



DiabloValleyMontessoriSchool

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Message from Jayne

Thank you to everyone who attended Montessori 101 last night. Kylee and Christina led the evening, demonstrating the beauty of Montessori and why we feel so passionately about this philosophy. Thank you Kylee, Christina, and all the teachers who prepared the classrooms for this evening.

We are excited to keep the conversation going! In the coming weeks there will be a follow up evening for families and teachers to meet and talk more about Montessori in the home.

On November 8 we invite you to Kindergarten at DVMS, an important parent education event. More details and RSVP link coming soon.

The following quote from the blog *Montessori for Everyone* sums up why we know that a Montessori foundation is such a gift to your child:

"In today's crowded world of power struggles and ego trips, the Montessori method serves as a guide to raising unselfish, self-regulated, caring human beings who are problem solvers and have the self confidence to lead successful lives by their own efforts, rather than at the expense of their fellow citizens. The world needs as many people with these qualities as

possible to shift the balance away from the good-of-the-few mentality that plagues many cultures today. The world needs Montessori."

Read the whole article by [clicking here](#)

Teacher In-Service Day October 9

On Monday the 9th, DVMS is closed to children as our teachers have an in-service day. Many of our staff will be participating in First Aid/CPR recertification while others refresh the classrooms.

If you are looking for something fun to do, DVMS alumni parent and author Amy Landgraf will be at Orchard Nursery for some reading and crafts. See the attached flyer for more details.

Have a great week!

Jayne

Parent Teacher Conference Week

Next week is Parent Teacher Conference Week! This is always a special time for us as we meet to share observations and goals for the children. It is a great opportunity to collaborate and hear how we can support our families.

In addition to meeting with your classroom teachers, if you would like time with Jayne, either in person or Zoom, [click here](#) to schedule a chat. Of course, if there are other days or times that work better for you, just e-mail and we will set something up!

Half-Day Pick Up Procedures and Schedule

From Tuesday through Friday, all children, except for the Sunflower class and those signed up for conference week extended care, will attend for half-days.

To ensure an orderly pick up and minimize parking lot congestion, we need your support in following the procedures below. **Please communicate these to any authorized pick up such as a nanny or grandparent.**

*Poppy and Buttercup children pick up no later than 11:30am. If there are siblings in PreK/K they need to be picked up at the same time.

*Lavender, Daisy, Jasmin, Honeysuckle, and Petunia children pick up from 11:40am - 11:55am in Carpool.

Cars to form 2 lines in the main lot.

For families who typically pick up at 3:00pm or 5:00pm, please write your child's name and classroom in bold letters on a 8.5 x 11 paper and hold outside your driver's side window. A teacher will escort your child to the car.

*Wildflowers children pick up at 12:00noon.

We appreciate your cooperation in following the parking lot procedures and direction of the traffic flow. Please be patient and courteous.

DVMS Annual Fund: Support Our Amazing Teachers



On Monday, we kicked off our third Annual Fund Campaign to support professional development activities for our teachers and staff. The money raised will be used to send all of our teachers to the 2023 American Montessori Society (AMS) Traveling Symposium in Livermore at the end of the month. Here's what DVMS teachers have said about previous AMS professional development activities:

*"I was seriously considering leaving the teaching profession... Attending the AMS Conference reminded me of WHY I do what I do and how important it is."

*"Reinvigorating Joy (how to bring back joy into class post-covid) and the workshop about how to serve children with trauma were my favorite when it came to how to serve our young population after the pandemic."

*"Empathy was a big focus at this conference, so when I returned to my classroom, I have been making extra efforts to empathize with children, parents, and staff... I have created a few jobs based on some of the examples presented in the workshops, and they are enjoying them."

Please donate to support our teachers and staff by [clicking here](#)! Each class that reaches 100 percent family participation (all levels of giving count) will celebrate with a small party hosted by Jayne!

Butterfly Fun Run: Last Chance to Register



We're excited to share the registration link for our 6th Annual Butterfly Fun Run, and can't wait to enjoy a casual, community picnic together afterwards.

Register by [clicking here](#), help us meet our fundraising goals, and have a great time with your family and friends doing it! Anyone can join.

Logistics

What: 6th Annual DVMS Butterfly Fun Run!

Where: Lafayette Reservoir, start at the Large Picnic Site

When: Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10am

Who: ANYONE!

Why: Support our school, get outside and MOVE, and have fun with your family and friends doing it!

Important Dates!



October 4 - 6: School Pictures. Look for an email from Sandbox Photographers

October 9: DVMS Staff In-Service Day No classes for children

October 10 - 13: Parent-Teacher Conference Week. Half days for all children except Sunflower.

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

Noon

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

October 31: Halloween Parade 10:00am

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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