
MARCH '16 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear DAVM families,

Welcome back from Spring break! This month we have been working on the IOWA test prep with our kids. However, it's not all work and no play... Kids donned their Spring colored outfits and had a lot of fun during our annual Spring celebration with a special egg hunt. They also learnt about the festival of Holi and the story of Prahlad, Holika and Hiranyakashipu.

SPRING CRAFT



Make adorable toilet roll (or kitchen towel) bunnies that can even be used to stash mini eggs for an egg hunt!

What you need?

1 toilet roll (or kitchen towel roll), colored paper, foam sheet or board, 2 googly craft eyes, 1 button (nose), jute string (whiskers), glue, scissors

How to make it?

Wrap the toilet roll in the colored paper. Glue it down and tuck the overlapping ends into the ends of the toilet roll. Next, make a base and feet out of the foam board. Trace around the base of the toilet roll, then add two bunny feet shapes. Cut out two bunny ears from what's left of the colored paper. Glue them to the top of the toilet roll. Glue on the eyes and nose. Cut small sections (about 2.5cm) of jute string and glue them on as whiskers. Glue the base of the toilet roll to the foam board base. Everybody say: BUNNIES!!!!

Source: www.kidspot.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 25

Good Friday Holiday
School closed; childcare not available

APRIL 8

Father's Day and Bike-a-thon
Fathers are welcome to join us for DAV style Father's Day celebration from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., followed by Bike-a-thon from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

APRIL 11

IOWA Testing from April 11-15
For kindergarteners

APRIL 18

IOWA Testing from April 18-22
For 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders

APRIL 29

Parent Teacher Conference Day
Student holiday.
Child care available for full day students.

DAVM'S SUCCESS AT PSIA

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

Are you ready for our school to win again next year?

For the first time, DAV Montessori participated in the Private School Interscholastic Association ([PSIA](#)) Competition! What is PSIA? This is a National coalition of Private schools (such as Village, Kinkaid, Iman Academy) competing in events for a national spot in subjects such as Storytelling, Creative Writing, Ready Writing, Spelling, and Math.

For the past four months, parents lead our 1st through 4th graders in afterschool classes preparing for these events. The kids loved it and won ... We are proud to announce our competitors for this year: Chinmay Rajesh, Maitri Patel, Shivani Jain, Nayka Pandya, Arya Presse, Nirav Mandhani, Maya Vishwanath, Raja Pandya, Jiya Makati, Keshav Ravi, and Jatin Presse.



Chinmay Rajesh placed 1st place in creative writing and Nirav Mandhani tied for 4th place in spelling! Many of the other children were within single digit points of placing. To have accomplished so much at a competition to which we are brand new is a credit to our teachers and students!

This event would not have been successful without the parent volunteers. Special thanks goes out to all the parents who took time out each week to train our scholars and who participated as judges, contest directors and assistant directors at the PSIA meet!

IN THE COMMUNITY

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

MARCH 26

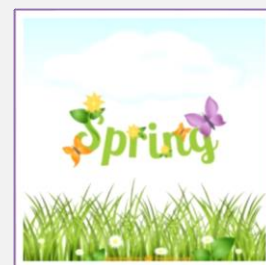
Holi celebration

In case you missed the awesome Arya Samaj Holi celebration last weekend, there is yet another [local Holi event](#) next weekend.



LOOK IN A BOOK

Our Spring favorites are "And Then It's Spring", "Planting a Rainbow", "What Will Hatch?", "The Easter Egg?", and "P. Zonka Lays An Egg".



Kiddos will also enjoy reading books on Holi such as "Amma Tell Me About Holi", "Here Comes Holi: The Festival of Colors" and "A Children's Book for Holi".