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Visalia Montessori School Newsletter

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News and Notes for VMS Families

Save the NEW Date!

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

Fundraiser Meeting

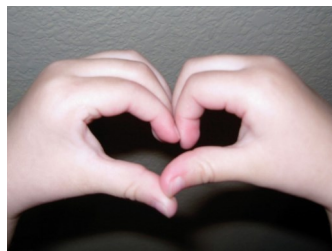
The next meeting for the Founders Bash fundraiser is on Thursday, February 5 at 5:30 pm. The committee is asking for donations of a bottle of wine or a gift card for the games at the event. We also need volunteers to make it great!

Valentine's Day

We will have a Valentine's Day celebration at school

on Friday, February 13. Your child is welcome to bring cards to share with classmates.

Our celebration will include a treat that can be enjoyed by all students that day, so please leave the candy at home. Thanks!



Re-Enrollment

The VMS re-enrollment period is from Feb. 1-March 1. If your child will be joining us again next year, we ask that parents complete

an enrollment form for the 2015-16 school year along with a \$100 re-enrollment fee per family, which goes to the VMS Parents Association.

After March 1, enrollment will be open for new students.

Field Trip to Theater

We will travel downtown to the Enchanted Playhouse on Friday, February 20 to see Lucy and her mother perform as Roo and Kanga in 'Welcome to Pooh Corner'. We will eat lunch downtown afterward before returning to school.

VMS Tax ID Number

46-4903966

Upcoming Events

Fundraiser Meeting

Thurs., Feb. 5, 5:30 pm
VMS

President's Day

Mon., Feb. 16
School Closed

Field Trip to Theater

Welcome to Pooh Corner
Fri. Feb. 20
Enchanted Playhouse

VMA Meeting

Thurs. Mar. 5, 6 pm
VMS

Parent Conferences

March 9-11, times TBD
VMS

Spring Break

Mar. 30-Apr. 3
School Closed

VMSPA News

-The 2nd Annual Founders Bash Fundraising committee is in need of donations for the silent & live auctions.

-Fundraiser Meeting: Thursday, February 5 at 5:30 pm

Contact event co-chairs Nakia Happli or Blair Vedenoff at parents @visaliamontessori.com if you can help by volunteering, donating, or both!

The Verb: It's What You and I Do

This month in grammar, we are studying the verb. The first key experience is a series of verb commands acted out on our specially-made verb mat. Next we will explore the actions of others, and verb tenses.

This neatly ties in with our sentence diagramming, where students identify the action in a sentence and our language studies of suffixes and prefixes.

Our first graders are isolating pairs of letters in words and continue to

make lists of words. Some of the first pairs include ai, ar, ay. There are 18 pairs in all.

In science, we finished our study of roots and we're moving onto stems. We continue to experiment with light and color.

Gardening Fundraiser to Benefit School Garden

Starting February 9, VMS students will begin the Gardens 4 Education fundraiser to raise funds for our school garden.

Garden kits are for sale for \$12 each and contain a grafted tomato plant with three varieties of tomatoes on one plant and marigold seeds for pest control in a reusable garden tote.

Orders may be placed between February 9-20. Plants will arrive in mid-March in time for Spring planting. This is a great way for kids to learn about gardening at home and raise funds to garden at school.

Each child will receive an order form to keep track of customers, orders and payments. Parents will need to collect payment at the time the order is placed. Checks should be payable

to Visalia Montessori School and are due by February 20.

These tomato garden kits are a good

value, promote healthy eating and have one of the highest profit margins of any national fundraiser. We appreciate your support!



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Currently serving grades 1-2

Before and After School Care Available