



# Elementary Montessorian

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Visalia Montessori School Newsletter

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## News and Notes for VMS Families

### Welcome Back!

We are so excited to learn with your child this school year!

### School Day Hours

The regular school day runs from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We apologize for the unfortunate typo in the Family Handbook.

### Dropping Off

If you are dropping off early between 7:30-8:00 please sign in on the sign-in sheets. Children and staff will be outside playing at this time.

If you are dropping off late after 8:30, please enter through your child's classroom door to sign in.

### Picking up

If you are picking up at 3:30, you may park and come up to the building to retrieve your child or pull up on the right side of the street by the front door (Caldwell side) and we will help your child into your vehicle.

### Grandparents and Goodies

The VMSPA is sponsoring a special "Grandparents and Goodies" event for Monday, September 14 from 7:30-8:15 am. We would love to have our students' and their older relatives over to school for some delicious breakfast and fellowship!

### Inside Shoes

We all wear specially-designated shoes inside our school. Because children work on the floor in our classrooms, we choose to leave the outside dirt outside for their safety. Inside shoes need to be regular shoes, no slippers or flip flops, please.

### Healthy Snacks

The snacks and food we see coming to school are, for the most part, healthy. Treats and desserts should be rare, and those portions small. Thank you for helping to pack healthy food for both snacks and lunch.

## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day- No School

Mon., Sept. 7

### Grandparents and Goodies

Mon, Sept. 14, 7:30-8:15 am  
VMS

### VMS Parent Meeting

Tues, Sept. 15, 5:30 pm  
VMS

### Field Trip to Fair

Thurs. Sept. 17, 8:30 am  
Tulare County Fairgrounds

### Picture Day

Tues, Sept. 22, 8:30 am  
VMS

### Scholastic Book Orders

Due  
Fri., Sept 25

### Veteran's Day- No

School  
Wed., Nov. 11

## Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to our August and September birthdays: Margo, Sebastian, Zander, Taj, and Hailey!

We love to celebrate birthdays! If your child would like to share food with the class, please consult with the teacher regarding the time of day and any allergies or restrictions.

**Please be aware that desserts (cupcakes, candy) are not an acceptable birthday treat.** Balloons, party favors, gifts, etc. are not permitted.

Parties outside of school are a great way for families to celebrate with classmates and other parents. **Birthday invitations may not**

**be distributed at school.** Parents must mail or email party invitations. We request that conversations 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.

## VMSPA News

The Visalia Montessori School Parents Association is offering memberships to families who support VMS.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm at VMS.

The VMSPA has roles for all kinds of volunteers. Please contact VMSPA President Belinda Heatherly at [parents@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:parents@visaliamontessori.com)