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*November 19, 2021*

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## **Message from Jayne**

Dear DVMS Families,

As we begin the Thanksgiving holiday, I am immensely grateful for our DVMS family.

The children warm my heart each day. Seeing their smiles as they engage in their work and play reminds me daily 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.

Jayne



## Holiday Travel Reminder and Winter Break Care

We know that this coming week is full of plans with friends and family, which often includes travel. As a reminder, our COVID policy follows the CDC and State of California guidance for travel. Please refer to the following links for information:

[CDC Travel Policy](#)

[CDPH](#)

Unvaccinated children who travel out of state, must quarantine for 10 days upon their return. If the person takes a COVID test 3-5 days after their return, the quarantine period can be reduced to 7 days.

We appreciate, and expect, your cooperation in following the DVMS COVID

policies to keep our community healthy.

### Winter Break Schedule

Believe it or not, Winter Break is just around the corner. The holidays are such a special time to be with family. Our children are little for such a brief amount of time. Spending that with family during the holidays is so important. Likewise, we want our teachers to spend the holidays with their families.

DVMS is open on December 20-21 and December 27-29 in a limited capacity. For the Infant Toddler House, these days are included in the monthly tuition, however we ask that families let us know the days and times their children will be in class in order to staff accordingly. Please access the forms in the parent portal to let us know your plans by December 1

For preschool children, we are offering extended care for a limited number of children. On December 20-21 the hours will be 8am-5pm. From December 27-29, the hours will be 8am-3pm. This extended care will be billed in addition to regular tuition. The reservation form is available in the Parent Portal.

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## Coats and Coins Drive



DVMS is thrilled to continue our winter tradition of collecting coins for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties and coats for One Warm Coat.

From December 6-16 we will have receptacles for both coins and coats in each classroom and in the office. (We'll also put one box for coats at the front gate). We can accept coats of any size (child or adult). Please just make sure coats are clean and either new or gently worn. Contact Annie Myers (annieb@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Important Dates!



November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

December 6-16: Coats and Coins Drive

December 20-31: Winter Break for Preschool - classes closed

December 20-21, 27-29 Infant Toddler House open, Preschool Extended Care by reservation only

January 3, 2022 - DVMS open

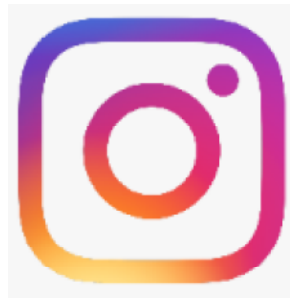
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