



**DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool**

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## **Message from Jayne**

This week, and always, we strive to model gratitude and kindness for our children. From infancy, they look to us to not just say "Thank you", but how to live with a gracious spirit. [Click here](#) to read an article from a favorite Montessorian on evoking gratitude at any age.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday break next week, I am immensely grateful for our DVMS family:

\*The children warm our hearts each day. Seeing their smiles as they engage in their work and play reminds us of what is really important in life.

\*Parents, thank you for your trust and support. We take the responsibility of caring for your children with the utmost respect.

\*Thank you to our incredible teachers and staff. Their dedication to the children and school is truly a gift. The love and care they give is inspired by the Montessori philosophy, the belief that our world will be a better place by empowering children with a love of learning and an understanding that we are all connected to one another.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and joyful Thanksgiving.

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Jayne

## Celebrating Diwali



## DVMS Health Policy

In the past weeks the number of illness has increased significantly. It's simply that time of year. Unfortunately with children, a seemingly benign runny nose, rash, or ear ache can quickly escalate into more serious conditions. Last year many children were impacted by RSV, some requiring hospitalization. It was a scary time as we all care so deeply for our children.

Our teachers know your children. They carefully observe for any signs of illness, lack of energy, and need for extra loving care. We always want to be with the children, yet there are times when we know when a child is not able to participate meaningfully. The decision to send a child home is not made lightly, rather with care to consider the child's overall health and the well-being of every person in the classroom.

DVMS is a community of respect. Our actions impact everyone. The teachers do their best to protect the environment so that it is focused on learning. We want to keep the classroom healthy for everyone so that children can continue to attend and the teachers are there to provide consistent care and guidance.

We understand that it is difficult to rearrange routines and schedules when a child is sick and needs to stay home. Giving your child the chance to recover at home is essential for many reasons. First of all, they need time to get better. Returning to school when they are not fully ready is stressful for our little ones. Secondly, when children are sick at school, other children and teachers are at risk of becoming ill, creating a domino effect for other families and staff.

Our DVMS Health policy is for the benefit of everyone. Key points to remember:

- \*a child must be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school

- \*if a child vomits or has diarrhea, they need to stay home for 24 hours after the illness passes

- \*if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness such as RSV, impetigo, or pink eye, you must notify the DVMS office ASAP so we can distribute a communicable disease notice to families and notify licensing and CCPH when appropriate

- \*if your child is taking any medication for an infectious condition, they must stay home while they are still infectious

- \*excessive runny noses and coughs are sufficient reason for a teacher to send a child home if they feel it necessary

Thank you for your support and partnership.

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# Kinderdance - Winter and Spring Sessions



*Jump, Dance, Move and Groove*

## **WINTER SESSION- ENROLL NOW :)**

Please see our Winter dates below (and Spring Session as an FYI). You are only enrolling for Winter Session currently. Please Enroll NOW at:

<https://kinderdanceeastbay.com/classes>

### Winter Dates:

Jan. 11, 18, 25,

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8 Classes

### Spring Dates:

Mar 7, 14,

April 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16

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8 CLASSES

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## DVMS Auction: Save the Date!



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## Important Dates!



November 20 - 24: Thanksgiving Break DVMS Closed

November 28: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

December 21: Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

January 3: IT House reopens. PreK/K Extended Care days by reservation only, (sign ups available after Thanksgiving)

January 8: All classes reopen after Winter Break

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day DVMS Closed

January 16: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

April 13: DVMS Auction

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