



MONTESSORINEWS

SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Our mission is to create kind, confident, self-reliant learners who are globally aware and impactful in and beyond their community. We enrich students' academic excellence and social and emotional learning based on the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori.

Academic Policy Committee Elections

- The SMCS APC will have two parent seats open beginning in the 21-22 School Year. The positions are for 3-year terms.
- Applications are included in today's Power School Messenger email and are available online at the APC section of the SMCS website.
- Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 17th and should be submitted by email to jdevolld@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.
- The Academic Policy Committee members supervise the academic operation of a charter school and ensure the fulfillment of the mission of a charter school.
- APC Elections will be held April 26-30 using an online election tool. A link to this online polling area will be provided on 4/26.
- Each parent of a SMCS student and SMCS staff members may vote in the APC election.

Yearbook Individual Picture Request

If your child missed the school picture day, we are requesting photos of students be provided for inclusion in our school yearbook. The picture will be cropped to equate to a portrait, so any background imagery you are hoping to appear will likely be cropped out. Please submit a photo to MONTinfo@kpbsd.k12.ak.us for inclusion by April 9th.

Class Placement Requests

It is time to begin considering class placement requests for next year. Class placement requests are being handled with an online form. A link to the placement request form will be sent, today via email, to families with kindergarten or 3rd grade students who will be transitioning to a new teacher. A link will also be available at the school website. Completion of the form is optional, and we will make every effort to accommodate requests. If you have questions, please contact the school.

Volunteers Information

It has been some time since we have been able to host volunteers. As we approach the end of the school year, there will be some opportunities for volunteering. There are some key elements that need to occur and be considered for volunteering:

- 1) All volunteers must have completed the district background check and be approved prior to volunteering. (BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE UPDATED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR AND LAST THROUGH THE END OF MAY.)
- 2) All volunteering will occur at the teacher's request. They will notify families of volunteer opportunities.
- 3) All volunteers will be required to complete a COVID-19 Waiver form, a COVID symptom screening form, and get prior approval by the school administrator for each time volunteering.
- 4) All volunteers will be required to wear a mask, maintain 6ft physical distancing, and wash hands upon arrival.
- 5) All volunteers will only work with one cohort group.

Please, if you feel you would like to volunteer for any future event, please complete the school background check now. It is the first step for any volunteer work at any time.

Events Calendar

4/15	Yearbook Online Orders Due
4/17	APC Candidate Apps Due (3:00)
4/19	School Climate Student Survey (3-6)
4/19	Hubbard - Trinity Field Trip
4/22	APC Meeting (5:30 p.m on Zoom)
4/26-30	APC Elections—Online
4/28	Art Night Event—Tentative
5/6	6th Grade Pizza Lunch
5/6	4-6 Grade Talent Show (6:30)
5/6 or 7	Primary Kenai River Clean Up
5/10-12	6th Grade to Peterson Bay
5/11-12	5th Grade to OEC
5/13	6th Grade Visit to Skyview
5/14	4th Grade Fire Ecology Field Trip
5/19	6th Grade Promotion Event (TBD)
5/19	Last Day of School