



Diablo Valley Montessori School

September 14, 2022

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Message from Jayne

This week has been so lovely having the children outside enjoying the cooler weather! Our Sunflowers and Poppies are having a blast on their new trampoline. Some of our older children even enjoyed putting it together.



Next week a major campus improvement project will be underway. The East House, home to Daisy, Lavender, and Buttercup, needs some new pipes to replace the original cast iron plumbing. The Daisy/Lavender children's bathroom, and staff restroom will also get new toilets. The project is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 - Friday, September 23. In a few weeks, the second phase of the project is a full replacement of the sewer lateral line.

There will be some changes on campus next week to accommodate the East House plumbing project. The preschool classrooms will not have Outdoor Classroom next week so the Daisy class can temporarily relocate to that space. We do not anticipate any major disruption for the Lavender and Buttercup classrooms.

Please note that construction vehicles may be taking up additional space in the parking lot. In the morning, we encourage you to use carpool drop-off (8:35am - 8:55am) to save parking spaces for staff.

COVID-19 Update

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a good start. More and more we are starting live with COVID-19 as part of "normal" life. We have incorporated many preventative measures such as cleaning, testing, vaccinations, and masking when appropriate into our routines which have made a difference!

Thankfully there have only been three cases at DVMS since the beginning of August. Each one was an isolated case for their classroom with no additional spread.

The official DMVS COVID-19 policy is attached for your review. We follow the guidance of Contra Costa County as well as Community Care Licensing, both of whom we are in regular contact with to update the policy as needed. The most important part of the policy is to communicate with us! If anyone in your family tests positive, let us know. Any questions, always ask!

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

Tina Bentel (Co-head Teacher, Lavender)



- I enjoy working with the amazing team of teachers, admin, and parents. I come to work knowing that my daughter is close-by, safe, and cared for, right next door.
- I love spending time with my family and friends - traveling locally and internationally or just hunkering down at home and gardening together. Date nights with my amazing husband. Trying to speak Norwegian. Forest bathing. Trying to sleep more!
- I can play quite a few instruments. The piano, guitar, bass, violin, viola, and the ukulele. I used to be a piano teacher, and enjoy all things musical.

- Best things about DVMS are children and families. I love the community and camaraderie of teachers that we have and friendships that came from that.
- Outside of school, I like to watch TV, go for walks, and spend time with family and friends.
- I grew up in Ukraine and moved here in 1989. My family consists of my husband, my son, my mother and my father-in-law. My favorite things to watch on TV are the Olympic Games, basketball, and movies.



Lana Burmenko (Co-head Teacher, Petunia)



Montessori 101 - Tomorrow Night!



out the door by 7:00.

In Service,
Kylee

Hello Fantastic DVMS
Parents!!

You chose DVMS for a reason. You knew there was something special here. Way to go! This is a fun and free way to learn more about what that "something special" is...

This Thursday evening, please come by for the one-hour Montessori 101 Experience....in person!!

Doors will open at 5:50 for our 6:00PM start time. We will spend some time learning about who Maria Montessori was, what makes Montessori philosophy special starting all the way from infancy....and then....you get to experience the classroom!! Try materials and really get into what your children experience every day. To conclude, we will circle up and share any questions/comments to head

School Pictures - October 5-7: A Message from Sandbox Photographers

Hi Parents!

Sandbox Photographers are very much looking forward to photographing your kiddos from Wednesday October 5th - Friday, October 7th, 2022.

Please rest assured, during these crazy times your children's health and safety is of utmost importance to us. For more information on our Covid Conscious photography protocols, please visit our website under the "for parents" section.

You can look forward to seeing the final images in a password protected online gallery for viewing and ordering in 2-3 weeks of Picture Day. Please look out for an email from Sandbox Photographers, they will be sending out a couple of reminders and additional info as the day approaches. Your gallery link and password will also be sent to you via email, so please make sure to save their email: hello@sandboxphotographers.com. We don't want you to miss any important details! If you have any questions about picture day, please feel free to reach out to the photographers directly.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Best,

Adi & Julia

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Butterfly Fun Run - Last Day for Early Registration

Calling all current & former DVMS Teachers, Families, & Alumni!

Our Annual Butterfly Run Run at the Lafayette Reservoir is happening on Saturday, October 8. Please join us for a lap around the reservoir and bring a blanket for a picnic afterwards.

Registration is open now! [click here](#)

REGISTER EARLY, by 9/15/2022, for \$35 (\$20 for teachers/staff) and get your commemorative T-shirt before race day. Registration after 9/15/2022 is \$55 (\$25 for teachers/staff).



Important Dates!



September 15: Montessori 101 Parent Ed Night 6:00pm

September 19: 10am Extended Care Registration Open for Parent-Teacher Conference Week

September 20: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm

September 21: DVMS Mom's Night, 6pm Lafayette Public House

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

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