



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

May is here! Another school year is coming to an end. I am always amazed to look back to August and see how much the children have grown and blossomed.

Preparations for our May Day celebration are in full swing. We are excited to have the community come together this Friday to enjoy the children's performances. We also know this is special event to capture on video and with pictures to share with extended family and friends. Thank you for being mindful that other families may not want their children in social media posts. More details about volunteering, parking etc. are below.

Parent Surveys

We want to hear your feedback! This year we revamped the end-of-year survey to capture your thoughts in three specific surveys:

- Your child's classroom
- DVMS as a whole school
- DVMS Board and Head of School

Each survey is designed to take between 5 -10 minutes. Be assured that your feedback will be only be shared with the appropriate parties, (teachers, DVMS staff), in a way that

respects you and your child's privacy. Surveys will be available in your Brightwheel account soon.

Thank you in advance for completing the surveys and sharing your thoughts with us!

Lost and Found

We have quite a collection of jackets, sweaters, and accessories in the Lost and Found. If you see any items hanging on the clothes line by the soccer field that look familiar, please claim them. Occasionally we have items of larger value than clothing that are misplaced on campus. Those can be claimed by inquiring at the office.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday!
Jayne

Kindergarten Enrichment at the Oakland Zoo



May Day - Friday May 3rd

May Day is almost here! We hope to see many parents this Friday, May 3 at 10:00 am to celebrate Spring with us.

To make this a special celebration, we ask that parents volunteer to contribute bouquets of flowers to decorate the field. These can be dropped off with your child in the morning. We are also looking for some volunteers to help decorate and clean up. Here is a link to the Sign Up Genius:[click here](#)

Due to limited space around the soccer field, please understand that this is a parents

only event. Younger siblings may attend as long as they are with a parent.

Parking

*PARK OFF CAMPUS due to the fact that our parking lot cannot accommodate so many cars at one time. Only staff and designated volunteers with Parking passes will be allowed to park on campus the day of the event.

*Parking is not permitted anywhere in our neighbor's lot, (the gray house).

*Please be respectful when parking on side streets. We strongly recommend carpooling and parking in designated spaces along Brown Avenue and into downtown Lafayette. It should be a pleasant morning for a walk!

After the Event

With parents being allowed at the event you can be sure some children will have a hard time saying goodbye to their parents. If your child sees you and has a hard time recovering it may be a good idea to consider taking your child home. If this is something you anticipate please let your classroom teachers know so we can prepare your child.

ALL CHILDREN MUST RETURN TO THEIR CLASSROOM AFTER THE MAY DAY DANCE regardless of pick up time. All children must be signed out through the office if they are leaving prior to their usual time. Jayne and Melissa will be available to sign out and collect children that may be leaving early. Again, please let your classroom teachers know if this is your plan.

AMS Family Connect



The Montessori method of teaching is unique in so many ways. Dr. Montessori understood that by actively participating in their lessons, children gain both knowledge and self-confidence. The Three-Period Lesson is how teachers present lessons, an engaging and fun way to learn.

This month's AMS Family Connect, (attached), has two interesting articles, one on the Three-Period Lesson and the other about apologies. Learning how and when to say "Sorry" is a life-long lesson too.

Summer Music Camp with Andrea



Calling all DVMS knights, Princesses, Dragons and Fairies.

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Come join us for an adventure in the enchanted forest. Kiss a frog to find a prince. Help St George teach the dragon manners. Go to the ball with Cinderella. Help Maui and Moana return the heart of Tefiti or build a snowman with Elsa and Anna.

Campers choose 4 of 12 stories to dance through, sing with, act out or tell with a puppet show. We'll craft some props and costume pieces and perform for our families.



Only space for 12 children.

June 3 - June 14
Daily 3 pm - 4 pm

Performance for families on Friday June 14 at 3:15 pm.

To register: leave a \$225 check in my folder made out to Andrea Gaspari in the DVMS office with your child's name, and room.

Important Dates!



May 3: May Day Celebration 10:00am

May 8: Moms' Night Out Headlands Brewing 6:00pm

May 9: Kindergarten Enrichment Presentation Night 4:30pm

May 15: Dads' Night Out Headlands Brewing 6:30pm

May 23: Last Day of School for 2023-2024

May 24 - 29: In Service Days. No classes for children

May 30: Infant Toddler House reopens

June 3: Summer Camps begin for Buttercup and Preschool/Kindergarten

June 19: DVMS Closed in observance of Juneteenth

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