



# Elementary Montessorian

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Visalia Montessori School Newsletter

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## News and Notes for VMS Families

### Parent Conferences

We will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at the VMS site and Wednesday, November 12 at the Naz Church for parent-teacher conferences. This is a chance to discuss your child's development with teachers and address any questions you may have.

If you have not yet scheduled a conference, please schedule a time with Mrs. Dabadie.

### Candy Cane Lane

This year, the VMA is sponsoring the 2nd annual Candy Cane Lane Parade float for Montessori families in Visalia. It takes a dedicated team of people to make this happen! They need people to plan, decorate, ride, and tear down the float. Contact [visaliamontessori@gmail.com](mailto:visaliamontessori@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### Inside Shoes

After careful consideration, we have decided it is important for your child to have inside-only shoes at the new school site. Because your child often works on the floor and because we will be walking in the dirt and caring for animals outside, we want to keep our inside environment as clean as possible.

These shoes can be simple—like cros, Toms, or slippers that allow them to sit comfortably on the floor. These shoes will stay at school and be worn only inside.

As always, all shoes need to have backs to avoid tripping (no flip-flops or slip-on shoes with no backs).

### Spelling Words

Each week, your child brings home spelling words

to practice. The day that they come home will be dependent on which day we have parent volunteers helping us (generally Mon-Wed). They are written on a half-sheet of paper. First, we are working on priority spelling words for your child's grade level. Then, we will move onto spelling rules, such as short 'a', -ing, etc. Practicing spelling words can be fun, especially singing in the car:

3-letters: Mary Had a Little Lamb (Hat is spelled h-a-t, h-a-t, h-a-t, 'hat' is spelled h-a-t and that's how you spell 'hat')

4-letters: Clementine (t-h-a-t, t-h-a-t, t-h-a-t spells 'that')

5-letters: BINGO (There was a girl who had a word and 'slide' was it's name-o, s-l-i-d-e, etc)

6-letters: 10 Little Indians

## Birthday Treat and Party Guidelines

As per the VMS Family Handbook, "Birthday invitations may not be distributed at school. Parents must mail or email party invitations and request that conversa-

tions about private birthday parties be kept at home and not at school. Your cooperation with this policy will help save other students from having their feelings

hurt at school."

Consult with the teacher regarding the time of day and any nutritious snacks that you may bring for in-school celebrations.

## Upcoming Events

### VMA Meeting- Topic: Discipline

Thurs, Nov. 6, 6:00 pm  
a place to grow Montessori

### School Closed- Veteran's Day

Tues., Nov. 11

### Parent Conferences

Tues-Wed., Nov 11-12

### VMSPA Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 20, 6:30 pm  
VMS

### Thanksgiving Break

Wed.-Fri. Nov. 26-28  
School Closed

### Candy Cane Lane Parade

Mon., Dec. 1  
Downtown Visalia

## 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](mailto:parents@visaliamontessori.com) if you are interested.

# Field Trip: Tulare County Symphony Playlist

We loved our adventure to the Tulare County Symphony on October 21. We spent the past two months listening to the following songs in preparation for the symphony. We have had several requests for the playlist:

- Beethoven: 5th Symphony, 1st Movement
- Bernstein: Mambo from "West Side Story"
- Bizet: Farandole
- Brahms: Hungarian Dance No. 5
- Copland: Hoedown
- Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 (Finale)
- Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King
- Holst: Mars, the Bringer of War
- Jenkins: Palladio
- Khachaturian: Sabre Dance
- Mozart: Figaro Overture
- Mussorgsky: Pictures "The Great Gate of Kiev"
- Prokofiev: Montagues and Capulets
- Rossini: William Tell Overture
- Saint-Saens: Danse Macabre
- Shostakovich: Festive Overture
- Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture
- Tchaikovsky: Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy
- Tchaikovsky: Trepak

## School Lunches and Snacks from Home

Please send your child with nutritious food! Your child's nutrition is important to brain development.

The following are some examples of child-friendly foods:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetables, cut into manageable pieces
- Whole grain bread
- Water
- Cheese
- Yogurt
- Meat, as unprocessed as possible

Please avoid the following:

- Candy
- Desserts (please make them small, rare. i.e. 1 cookie)
- Cheetos, Doritos, Handi-Snacks, etc.
- Juices with added sugar



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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 serving grades 1-2

Before and After School Care Available