



News and Notes for VMS Families

Save the Date!

The 2nd Annual VMSPA Founders Bash is on May 16, 2015. Funds raised will go toward student and teacher training scholarships, classroom materials, and student projects.

School Hours

We expect all students to arrive at school between 7:30 — 8:30 am. Because our regular school day starts at 8:30, a late arrival impacts your child and the classroom environment as a whole. It is important for your child to be a part of the morning routine.

If your child has arrived late in the past six weeks, your child has missed our daily writing prompt and the opportunity to share what

they have written.

Candy Cane Lane

We had a great turnout of volunteers and participants for the parade this year! Thank you so much to the Silva family for making it great!

To watch full coverage of the Candy Cane Lane Parade online, go to [http://abc30.com/family/candy-cane-lane-parade-\(full-parade-video\)/435617/](http://abc30.com/family/candy-cane-lane-parade-(full-parade-video)/435617/) and look for our float just past the 36 minute mark.

Twilight Luna Bunny

Our class pet, Twilight, is adjusting to her new environment. She will be hopping around in no time!

Our rabbit eats a pelleted

rabbit feed and hay along with fresh vegetables such as dark green lettuces like kale, green pepper, and carrot tops. She also uses a lot of bedding— we change it daily to keep her smelling sweet. If you would like to donate a food, bedding, or a chew toy item for the bunny throughout the year, just let Melissa know and she can tell you what the current needs are.

Snacks and Lunch

Just to note, we ask that children eat their snack and lunch using a plate. Your child transfers food from the lunchbox to the plate and stows the lunchbox before eating. Washing dishes is part of our daily routine.

The VMS Wish List:

We have a few items we are needing for our school:

- Plates
- Indoor Games: chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, Jenga, puzzles, dominoes, Connect Four, Battleship, old maid, etc.
- Vacuum cleaner
- Fly swatter
- Wall clock
- Collegiate dictionary
- Poster prints of famous artworks
- Pots for repotting indoor plants
- Potting soil for indoor plants
- Outdoor games: badminton, bocce, croquet, football, soccer
- Sidewalk chalk
- Cookie sheets
- Rolling pin
- Stock pot

Upcoming Events

Christmas Break

Dec. 22—Jan. 2
School Closed

First Day Back

Monday, Jan. 5

VMSPA Board Meeting

Thurs., Jan. 15
VMS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Mon., Jan. 19
School Closed

VMA Meeting:

Montessori in the Home
Tues., Jan. 27
Greenhouse

VMSPA News

The Visalia Montessori School Parents Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving the families and teachers at VMS.

They need help planning and seeking donations for the May 16, 2015 fundraiser, and finding volunteers to fill roles on the board and committees.

Contact Belinda Heatherly at parents@visaliamontessori.com if you are interested.

Thank you to our wonderful VMS families for transitioning with us this month to our new school space! We all love our new environment!



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Currently serving grades 1-2

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