



Diablo Valley Montessori School

October 11, 2023

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Message from Jayne

"Preventing conflicts is the work of politics; establishing peace is the work of education." - Maria Montessori

Two weeks ago we celebrated the International Day of Peace. I shared some insights into our peace curriculum and how the Montessori classroom focuses on inspiring children to make the world a better place. Our philosophy stands for the right of every individual to be treated with respect, kindness, and dignity and to live a safe and peaceful life.

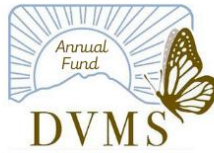
The importance of our work is even more critical today. With the war raging between Israel and Gaza, we are witness to acts of unspeakable violence and suffering. Once again we may be in a state of not knowing how to appropriately respond or how to shield our children from such horrors.

What we can do is recognize how our children see and hear everything. Be mindful of conversations, media, and images when they are present, taking care to not expose them to things which they cannot understand.

Most of all, we can model respect, gratitude, and kindness for everyone. Reach out to those we know who may be affected by this crisis. We are all together in our global community.

In Peace,
Jayne

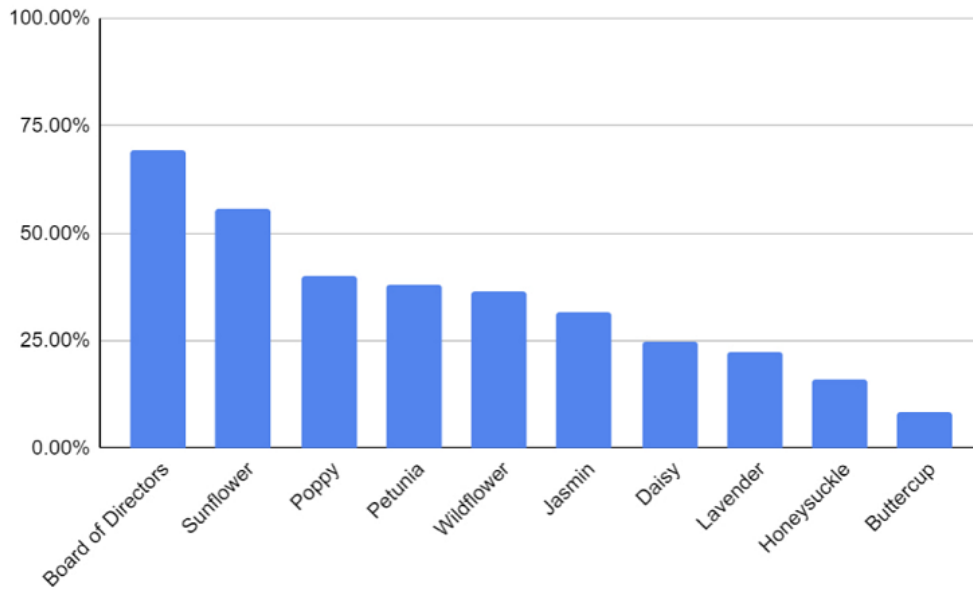
DVMS Annual Fund



Thank you so much to the 41 families who have contributed to the third Annual Fund Campaign!

If you haven't donated yet, please consider making a contribution by [clicking here](#). The money raised will go toward professional development opportunities for our wonderful teachers and staff.

Jayne is looking forward to hosting a party for classrooms with 100 percent family participation. Last year, the Sunflower and Wildflower classrooms reached 100 percent, and here's how the classes are doing this year:



We have a ways to go, and the last day to donate is 10/20. Thank you for your support!

Halloween Parade October 31



October 31st at 10:00am is our school wide Halloween Parade. This is always a highlight of the year. To ensure a fun time for all, here is some information to prepare:

*Parents may attend this event in person. Due to limited space around the soccer field, please understand that this is a parents only event. Grandparents, older siblings, and other family members can enjoy your pictures and videos at home.

*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!

*Costume Guidelines: no weapons, no masks. If your child's costume includes these items, they may wear the costume, but leave the mask and weapon portion at home. For example, a ninja could wear the clothing, but not the mask or bring the sword or ninja stars. Be sure to label costume pieces as we don't want any parts to be left behind and not make it out to trick-or-treating later that evening!

*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 parade. If your child sees you and has a hard time

recovering it may be a good idea to consider taking your child home after the parade. 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 PARADE 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.

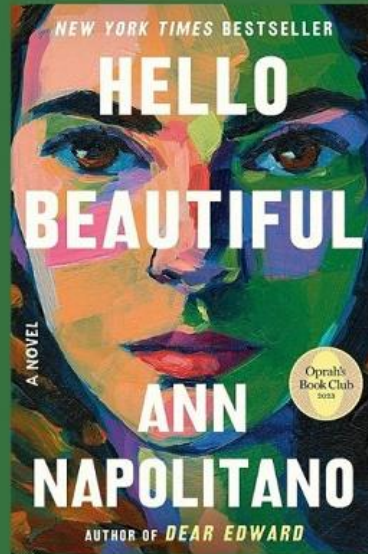
Social Time!



OUR DVMS FALL BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

WHEN: THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 2 AT
6:00PM (AT DVMS)

COME TO CHAT
(ABOUT THE BOOK),
COME FOR THE HORS
D'OEUVRES, OR BOTH.



THE BOOK

Important Dates!



October 11: Moms' Night Out 6:30pm Lafayette Public House

October 14: DVMS Fun Run Lafayette Reservoir 10:00am - Noon

October 17: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm Jasmin Classroom

October 18: Dads' Night Out 6:30pm Headlands Brewing

October 31: Halloween Parade 10:00am

November 2: DVMS Book Club 6:00pm

November 8: Kindergarten at DVMS Parent Information Evening 7:00pm

November 10: Veteran's Day (observed) DVMS Closed

November 20 - 24: Thanksgiving Break DVMS Closed

December 21: Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

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