



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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## **Message from Jayne**

*"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child" Maria Montessori*

Today is International Day of Peace. Our children gathered together to sing a beautiful song, Light a Candle for Peace, sending love to the world.

Maria Montessori rooted our philosophy in the belief that that each and every child holds the potential to make this world a more peaceful place, now and throughout their lives. The understanding that "Education is the best weapon for peace" fueled her work, earning Dr. Montessori three Nobel Peace Prize nominations.

It is that passion for peace that is interwoven throughout our classrooms. As adults we model respect for one another. We guide the children as they learn to work through social interactions, learning vocabulary to express their feelings and develop empathy for their friends. The children learn about the world, their place in it, and their ability to make a positive contribution.

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## Grace and Courtesy - Parking Lot

As parents, you are an important part of our Peace Education too! We understand that morning drop off can be hectic especially with in our parking lot. Our top priority is the safety of the children. Getting cars in and out in an orderly fashion helps us all. We appreciate slow and cautious driving. Always be aware of your surroundings.

Here are some important tips to remember (excerpts from the Parent Handbook):

- Please DO NOT turn LEFT into the east parking lot.
- When using carpool, stay in your vehicle. A teacher will help your child out of the vehicle while checking them in.
- Please respect the disabled parking spot in front of the Infant Toddler House. Parking in this space is a violation of the California Vehicle Code and subject to a fine.

The parking lot safety map is attached for your reference

## East House Update

Yesterday the plumbing work on the East House, (Daisy, Lavender, and Buttercup) began. We hope to have all new pipes and toilets by the end of day Friday! The Daisy and Lavender children have been enjoying lots of outdoor time, and exploring other classrooms' facilities. Thank you to Honeysuckle and Jasmin for sharing your bathrooms! It is always interesting to see how tradespeople work and appreciate how important their work is!

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

In Peace,  
Jayne



## Parent Education Workshop

**Easy Mornings: 3 keys to get your kids off to a smooth start... with less meltdowns, tantrums, and power struggles.**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Ready for less stressful mornings where you can get out of the door on time?

This highly-interactive FREE workshop is designed to equip you with new strategies that REALLY WORK! From their combined 40+ years experience supporting teachers and parents, Vanessa and Luz will share their top tips that will get your kids off to a smooth start, with less meltdowns, tantrums, and power struggles.

You'll be able to apply these insights right away to feel more calm, confident, and in control during tough morning moments.

Join other parents in your school community and Vanessa Callaghan, MEd. and Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston, for this very special webinar where we will learn 3 key strategies for EASY MORNINGS!

Learn how to:

- \*Experience less meltdowns, tantrums, and power struggles over everyday tasks

- \*Win more cooperation to create a sense of ease and flow to the day

- \*Start out your day with plenty of energy and time for fun and connection

- \*Avoid the #1 mistake parents make when tackling tough mornings

Mornings don't have to leave you feeling rushed, ragged, and exhausted as you head out the door each day...

SPACE IS LIMITED! Be sure to save your spot.

What is it? A highly interactive Live Virtual Workshop - "Easy Mornings: 3 keys to get your kids off to a smooth start... with less meltdowns, tantrums, and power struggles."

Who is it for? Parents and caregivers of preschoolers and school-age children

When is it? Choose from several dates and times

Where is it? We'll be in a virtual Zoom Room. Please be sure to register so we can send you a Zoom link and handy email reminders.

How do I sign up? Register here:

[click here](#)

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## About the presenters:

Vanessa Callaghan, MEd. is a proven educator known for her refreshingly honest, hands-on, and personal approach. She empowers parents struggling with their children's challenging behaviors to find the calm, confidence, and tools they need to build lifelong relationships based on love, respect, and appreciation. You can learn more about [Vanessa](#), her yearlong [Parent Immersion](#), and are invited to join her free parent [Facebook group](#) where she shares her top tips in weekly trainings

Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston. Dr. Luz Casquejo Johnston has over two decades of experience in the field of education. Over that time as a classroom teacher, principal and professor, Dr. Luz has worked with hundreds of parents to create families that learn and grow together. She currently consults with schools, parent groups and individual families to share her warmth and wealth of knowledge.

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# Get to know your DVMS Teachers!

## We asked...

- What do you love most about DVMS?
- What are your favorite things to do when you are not at DVMS?
- Any other fun facts that you would like to share about yourself?

- I enjoy working with the amazing team of teachers, kids, & parents.
- I love to spend time with my family & friends, travel, read, knit, & love learning something new, like playing the piano or drawing.
- I have been a Teaching Assistant here at DVMS for 22 years! Before this, my first profession was as an Interior Designer. As a hobby, I like refurbishing old furniture.



**Larisa Zhrebnekov**  
(Assistant Teacher, Wildflower)



## Susanne Powers

(Head Teacher, Outdoor Classroom)

- Community.
- I like to craft, read, and watch Netflix.
- I have a son, two big dogs, one hamster, and lots of fish at home.

## Katy Conlan

(Assistant Teacher, Outdoor Classroom)

- The children, of course!
- Walk the dog & go to the beach.
- I like to swim with & teach children how to swim. I like to think of myself as a mermaid,



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## Butterfly Fun Run

This year's Butterfly Fun Run is going to be amazing! With over 100 runners already registered, this is sure to be a highlight of the year.

Come join us for a lap around the Lafayette Reservoir then some family fun. Bring a blanket and refreshments to enjoy afterwards.

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



## Important Dates!



**TONIGHT** 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

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