



Vienna Moms

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Hi Ladies – Happy Wacky Winter!

As we write this letter, our children are playing outside without coats. We'd like to think the coldest days of Winter are behind us, but given the unpredictability of the seasons here, it's impossible to know. We look forward to the official start of Spring when we can consistently enjoy the wonderful weather and host more VMI events outdoors!

2017 was a great year for VMI, much thanks to all of you! We have record enrollment numbers – up to almost 800 moms! Our amazing board and officers planned incredible playdates, popular monthly featured events and a fabulous Fall party. They also coordinated numerous philanthropic initiatives such as the Angel Tree, and hosted fun nights out for our moms that were both educational as well as entertaining. In addition, they organized new playgroups, came up with innovative new ways to welcome our new members, and created this incredible newsletter. Last, but certainly not least, VMI launched a new website using a new membership management service: viennamoms.org. We thank all of you for being so patient and understanding during the transition process!

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, several of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Please check your email for invitations from VMI as we're constantly announcing new events. Especially look out for our big Winter Bash, which will be held in early March this year. That is always a huge event that is not-to-be-missed! We also promote our events on Facebook – if you are not on our Facebook site, you are missing out on a great resource for local news/information sharing and extremely helpful recommendations on anything you could possibly need or want. Please reach out if you'd like to join our site but are unable to do so.

Finally, we are about mid-way through our term as co-presidents. Pretty soon we will start thinking about the slate of board members and officers for next term, which starts July 1, 2018. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer – both large and small roles; roles that can be done from home in your spare time and roles that involve working with and/or meeting lots of new people. We will be hosting an information session in early Spring – please come out and learn more about the opportunities to become more involved with VMI!

We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events!

Best,

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Moms' Night Out

October

Pure Barre Vienna

We lifted, toned and burned at this complimentary Pure Barre class! Such a fun workout!



Pure Barre Vienna

Paint & Sip at Cocoa Vienna

Everyone seemed to really enjoy this abstract art paint night to express whatever they were feeling! We topped it off with some delicious snacks, wine and some chocolate!



Paint & Sip at Cocoa Vienna

November

MNO at the Movies!

We shared a lot of laughs watching A Bad Moms Christmas at Mosaic!



MNO at the Movies!

Sip & Shop Vendor Fair!

What a wonderful day allowing many of our own members to showcase their businesses and talents at this holiday vendor fair at the renovated Community Center!



Sip & Shop Vendor Fair!

December

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Thanks to co-President Wendy Rosner for hosting another fun holiday cookie exchange in her home! We all took home over two dozen treats to share with our families!



Holiday Cookie Exchange

Coming up - January

The Bar Method Tysons Corner

Get ready for another fun and challenging workout!

Future events to be on the lookout for

- Cooking class at William-Sonoma in Mosaic
- MNO at the new Vienna Vintner location
- And more!



Speaker Series

November

Smart kids play with toys

In November, we were joined by Kristen Paral from Intelligent Nest who shared recommendations regarding the best toys to capture our children's attention, encourage imaginative play and support their ongoing development. This event helped many Vienna Moms to add some fun new things to their kid's holiday lists!



January

Race, culture and diversity workshop

We were happy to have Makai Kellogg, early educator and Equity and Diversity Coordinator at School for Friends in Washington, DC, present an enlightening, informative and interactive workshop on race, culture, and diversity. This workshop encouraged us to recognize our own biases and provided recommendations for how to discuss these topics with our children and others.



Smart kids play with toys

Coming Soon: 529 Savings Thursday, Feb 22 - at Green Hedges

With so many different college savings options available today, it may be difficult to determine which strategy is best for you. Come and learn about college savings options and the 529 College Savings Plans from Jason Epps, a Certified Financial Planner Practitioner™ (CFP®), and a Chartered Retirement Planning CounselorSM (CRPC®).

Jason will discuss various college planning topics, including:

- Tuition inflation
- Calculating how much to save
- Savings options (529 savings, 529 pre-paid, Coverdell accounts, UTMA/UGMA etc.)
- Impact of savings on financial aid and the EFC (expected family contribution)

About the Speaker

For more than ten years, Jason Epps' focus has been to empower his clients; enabling them to achieve all they desire in life. As a Certified Financial Planner Practitioner™ (CFP®), and a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®), Jason possesses the unique knowledge and expertise necessary to provide his clients with the most applicable and beneficial financial guidance. He believes that a financial plan is only as strong as the advisor's understanding of the core values and beliefs of each client.

Monthly Featured Events & Parties

October

VMI Annual Fall Festival

Our Fall seasonal party was a popular one, with caramel apple stations, games, a pony ride, petting zoo and a barrel train ride. The kids wanted to stay and play all day with the cool weather and tasty treats at Southside park!



November

The Great Zucchini

This was our debut event at the newly opened Vienna Community Center. The Great Zucchini never lets down with his magic tricks and slapstick humor to keep the kids laughing and entertained.



VMI Annual Fall Festival



The Great Zucchini



December

Holiday Singalong & Hot Chocolate

The well-loved Anne Motz came out of retirement to piper piper our kiddos and help get those indoor wiggles out. Cookies and hot chocolate were of course a big hit with the littles after enjoying their music session.



Holiday Singalong & Hot Chocolate



Playdates

October

Trick or Treat at Sunrise Senior Living

In partnership with the Philanthropy Coordinators, we arranged for our members to take their children trick-or-treating at the Sunrise Living facility. Parents brought their mini superheros, cowboys and princesses to visit the residents. Both the kids and residents enjoyed their time together, showing off their costumes and basking in the attention (and candy) they were showered with.



Trick or Treat at Sunrise Senior Living

Pumpkins and Brels

Members and their families came out to enjoy a beautiful day outside Caboose Brewery where the kids decorated pumpkins and our friends at Caboose provided happy hour pricing.



Pumpkins and Brels

Treats & Teeth

Dr. Veronica Miller at Downtown Vienna Dental hosted an event to help teach us how to keep our little ones' teeth healthy. The kids enjoyed games and healthy snacks and hopefully learned a bit about good dental hygiene!

Dr. Miller and her staff seemed really nice and very knowledgeable – please check her out if you're looking for a new dentist.



Treats & Teeth

November

Thanksgiving Craft playdate

The little ones had a chance to create some fun decorations for their Thanksgiving tables. Always a great way to get the creative minds going and coloring next to a new buddy! Gobble, Gobble!



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