



# Elementary Montessorian

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Visalia Montessori School Newsletter

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## News and Notes for VMS Families

**Garden Kits**  
Tomato garden kits will be delivered on Wednesday, March 18. If you ordered kits, please pick them up on Wednesday. VMS students will keep them watered if they are picked up at a later date.

**We Are Growing**  
VMS will add an additional lower elementary classroom for the 2015-16 school year to accommodate our growing student body of grades 1, 2 and 3.

**Pajama Day**  
Students are invited to participate in Pajama Day on Friday, March 27. To participate, students will need to bring a book or \$1 to donate to Read for Life. Stu-

dents will enjoy a snack and read for 1 hour at the end of the day. We'll have pajamas on all day, but students are asked to still wear appropriate indoor and outdoor footwear that day as we will still be conducting regular school business.

**Spring Break**  
Spring break is Monday-Friday, March 30 through April 3. School will be closed.

**Get Bash Tickets**  
Builders Bash tickets and sponsorships are available for purchase online at [visaliamontessori.com/parents/foundersbash](http://visaliamontessori.com/parents/foundersbash) for \$80 per couple. Printed tickets may be picked up at school starting in April. We would

love to have all of our VMS families there!

**Summer School**  
We will be at school this summer from June 29 through August 14. Applications are available on the VMS website at <http://visaliamontessori.com/admissions/>

**Usborne Books**  
We have an online Usborne book fair set up to run from April 8-22. Parents who purchase books during that time period earn 50% back to the school and free shipping. Usborne books are high-quality in both content and construction.

**VMS Tax ID Number**  
46-4903966

## Upcoming Events

**Book Orders Due**  
Wed. March 18

**Gardening Kits Delivered**  
Wed. March 18

**VMSPA Board & Bash Meeting**  
Thurs. Mar. 19, 6:30 pm  
VMS

**Fundraiser Meeting**  
Thurs. Mar. 26, 6:30 pm  
VMS

**Pajama Day**  
Fri. Mar. 27,

**Spring Break**  
Mar. 30-Apr. 3  
School Closed

**Usborne Book Fair**  
April 8-22  
Online

**Builders Bash**  
Sat. May. 2, 6:00 pm

## Needs of Humans Through History

First and second grade students have been looking at time periods throughout history from the perspective of the fundamental needs of humans. The children started the study by identifying what humans have always needed to survive—going beyond basic needs, but also

needs of a society.

The time periods are Early Humans, Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Greek/Romans, Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Modern Day.

The needs that the children identified are nutrition, shel-

ter, clothing, defense, health, transportation, social acceptance, spiritual/religion, and art/beauty. Each week, a new need is examined and the children study how that need has changed over time. It leads to some interesting discussions!

## VMSPANews

-Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and during the Builders Bash event on May 2.

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

# Beyond Toys: Sharing in the Elementary Classroom

Sharing is a great way for children to develop public speaking skills and gain both confidence and self esteem telling others about what they know.

Sharing is an opportunity for a child to feel valued at home and at school. VMS students have daily opportunities to share work with their families at home since school work goes home each day. In addition, the work plan is sent home each Thursday with the expectation that the child will share work goals and successes with their families. At this time, families can help children set new work goals. At school, children are encouraged to share completed work with their classmates. They can share work any day they wish and/or hang up their work in the classroom.

Once a week, children have the opportunity to share an object from home. Your child can use your help selecting interesting items to share. Oftentimes, children will grab whatever toy is nearest at the time and

present that as sharing for that week. We would like to move away from this to give children an opportunity to think deeper and make connections to family or school with the objects they share.



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The Visalia Montessori School mission is to build an engaged community of respectful and compassionate learners by providing a world-class Montessori environment that supports individuality, self-discipline and a lifelong love of learning.

Currently enrolling grades 1-3

Before and After School Care Available