



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

Wow, here we are in May! With just a few weeks left in the school year, it is a busy time wrapping up classroom lessons, activities, and of course, celebrating as a community.

Let's all hope that today's rain is the end of the wet weather. We are counting on a beautiful May Day celebration this Friday. Please take a moment to review all the important details below.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Every member of our teaching staff deserves to be recognized for the incredible work and love they give to your children each day. Thank you for taking the time next week to show how important they are to your child and family. Jesse Abhyankar, Parents' Club Board Member, our Room Parents and volunteers are working to provide extra special experiences for our teaching teams in the week ahead. Thank you!!

Each year brings changes and opportunities for our teaching teams. Just as we follow each child, we honor each faculty member's personal and professional journeys. Please join me in congratulating the following individuals:

*Our DVMS family is growing! Brittney Braselton, Daisy Co-Head Teacher will be welcoming a newborn in early September. We are excited to meet Baby Braselton when he joins the Sunflower classroom in January, and Brittney returns from her family leave. Brittney will be with us for two summer camps and in the Daisy class throughout August before Baby arrives.

*Courtney Mathews, Assistant Teacher in Petunia is taking her passion for the Montessori method to the Daisy classroom for the next school year to support Jessica and Shawna.

*Dawn Feegrado, Assistant Teacher, has been an integral part of DVMS and the Daisy since 2017. Dawn is making a move into the Real Estate profession at the end of May.

*Ashley Seaver, Assistant Teacher in Jasmin, will be moving back to Las Vegas after the summer camps. DVMS has been a second home for Ashley since 2013. We were so fortunate to have her back with us this year!

*Tina Bentel, Co-Head Teacher in Lavender, is graduating from DVMS along with her youngest child at the end of May. It is an exciting new chapter for her family.

*Sharon Duarte, Preschool/Kindergarten Curriculum Coordinator and Kindergarten Enrichment Head Teacher is moving to back to Portugal. We are so thankful for Sharon's work to ensure that our PreK/K and KE programs are truly authentic Montessori experiences for the children.

While we are very sad to see our dear teachers and colleagues leave DVMS, it is always a top priority to build our team with the most inspiring teachers who provide the children with the very best Montessori education. I look forward to sharing more news about the 2023-2024 teams in the weeks ahead.

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

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday!
Jayne

May Day This Friday



We are excited to welcome parents back to May Day in person this year!

Parents may come and watch as each class performs a dance to celebrate this beautiful time of year. The program begins at 10:00am.

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.

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

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 this year you can be sure some children will have a hard time saying goodbye as all parents exit after the event. 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.

DVMS Food Drive - Thank you!

Thank you all for contributing to our DVMS food drive, benefiting the Food Bank of Contra Costa County. We collected 3 large barrels of food. In addition, our virtual fundraiser exceeded our goal, providing more than 500 meals to families in need. You can still donate online by [clicking here](#)



Summer Dance Class with Andrea

Join Andrea Gaspari of Andrea's musical adventures for Castle tales musical theater camp this summer.

June 5 - June 16
3pm - 4pm

Follow us over enchanted lands and seas. You're young actor or actress, (aged 3.5 - 5 years), will love helping Moana and Maui return the heart of te fiti, getting ready for the ball with Cinderella, kissing frogs to find a prince or fighting the dragon with St George and so much more like singing songs, playing acting games, dressing up and crafting their own costumes and props.

A performance for our families happens the last day of camp, June 16

Space is limited to 12 children
Don't miss out sign up today!

To register, bring your check for \$200 made out to Andrea Gaspari in an envelope, (on envelope put your child's name and DVMS classroom), to the DVMS office.

See you soon!!!

See below for Important Dates

Important Dates!



May 5: May Day Celebration 10:00 am

May 13: Poppy End-of-year Party 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

May 16: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 pm

May 18: Honeysuckle Teddy Bear Picnic

May 22: Petunia End-of-year Party

May 23: Lavender End-of-year Party 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

May 24: Daisy and Honeysuckle End-of-year Parties

May 25: Last Day of School

May 25: Jasmin and Buttercup End-of-year Parties

May 26 - May 31: Teacher In-Service Days - No classes for children

June 1: IT House reopens

June 1 - 2: Buttercup and PreK/K Summer Camp Teacher In-Service Days

June 5: First Day of Buttercup and PreK/K Summer Camp Session #1

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