



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Make sure to keep an eye on your email for more information about the picture day schedule. The email will be from Sandbox Photographers. For families with multiple children at DVMS, the photographers will also include a schedule for sibling photos.

Parent Teacher Conference Week October 11-14

The classroom teachers are looking forward to speaking with you during Parent Teacher conferences! Sharing observations and learning more about your child, and family, are important ways we all work together to nurture your child. You should have an invite to sign up from your classroom teachers in your email. Please note, the conferences are for parents only.

Conference days are half-days for all children (except Sunflower) and those signed up for extended care. If you requested extended care during that week, you should have an email confirming your child's status. Lunch Bunch is not available that week.

Due to the early dismissal, and the larger number of vehicles expected in the parking lot, we appreciate your timeliness in picking up your child(ren) according to the following schedule:

Poppy: 11:30am

Buttercup: 11:30am

Preschool (Daisy, Lavender, Jasmin, Petunia, Honeysuckle): 11:40 - 11:55am

Wildflower: 12noon

Halloween Parade Monday, October 31 10am

Good news! This year our Halloween Parade is open for parents to attend. Due to the number of DVMS students and the limited space around the soccer field, we ask that only parents attend. Additionally, parking at DVMS will be restricted to staff and one room parent volunteer per classroom. As we get closer to the event, more details will be available for parking suggestions and other logistics.

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!



Sharon Duarte
KE Program Director

- What I love about DVMS is it is like a Village, a small community where each and every person is cherished.
- My favorite things to do when I am not at School are walking my dog, supper on balmy evenings outside with friends and family, reading, and gardening.
- I have fun cooking with my husband.

- I love how easy it is to feel home at DVMS. As teachers, we spend the majority of our hours awake at school and it becomes our second home. DVMS has such a wonderful community of both families and staff that it makes me excited to come to work every day.
- When I'm not at DVMS, I spend every moment I can with my son and family. My favorite thing to do with them is play board games, go out to breweries, or even just a nice little hike.
- I love animals. We currently have a dog, a cat, a snake, a frog, a fish, a spider, and two birds.



Juli Plubell
Buttercup Assistant Teacher




Christina Sands
Sunflower Co-Head
Teacher

- What I love most about DVMS is the community. The families, all these children (especially my babies) that I get to love daily, and my coworkers who keep this train moving with their fun and unique personalities. As a community, we take care of each other and always make sure that we set students, families, and teachers up for success. After a decade of being here, hands down that's the best thing about DVMS. Also, hearing "Hi Tina!" from little friends makes my day every time, no matter how my day is going.
- When I'm not at work, I'm usually babysitting for one of you, lol! When I'm not doing that, I spend every free moment with my husband and our family and friends. We missed each other during lockdown, so every other weekend there's a birthday, BBQ, game, or some reason to come together. It brings me the most joy to be with them.
- In elementary, I was fluent in Spanish after my best friend taught me herself. I love everything Disney and the beach! I'm 1 of 9 children and the middle child. My dad is really my best friend. I'm terrified of cats.

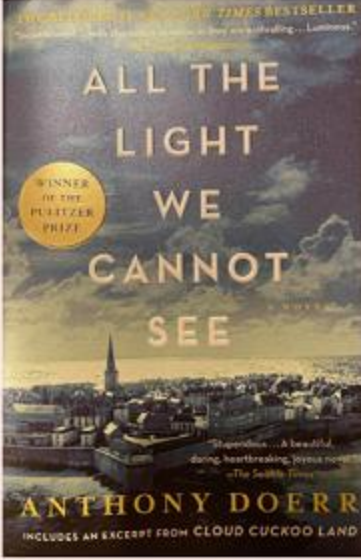
Parent Club Events

Book Club Thursday, October 20




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!



Diaper Drive October 17-21

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 Pediture. 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.



Parent Education Opportunity



As an AMS (American Montessori Society) Member school, DVMS has access to a wide range of professional development resources for our teachers AND parent education opportunities.

Many times we hear parents ask about how they can bring Montessori into their home. AMS is offering an online parenting course, "A Parent's Role in Education" This course is designed for families interested in incorporating the Montessori philosophy into their day-to-day lives and parenting approach.

Participants will receive resources to enhance their child's education, deepen their Montessori knowledge, and learn how to apply Montessori principles at home.

[click here for more information](#)

Butterfly Fun Run

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](#)



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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