

Dear Villa Families,



In this special month of giving thanks, all of us at Villa share our heartfelt gratitude to *each one of you* for being the genuinely caring, wonderfully compassionate community that you are! Your gesture is much sincerely appreciated!

A beautiful autumn day at Villa on Halloween! The Halloween performance was a huge success given the fact it was our children's first field trip experience! The parade went on smoothly with your helping hands! A Big Thank You to all parents who came in early to help remove obstacles from the parade's pathway! Our little goblins, witches, ghosts, super heroes, prince and princesses, ninjas, trucks and planes,

pumpkins, cats, M&Ms, fire fighters, safety officers, along with my elegant staff, all in their costumes sure filled our hearts with delight and joy!

Rainy Day – Practice and actual rainy days' drop off/pick up procedures were smoothly run! Thanks to you and all our staff who ensured that our children's routines stayed the same!

Board Election Results: Villa thanks alumni Villa parent volunteers (Mr. Kulin Kothari, Mrs. Wendy Leung, & Mrs. Melissa Kimball) who helped conduct the vote counting in a fair manner. Here are the results for your reference. President/Chairman: Mr. Eric Lee, 1st Vice Chair: Mr. Amin Ahmad, 2nd Vice Chair: Mrs. Preeti Powar, 3rd Vice Chair: Mrs. Jean Lee, 4th Vice Chair: Mrs. Hui Liu, Secretary: Mr. Han Jun Kim, Treasurer: Mr. Yixin Li, Comptroller: Mr. Yang Wang. On behalf of all of us at Villa, we extend a warm welcome to Villa's 2017-18 Board of Directors!



IMPORTANT DATES:



November 1st – Tuition Due

November 3rd – Parent Teacher Conference Signup closes

November 1st through Dec 1st – Villa families Giving back to the community! Christmas Shoe Box project email will follow with more details.

November 10th – Veteran's Day – No School

November 13th -17th – Teacher Appreciation Week [[Villa's Amazon Smile Link](#)]



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November 16th – Villa gives thanks! Please encourage your child to bring an item that she/he feels thankful for and is appropriate for the circle time sharing activity!

November 17th – Friday - Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Children.

November 20-24th – Thanksgiving Break. No School.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! [November 28th – OPEN HOUSE 5 -7 pm at Villa. Please invite friends and family. Direct your friends to our website for more information and to RSVP.](#)

December 1st – Friday -Parent Teacher Conferences- No School for Children. Tuition due.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

- **EMERGENCY/ CHILD RELEASE FORM UPDATE:** Kindly stop by at the office to update the Child Release and Emergency forms to add/remove/modify the list of name(s) (family/friends/caretakers) and their contact information. Without a written authorization and consent including the new person's identification details from you, we will not release any children from campus.
- **NOTE: we will not release your child from school with anyone who is not listed on your child's authorized release/emergency form. No exceptions!**
- Sign in and out **each time** you drop off or pick up your child.
- Drop off children directly in their classroom on rainy days.

- **LABEL ALL ITEMS** that come to school – sharing items, lunch boxes, water bottles, spare clothes set, bedding, backpacks! **SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00 AM.**



- **PLEASE BRING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME! 9:05 am– DOOR CLOSES!**

Teachers request that all parents and children come to school on time and regularly! Curriculum schedule is not to be taken lightly. Every minute is accountable at Villa! Any time we get a late comer it affects the “Social Cohesion” of the whole classroom. Even when your child’s classroom is outside on recess during your drop off time, lot that happens inside class which the late coming child will miss out on! [Here is an article link to understand the value of coming to school on time.](#) Thank you!

Special Announcements:

Parent Teacher Conference: Please come early and be ON TIME. NOTE: *On November 10th teachers will post your child’s classroom accomplishments on Montessori Compass.* If you have questions on how to access Montessori Compass, please contact your teacher immediately! **PLEASE READ the Compass thoroughly BEFORE the conference.** Feel free to bring your own laptop/tablet/phone to discuss the Compass reports with your child’s teacher. Without your engaged participation, the conference time will not be beneficial! Please come prepared! Teachers will send out Report Cards via email after the conference. We are eager to meeting you and discuss your child’s experiences and progress at school.

Christmas Shoe Box project has begun at the New Life Church. Villa participated last year in this activity donating basic supplies to children in need around the globe. This year the church plans to deliver the donated boxes to children in the refugee centers in Sacramento. Please see separate email sent from the office. If you choose to participate in this event please turn in your shoeboxes from now through Dec. 1st. Thank you again for your support to Villa’s efforts in “good neighbor” activities giving back to communities.

New phone number for Villa [669-800-1669]. We are registering our new phone system on GLIP, an online app that allows parents to text to school numbers if it is busy. We will share more details on how to use it very soon; please store the new number in the meantime.

Photo Sharing Consent Form will be sent to you via email. Without your consent and permission, we will not share your child’s pictures taken at school or school related events and performances. Please turn in the form as soon as you receive it. Tons of beautiful Halloween pictures of your child have been loaded onto online app called Cluster by our awesome volunteer photographers!

Donations made to non-profit organization like Villa Montessori **are tax exempt.** It is that *TIME OF THE YEAR!* If you are planning to buy gifts and tokens for friends and family, below are some of the ways you can contribute to Villa at no extra cost to you.

1. Shopping on Amazon. Visit [AMAZON SMILE.com](#). On [Amazon Smile choose Villa Montessori Cupertino](#) as your charity organization.
2. Add your [credit/debit cards on eScrip.com](#). **Villa eScrip id#: 500017257.**
3. **Corporate Match** – check with your company rep for non-profit donation info.
4. **Benevity** can double your donations through your company
5. Use your Volunteer Hours for matching Corporate donations



If you have questions on how to obtain a tax-exempt donation receipt from school or how to add your information to the above channels, please call/email us anytime. Thank you!

My special appreciation goes to our wonderful teaching team and the admin! Thank you for your support! You are the best team to work with! 😊

Once again, from all of us here at Villa, WE THANK YOU for your support and generosity!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!!!!

Gratefully yours,

Geetha and the Villa Staff!

