
FEBRUARY '16 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear DAVM families,

What an exciting few weeks we have had this year so far, beginning with the Indian Republic Day highlighted by awesome performances by our little stars. Then February brought a successful book fair and a fun-filled family night, along with Valentine's celebration. Thanks again to all the parent volunteers for coordinating the fair and making it such a success.

As we wrap-up the month with P.T. teacher conferences held recently, we will officially start our 3rd and final term for the year. I can't believe Spring break is a few days away, and summer will be soon upon us. Have a great rest of the month!

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION PHOTOS



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 26

Go Texan Day
DAV cowboys and cowgirls enjoy a regular school day with chips-salsa and line dancing.

MARCH 25

Good Friday Holiday
School closed; childcare not available

MARCH 14-18

Spring Break
Holiday for students in half-day and extended day program. Childcare will be provided for students in full-day program.

MARCH 11

Children's Open House
Preschool through 1st grade students bring their parents to class to show them their lessons and leave with them.

No regular classes; childcare provided for full day students. Regular school day for 2nd to 4th grade students.

ELEMENTARY AT DAVM

- By Surbhi Presse, a proud DAVM parent (of Jatin Arya and Jeevan)

At DAV, the teachers work with the students and the parents to understand each child's level and teach accordingly. The children leave 1st grade at a grade level ahead of other public schools and maintain that throughout the elementary program! I know of a student who moved even further ahead.

Besides the confidence that my children exhibit as a result of DAV's values and stage activities, they are learning at their determined level and are constantly challenged. They take tests almost daily and so learn not to fear tests. Elementary at DAV has been the perfect transition from Montessori. I know my children will be equipped academically as well as socially once they enter the 6th grade.

When my son was finishing 1st grade, I investigated other schools. I toured the Village School, Condit, and River Oaks Elementary (a vanguard magnet school— for the non-HISD parents, vanguard means gifted and talented). I was stunned to find that the academic level at DAV was ahead of these other schools. One example comes to mind. During a school tour, I opened up the math textbook and flipped through it. Only at the very end of the 2nd grade book was new material that my son had not learned yet (remember he is still in 1st grade)! I asked the director how they address the needs of kids who are ahead...do they give them different material, go to the next book? They said that those students who are ahead can do extra problems on the computer. With high student-teacher ratios at these other schools, I cannot imagine them being able to address different academic levels of various students in a class. The reading lists published for the schools I investigated were also at best at my children's levels. Even though we got accepted into River Oaks Elementary, I am beyond thrilled we chose DAV.

Early enrollment for current students is now available!

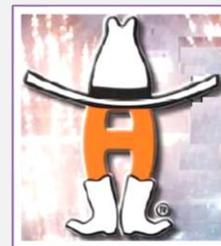
The completed forms are due back on March 1 along with a \$100 application fee.

Annual supply fee and half of August tuition are due by May 20, 2016.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Kids and family happenings around Htown for those interested in the arts can be found on the [artshound](#) website.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo begins March 1 and will go on through March 20. Check their [website](#) for more details.



MARCH 20

Arya Samaj Holi celebration is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of March.



LOOK IN A BOOK

Our Valentine favorites are "Hugs and Kisses", "Hug Time", "All The Things I Love About You", "Papa, Do You Love Me?", and "Guess How Much I Love You."

Some additional recommendations for our little Texans are "The Gingerbread Cowboy" and "Are You a Horse?"