clothes".

The DVMS campus has certainly felt the effects of the rain. Please be mindful of running water in the parking lots!

Over Spring Break, work to repair foundations, concrete, and install drainage will begin on the east side of campus. The hillside at the back of DVMS is saturated from the rain and run off from the neighboring properties above. Further work will be needed throughout the summer to stabilize the buildings and retaining walls.

The Cosmos classroom has also experienced periodic flooding. In the coming weeks we will assess the overall damage and plan to complete repairs over the summer months.

Safety

Once again the news of a school shooting in Nashville broke our hearts. Having to prepare for such tragedies as school shootings is beyond disturbing, yet something we must do.

DVMS has a comprehensive Emergency Plan which includes events such as an intruder on campus. At the beginning of the year, the teachers practice these scenarios during our In Service Week. Additionally we review the procedures in staff meetings, and sadly again, when we hear of a shooting elsewhere. Each month we hold fire drills so the children are familiar with the process of following their teachers quickly. They know they are safe.

If you have any questions about our preparedness policies, please let me know.

#### Preschool/Kindergarten Summer Camp

Enrollment for the 2023 Summer Preschool/Kindergarten camps is underway. Demand is higher than ever before. In contrast to the academic year, the summer program is limited to 3 classrooms. Our teachers take this time to recharge and spend time with their families. We also have many campus improvement projects planned which may require limited access to some areas and classrooms.

As noted in the brochure and in the enrollment forms, spaces are prioritized for returning DVMS children and siblings of children in IT House. Submission of the enrollment form does not guarantee a spot.

The office is busy processing all requests for the summer program. We are carefully assessing each application to serve as many children as possible. This week we are contacting families who are unlikely to receive a spot. In some cases shorter day schedule may be available in order to accommodate the children.

This week, and in the weeks ahead, we are recruiting for more summer staff with the hope of adding more children to the program.

We appreciate your patience with this process and understand that families may be disappointed to not receive their first choice, or even a spot at all. We are doing our best to accommodate as many children as possible.

We are here for any questions, concerns, and comments! Just give us a call or e-mail.

Have a great week! Jayne



### **Fiesta! DVMS Auction**



Last chance to get your tickets to the auction --only a few tickets left. Hurry and get yours before it sells out!

When: Saturday, April 15.

Where: Cocina Hermanas, 501 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA

Attire: Casual Cocktail

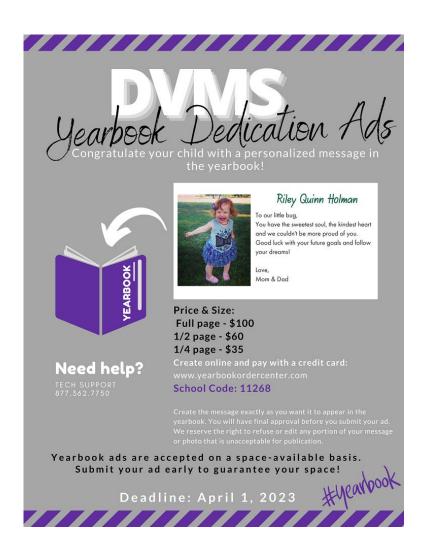
To purchase your tickets <u>click here</u>.

### Class Fund-a-Need

There is also still time to support your child's class FAN to support an "urgent need"

specific to each classroom. Your donation goes directly to funding your classroom project (e.g. updated play structure, air conditioning unit, new garden). Each classroom with 100% participation will receive a class party. To donate to your class FAN <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

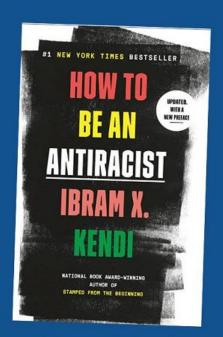
### **DVMS Yearbook - Last Chance to Submit an Ad**



## **DVMS Book Club**

Parents & Teachers,
Join us again for Book Club on
Wednesday, April 26th at
6:30pm @ DVMS.

Come to discuss
the book and
socialize with your
DVMS community.



This month's book)

### **Important Dates!**



April 3 - 7: Spring Break for Buttercup and Preschool/Kindergarten classes. Extended Care on a limited basis.

April 11: Jasmin Parent Night 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

April 15: DVMS Auction 5:00 pm

April 18: Buttercup Parent Night 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

April 18: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 pm

April 26: DVMS Book Club 6:30 pm

April 28: Wildflower Parent Night 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

May 5: May Day Celebration 10:00 am

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