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"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child." - Maria Montessori

Dear DVMS Families,

The war in Ukraine, with the unimaginable suffering and loss has touched our community. We have seen horrors in the coverage of this conflict, yet we also see the beauty of humanity coming together. Yesterday our children and teachers gathered to sing "Light a Candle for Peace". It was a simple, yet powerful way for us to send love and peace to others. Today, so many families generously donated supplies, with such little notice, to aid children fleeing their homes in Ukraine. Thank you!! Every act of love and kindness can make a difference in our world.

Our children need love and security. Helping them understand what is happening in the world is difficult, especially when even as adults, we often struggle to reconcile events. Kylee, our Jasmin Head Teacher, sent the following message to her class. It is an important perspective for us hear:

Children absorb information (see and hear), in ways that we, as adults, really cannot understand. A child's world is so unique to their experiences up to this point in their life. We must tread lightly so we do not do any unintended harm.

When the news is playing or adults are conversing about topics such as war, children listen. It is SOOOOO important to protect children from what is going on in the world and offer information to them in a way that is age appropriate and understandable to them.

When in doubt, less is more. Focus on love, kindness, and compassion.

*Here are ways we are talking about the Ukraine and Russia Conflict:
Russia is not being kind to Ukraine right now. Ukrainians need our love and support however we can give it.*

Not every Russian agrees with hurting Ukraine. All humans are the same. We all need love and safety.

The person that is making choices to hurt Ukraine needs lots of love too. Anyone who hurts people is hurting in their own heart.

Please consider how you will have a conversation with your child about what is going on in the world.

How do you want them to be in the world?

How do you want them to feel about the world? How will you help them feel the world is a safe place and that they have the power to help keep it a safe place?

Please seriously consider turning off the news around your children. As adults, we barely have the bandwidth to process this information, and they certainly do not.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,
Jayne

Upcoming Registrations

As mentioned last week, there are many events happening in March. Mark your calendars for important dates!

*On Monday, March 7, parents of preschool students can sign up for extended care during Spring Break. The form will be available in the Parent Portal at 12 noon. Our staff and students look forward to this break with family and the opportunity to rest during this time. The Spring Break extended care will be from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday-Friday. Space is limited to 12 children.

*On Tuesday, March 8, registration for Buttercup and Preschool Summer School opens. You will find the form in the Parent Portal at 12 noon. The brochure detailing the sessions was sent via email and is posted on our website.

Back to the 80s Auction



Only 3 weeks until the party of the year! The Auction committee, teachers, and children are all working hard to make this event amazing! We hope to see you in your brightest 80s outfits on March 26.

Thank you to our Parent Club volunteers and everyone who dropped off bottles and cans this week to help stock the bar!

If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, [click here](#) to buy them today.

The auction is also our largest fundraiser for DVMS. Everyone has the chance to go ALL IN for DVMS. This contribution level starts at \$300 and gives you:

- your child's individual art project, a one-of-a-kind keepsake
- a spot in your child's class party
- a contribution to your classroom Fund A Need

[Click here](#) to go ALL IN now.

Important Dates!

March 7: Preschool Full-day Extended Care sign-up forms available for Spring Break.

March 8: Summer Preschool Registration Open



March 22: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting - 7:00pm

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

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