

# SUMMER



## NEW STAFF

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, August 19 — Summer Halloween (**Elementary only**)  
Monday-Wednesday, August 29-31 — **No School** — Teacher  
In-Service / Classroom Preparations  
September 1 — First Day of New School Year  
September 5 — **No School** — Labor Day

## REMINDERS

- Please turn in the Photo Waiver form by this Friday. Forms were put in your child's mailbox the start of this week.
- Please notify the school in advance if your child will be picked up early or absent.
- We ask that all parents put sunscreen on their children prior to the student arriving at school.
- Please clean, fill, and send a fresh water bottle every day.

## A FOND FAREWELL

A message from Cindy Tovar:

“Dear families, it has been a pleasure to have been part of the NVM team for the past year. Unfortunately, I will be moving to a different school to continue to work towards my career! The students here will hold a special place in my heart and I have loved the relationships I have grown with each and everyone of them. My last day here will be this Friday, August 19. I will miss all of them dearly and appreciate all you families for the relationships I have grown with you all as well!”

— Miss Cindy

**At the start of July, two new faces joined our team at NVM.**

**Erika Navarrete** recently joined the primary program staff. She has a commitment and enthusiasm for helping each child learn in the most ideal setting - a fun and relaxed one! Erika earned her AS-T degree in early Childhood Education from Napa Valley College, as well as her Child and Family Studies Associate Teacher Certificate. She is working on getting her B.A. in Child and Adolescent Development at Sacramento State. Erika has always enjoyed working with children of all ages, helping them learn and discover new things. She's excited to continue learning and growing as part of our Napa Valley Montessori family.

Our new Director of Operations, **Todd Peterson**, comes to us with a diverse career in varied fields stemming from his college degrees in business, mathematics, and computer science, and his Master in Business Administration. Starting out in education, Todd has 13 years of teaching experience at Elementary, High School, and College in the areas of mathematics, computer science, music, and drama. He also has 15 years of experience in Information Technology in Healthcare from his years with Adventist Health. During his time with Adventist Health, Todd was Director of Information Technology where he managed the IT operations for three hospitals, a revenue cycle center, and over 20 clinics. He also has years of experience as an accounting manager and over 17 years of management experience. Todd is delighted to be working with NVM, as well as Home Now Healthcare in the suite next door.



## ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP

As we pass the halfway mark in the month of August, we continue our SUMMER CAMP Adventures with more experiences to explore, enjoy and discover.

Looking back at the first half of August, our First Week was a SAFARI, a Jungle Cruise to the mysterious land of the African Plains. The name comes from Swahili meaning journey, which is also drawn from the Arabic "travel." We traveled, as well, to other continents, exploring the wildlife, forests and the animals in their habitat, and other unique places of interest. We also met Simba, the Lion King, as he grew up to rule over his realm, completing the Circle of Life.

Our Second Week of August brought us to the UNDERSEA WORLD which has even more mysteries and interesting creatures to encounter: Sharks, whales, denizens of the deep. We met some of them during Disney Week, found Dory and joined Nemo, with Mr. Ray (aka Sting). As the world is at least 75 percent water, we explored a myriad of creatures and habitats, all with song, fun and adventure.

This week, our Third Week, brings us to CELEBRATE, where our journey takes us to different countries across the globe. We will experience colorful traditions, native songs and dances in a colorful kaleidoscope of the diversity of our home, the Earth. From the Ipanema with its Samba, to Asia with its tropic traditions, to the frozen steppes of the North, the strings of romance of Paris and Italy, and our own United States of America, there will be an explosion of culture and celebration. We describe it as a Carnival, each unique and endearing, heritage abounding, here in our welcoming land of the brave and the free. It is Summer Around the World and more, Christmas as well as Halloween in August – Time travel and timely travels. All this August during our Summer Camp. Please mark **FRIDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup> as Summer HALLOWEEN, FRIGHTDAY**, where our Campers can come in costumes, to TREAT not trick, all in fun without the scary. Harry Potters are welcome.

The Fourth and Final Week echoes the Fourth, as in MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU, as STAR WARS meets STAR TREK, LIGHTYEARS and SPACE FRONTIERS, to where no man has dared before. We explore our UNIVERSE, as well as enjoy the fabled tales of anime, film and literature, even the cinematic Jedi Universe. We will explore our Solar System, and the galactic grandeur beyond. Our FINAL SUMMER CAMP DAY is STAR WARS DAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>, where you can come in your costume, bring your lightsabers, action figures, R2D2, C3PO droids, and books. FEEL THE FORCE.

We thank all of our Campers, our parents and guardians of the galaxy for all your support, your smiles and summer laughter.

-- Mr. B and the NVM Family



## UPDATES

New security cameras were recently installed to monitor the entry doors and parking lot out front of both Primary and Elementary. We take the safety of your children seriously, and these added cameras ensure a continued focus on the vital security of our school.



## HAPPY GRADUATION!

On June 30th at the Open Door Christian Church, we celebrated an important moment in many families' lives! The graduation ceremony was very special, and we thank you for attending and letting us be an integral part of your child's development.



Congratulations, graduates! We know your student will enjoy the next step in their learning journey!



"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

– Dr. Maria Montessori

