



DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool

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Message from Jayne

October is going to be a an exciting month at DVMS! From the 5th Annual Fun Run, the Parents' Club Book Club, Parent Teacher Conferences and the Halloween Parade, every week provides an opportunity for families to engage with our community. Make sure to check out more details and important dates below.

The excitement extends to our campus too. This weekend our buildings are getting a much needed refresh. Installation of new windows is set to begin, with the hope of completing the majority of work before the children return to DVMS on Tuesday. Any remaining work will be scheduled for the weekend of October 15. This is just one of many more improvements to come!

Next week is Parent Teacher Conference Week. These conversations are so important and appreciated by the teaching team. I am also very interested in hearing from families! If you would like to schedule a conversation with me to talk about anything, here is a Sign Up Genius to do so:

[Chat with Jayne](#)

As we move into the fall months, cold and flu season is here. This year we are seeing an increase in respiratory illnesses including Respiratory Syncytial Virus, (RSV) which can be very serious for young children. I spoke with Contra Costa Health today. They anticipate a difficult season ahead and advised us to "buckle up". Our children have not had the opportunity to develop as many natural immunities due to sheltering in place in the early COVID months, resulting in higher rates of illness now. Our classrooms continue to follow the COVID cleaning protocols so be assured that we are doing our best to mitigate any illnesses.

Following the DVMS Health Policy is essential to keep our children and teachers healthy. We rely on families to do their part to keep DVMS safe too. A negative COVID test does not mean your child is well enough to attend school. There are a whole range of illnesses that we need to be concerned about. If your child is ill, keeping them home to rest for a day or two allows them to recover fully. It also shows consideration for the other children and staff by reducing the spread of illness to others.

Attached is this month's AMS Family Connect publication. I encourage you to read more about the philosophy of why we have mixed aged classrooms and the importance of teaching our children practical life skills, even at the earliest of ages.

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

Looking forward to seeing you soon at one, or more, of our events!
Jayne

Butterfly Fun Run - This Saturday!

Our Annual Butterfly Run Run at the Lafayette Reservoir is happening on this Saturday, October 8. It's not too late to join us for a lap around the reservoir Bring a blanket for a picnic afterwards and enjoy some family fun.

[Click here to register today!](#) Registration is \$55 (\$25 for teachers/staff).




Diaper Drive



DVMS is thrilled to host a diaper drive on October 17 - 21 benefiting local nonprofit Brighter Beginnings. Brighter Beginnings welcomes diapers of any size (unopened packages work too, just try to tape them shut). The most frequent size request is 4, 5 and 6. Brighter Beginning could also use hygiene products (baby wipes, lotions and soaps) and Pediasure. If you prefer, you can also donate online; [click here](#) for the Amazon wishlist.

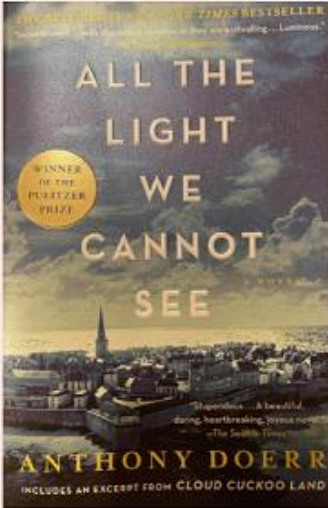
Thank you for supporting this special DVMS tradition of helping other families in need. Please contact Annie Myers (annieb@gmail.com) with any questions.

DVMS Book Club




PARENTS & STAFF,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE FIRST BOOK CLUB
OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

OCTOBER 20TH
@ 7PM



COME TO SOCIALIZE &
MEET MEMBERS OF THE
DVMS COMMUNITY!



Important Dates!



October 5-7: Picture Days

October 8: Butterfly Fun Run

October 10: Staff In-Service Day. No classes for children

October 11-14: Parent-Teacher Conference Days. Half days for children. Extended Care on a limited basis

October 18: DVMS Board of Director's meeting 7:30pm at DVMS

October 20: DVMS Book Club 7pm at DVMS

October 31: Halloween Parade 10am

November 11: Veteran's Day DVMS Closed

November 17: Kindergarten at DVMS Parent Information Evening

November 21-25: Thanksgiving Break DVMS Closed

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