



Winter Edition

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Newsletter

2018  
Happy New Year!

January



Hello Villa from Mrs. Sunder

Dear Villa Families!

Welcome back! We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful New Year! We wrapped up 2017 with a Holiday Cheer and a hugely successful performance by our own Villa Stars! Thank you for bringing in delicious treats to the family potluck. It was great to see the families mingling together! Hope you all had a tremendous time during the Holidays!

**Open House!** Villa will host its second **Open House on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 9 AM – 12 PM.**

It is the best time for new parents to see our campus, visit our classrooms and meet our staff. We invite you to join us to speak with prospective parents. Please spread the word of this event by sharing it through Facebook, posting the event flyer from the website in your company's breakroom (if permitted), and sharing with friends and neighbors online and in person. We grow our school mainly through word of mouth references. Please help us to continue serving the community to provide a top-rated Montessori education and creating a loving and peaceful environment for our young friends!



### Calendar Updates:

**Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** – School Resumes; **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>** – Tuition Due; **Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** – Enrollment for 2018-'19 school year begins. Pick up an official enrollment form from the office or request via email.

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** – Returning to Villa Survey Due; **Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** – Dr. King Holiday Observed

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** – SIS day at Villa. No School for children; **SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY.** Parent Participation hours can be earned for this event. Please look out for the sign-up sheet that will be sent by Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 9am-12pm – OPEN HOUSE** at Villa! Invite friends and family to this event! Thank you!

**2018-'19 Enrollment News! Due January 12<sup>th</sup> Friday:** [2018-'19 Villa Return Interest Form](#) We need to account for the available open spaces for our new and incoming families in the 2018-'19 school year. Our second Open House Event is on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday between 9 am – 12 pm.

ready to  
enroll?

The Official Enrollment form will certainly reserve a spot for your child for the next school year however it does not guarantee the same program requested. If the child is over 3.3 years of age and developmentally ready to learn complex concepts, our teaching team will determine the program that is suitable for the child either in a PM or a full day program. AM program spots will be reserved for very young children who are unable to sustain PM programs due to napping needs. The majority of the children currently in the morning program, most of them, will be moving to the afternoon program. Several factors are considered when determining whether or not a child is moved including • Developmental Readiness • Teachers' Overall Assessments • Limited space. Therefore, we suggest you provide more than one choice in the order of preference when you fill out the survey and the form.



**Welcome to Villa!** Many new families joined Villa at the end of last school year and beginning of this new year! We welcome everyone and encourage all our families to connect and build a stronger, friendlier, community.

Villa welcomes Dhiya's new brother, Dushyant! We congratulate the family on their new addition! So happy to hear that both baby and the mother are doing great!



**Staff Updates: Congratulations to Mrs. Mika Hatori!!!** Our teacher Mrs. Hatori got married over the Holidays and we are thrilled with this good news! Mrs. June Wen left Villa before winter holidays. We are in the process of appointing a new Montessori Teacher to Villa. Currently, there are substitute teachers filling in for our teachers who are on leave. By January 16<sup>th</sup> all our teachers would have returned to classrooms.

**School Updates:** Villa has a **new phone number 669-800-1669**. You can leave text or email messages along with voice messages to this number! Please follow the prompts carefully to utilize extra features like leaving direct message for specific people at school. The old number works as our emergency disaster contact number and therefore will NOT receive voice messages.

**Summer School:** Currently, we do not have enough staff on board to offer summer programs at Villa. If you have any suggestions for a camp or group classes that can utilize Villa Classrooms and provide summer camps for our children, please do contact us with more information. We can look into procuring their services.

**Thank You Corner!** Community Garden is sprouting and thriving with winter plants! Thank you to all parents who tirelessly helped with setting up of the winter garden in time, who joined us for cleaning, setting up, arranging and purchasing materials needed for winter performance and the potluck! We are so grateful to our remarkable ROOM PARENTS who support Villa day in, day out! Room Parents recorded the performance and shared the photo album with all the parents over the Holidays. They organized the group donations to buy teacher gifts and appreciation lunches for all teachers and staff. They constantly act as a bridge between the school and home! Please contact them for upcoming special projects and events at Villa to contribute on Field Day, Spring event, Multicultural event, and Special Someone's Day events in the new year! [Room.parents@villamontessori.net](mailto:Room.parents@villamontessori.net).



Special thanks to Mrs. Taam and to all the families who generously donated to the New Life Church Annual Donation project. We gathered over 25 shoe boxes to be sent to the refugee centers in Sacramento!

We thank and appreciate the families for monetary and book donations honoring their child's birthday at Villa! Avery, Mustafa, Athena, Kanta, and Serenna! Name of the book added to our library are "How Full is Your Bucket-for kids" from Avery, another book named "How Many Jelly Beans" written especially by our Villa

parents, Children's Book Author Mrs. Andrea Menotti and Illustrator Mr. Yancey Labbot, Serenna's parents. Thank you all!

Monetary donations from Mustafa and Athena families helped us buy rainy day mats for Villa. Avery's family shared in our donation to New Life Church for the use of church facility during the winter performance! Renee's parents brought in staff lunches and fixed the clock at school! Jessie's father fixed the security codes for our entry doors; Srivardhan's mother along with Samiksha's mother painted the walkways for our children from playground to the indoors. Athena's father helped fix the fax and fire alarm issues over the holidays and set up the new phone number ready for use! Avery's mother is working on designing the Villa Spirit Wear! Sales of Villa Spirit Wear will begin soon! Buy yours to show the school spirit during our family events at Villa! Thank you!

## School Reminders:

- Your child's **ATTENDANCE REPORT** was sent home before the Holidays along with your child's **MIDYEAR REPORT CARDS**. If you have not yet received this, please contact school office.
- We request you to bring children to school **ON TIME!** Arriving after 9:05 am will be marked tardy!
- **Sign in/out every time you drop off or pick up your child at school!**
- **Label all items that are sent to school.** {Lunch bags, back pack, water bottles, jackets, hats/beanies/caps, umbrellas, coats, and sleeping bag items.} We sincerely appreciate your help with this request.
- Weather Appropriate? Kindly check your child's **spare clothes box at school and make sure they are weather appropriate!** Children have shorts and short sleeved clothes in their box that does is not warm enough for the cold weather. Please bring clothes that will keep the children warm and comfortable.
- Drive slowly in the parking lot. Whether you come in or leave the school drive at 5mph only!
- Please park only in the parking spaces that are after the fire hydrant near the school entrance.
- Every Friday is Sharing Day. If you do not have the sharing letter list please contact us.
- **YOGA DAYS @ Villa!** Every other Monday starting from January 8<sup>th</sup> Monday Villa students will have Yoga classes. Please dress up your child in comfortable active wear that will help them during poses.
- **January 26<sup>th</sup> Friday 9 am – 12pm.** PARENT PARTICIPATION EVENT- MID YEAR SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY! We need 15 hours of volunteering time for each classroom on this day. Please sign up for **ONLY ONE SLOT**, one parent/hour. This allows the opportunity for other parents to contribute to their parent participation requirement. There is no child care provided during this event. Thank you!

From all of us at Villa,

WISH YOU A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR! HAPPY 2018!

