



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

The holiday season is always a busy time, preparing for the celebrations, travel, and time with family and friends. As you make plans for your family, please communicate any expected absences with your classroom teachers. Likewise, here are the dates DVMS is closed in November and December:

*Friday, November 11, DVMS is closed for Veteran's Day.

*Thanksgiving Break is November 21 - 25. The office and all classes are closed this week.

*From December 19 - 23, the DVMS Winter Break is scheduled differently depending on the classroom/program. Below is an outline of the openings and closures.

December 19 - 23

Infant Toddler House (Sunflower, Poppy, Wildflower) open.

Buttercup class closed.

Preschool, (Daisy, Lavender, Honeysuckle, Jasmin, Petunia) closed. **Extended care for Preschool is available on a limited basis. The form to sign up for this care will be in your Parent Portal at 10:00am, Monday November 28.

December 25 - January 2

DVMS closed. The office and all programs will reopen on January 3.

Montessori for Families

This month's AMS Family Connection newsletter has some wonderful information about the Montessori curriculum. Our approach to Cosmic Education and language development are just two areas which demonstrate how our school is truly special. If you would like to see this curriculum in more depth, please join us for "Kindergarten at DVMS" next Thursday evening, (details below).

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

Have a great week!

Jayne

Get to Know Your DVMS Staff

- I love the real community and friendship that's created between the families and the teachers/administration.
- I like to spend time with my friends, finding new things to do around the Bay Area.
- I was born and raised on Guam and came to California for college and stayed here ever since!



Dino Tenorio
Assistant Preschool Teacher

- I love watching the children come to school in the morning. I've never seen so many excited kids run up to their teachers and give them a hug. DVMS is a loving, nurturing place and the children feel it.
- I love to spend time with my family, travel to new places and try new restaurants.
- If I'm not in the classroom then I'm probably in the kitchen. I love to cook food from all over the world.



Courtney Mathews
Assistant Teacher in Petunia

Kindergarten at DVMS - Parent Education Evening - November 17th

DVMS is so much more than preschool. Our Montessori method and philosophy is specifically designed for the development of the whole child throughout their early childhood years. Their third, or sometimes fourth, year in the preschool classroom is the capstone year when they experience an "explosion into learning". This is when a child's work during the previous years all comes together, encouraging academic learning, and social confidence as leaders.

Join the preschool teachers for an evening of learning all about the Kindergarten year at DVMS. Learn about how each area of the Montessori classroom engages children in preparation for their elementary years.



DVMS Annual Fund



Thank you to the 94 families who have contributed to our second Annual Fund Campaign. We appreciate your generosity!

There's still time to donate if you haven't already! You can do so by [clicking here](#):

The money raised will provide important professional development opportunities for our teachers. All teachers will be invited to participate in workshops conducted by Montessori coach Vanessa Callaghan and become members of the AMS and Bay Area Montessori Association (BAMA). And, a group of teachers and staff will attend the American Montessori Society (AMS) Conference in Boston in 2023, the ultimate professional development opportunity for Montessori teachers.

Jayne is especially looking forward to hosting ice cream story time parties for classes that have 100 percent of families donate to the fund. Here's where the classes currently stand:

Sunflower and Wildflower: 100% You get a party! ☐

Buttercup: 83%

Jasmin: 81%

Petunia: 80%

Poppy: 69%

Daisy: 57%

Lavender: 35%

Honeysuckle: 20%

Please consider donating today!

Golden State Warriors Games for DVMS Families



The DVMS community has not one, but TWO opportunities to see the Golden State Warriors in action at the Chase Center!

Thanks to the DVMS Parents' Club and the Warriors, we have access to purchase tickets as a group. A limited number of tickets are available. Enjoy exclusive savings and pay NO taxes, surcharges, or fees when securing your tickets through this offer.

Dates:

Saturday, December 3 5:30pm v. Rockets

Saturday, January 7 5:30pm v. Magic

[click here](#) to purchase tickets!

Fun fact: Steph Curry is a Montessori School graduate.

Important Dates!



November 10: Dad's Night Out 6pm Headlands Brewery

November 11: Veteran's Day DVMS Closed

November 17: Kindergarten at DVMS Parent Information Evening 7:00pm

November 21-25: Thanksgiving Break DVMS Closed

December 3: DVMS at the Golden State Warriors

December 19 - December 23: Winter Break (No classes) for Buttercup and Preschool. Extended care for Preschool on a very limited basis. Sign up begins at 10:00am on Monday, November 28.

December 25 - January 2: Winter Break for all classes and office. DVMS Closed

January 3, 2023: DVMS reopens

January 7: DVMS at the Golden State Warriors

January 12: 7pm Parent Education evening with Vanessa Callaghan "5 Kind and Clever Ways to Motivate Kids... without rewards and punishments"

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