

# 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, social and emotional learning based on the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori.

## Kindergarten Color Days!

**All students, Grades K-6, are encouraged to participate!**  
**Dress in the color for the day!**

- 8/29 – Red
- 8/30 – Orange
- 8/31 – Yellow
- 9/1 – Green
- 9/2 – Blue
- 9/6 – Purple
- 9/7 – Pink
- 9/8 – Picture Day
- 9/9 – Black & White
- 9/12 – Mixed Up Colors



## Events Calendar

8/25	APC MEETING (5:30)
9/5	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
8/29-9/12	Color Days by Kindergarten
9/8	Picture Day
9/9	Early Release Day (2:00)
9/13-14	Carter Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/14-15	Faris Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/15-16	Moore Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/22	Peace Night School Event TENTATIVE (5:30-6:30)
10/14	NO SCHOOL—End of 1st Quarter
10/20	Earthquake Drill (10:20)
10/27-28	Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Building Access Changes

With the new district-mandated policy of elementary schools locking the front door, we are working through options to ease parent access during the school day after front door drop off., and the front door is locked. SMCS/SOEL are part of 6 schools piloting the use of the buzz in system for the school doors.

A challenge to this work is providing buzz-in for two schools with one front door buzzer. This option is not possible with this system. A different solution for us (this plan has NOT been finalized) is that SMCS has a rear door access panel that includes a camera and a buzz in button (the button is not yet functional); the district is requesting us to use this rear door for parent admission for students arriving after 8:50 at that time the front doors lock.

We will be marking SMCS visitor parking areas in the back lot for our parents that visit during the school day. These changes will occur over the next week. We are asking all families to use the back parking lot and rear-door entry beginning next week. At this time, a call to our office will still be necessary to notify us of your arrival, until we get a buzz in button functional.

Please do not use the front door after 8:50. We will still use the front of the school for drop-off and pick-up: this change is only for the times between 8:50 and 3:30. This will take some time to establish consistent practice for families, but we feel this will ultimately help ease parent access and make visits feel more welcoming.



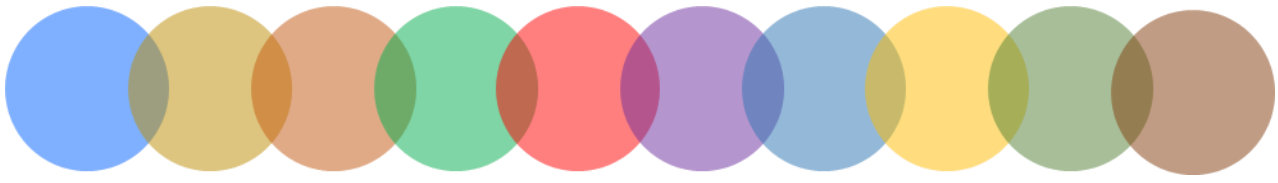
### Image Info:

Inter-mediate students Peyton C. and Leo W. working out a celebration handshake.



### School Arrival Times

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:20. Students having breakfast at school should go directly to the cafeteria.



## Volunteers!

If you plan to volunteer at school or on field trips, you must complete the required annual background check. It takes up to 10 days to process the application. Last minute completion of background checks, in the days before an intended volunteer day, cannot be approved in time. If you plan to drive for field trips this year, please complete the driver form now. We also need a copy of your driver's license, car insurance, and vehicle registration. Thank you for your desire and willingness to volunteer for our school!

It is not necessary to have a background check on file in order to eat or visit the school.

## Critical Student Enrollment Attention

I'd like to thank all of the families who have completed the district-required online registration for the school year. We still have some families who have not yet completed registration (student enrollment). If you have overlooked this requirement and have not been to KPBSD's online student enrollment area, please find the link to the district page at our school website. We must have 100% completion of this task. We are currently 64% complete. Thanks again if you have completed this task already. [Register here if viewing online.](#)

## Reminder: Snacks, Lunches, and Birthdays

Please keep the school district's policy on nutrition in mind when packing snacks and lunches or when providing birthday treats for your child. Candy, sweet treats, and soft drinks are not allowed.

## Reminder: Be Weather Prepared

We request parents be aware of potential weather conditions and provide students with appropriate gear for being outside for recess or other outdoor learning times. In the weeks to come, we will feel cooler temperatures, so warmer jackets, hats, and gloves will be needed.

## Welcoming Our New SMCS Students

We are so glad to meet and welcome our new student to our school this year. We, of course, have our new kindergarteners: *Brayden A., Ronon A., Reece B., William F., Matteo G., Liam H., Shiloh H., Rory J., Haleigh J., Blakely L., Lucy M., Abigail N., Clara N., Gabby R., Serenity S. Rylan S., Mason S., Grayson S., Wynni W., Loken Y.*

We are also welcoming our new grade 1-6 students!

GRADE 1: *Riley B., Valerie D., Finnegan D., Lena H., Emilee H., Azalie M., Eleni N.;* GRADE 3: *Journie H., Liam T., Carter Y.;* GRADE 4: *Olivia P.;* GRADE 6: *Leo W.*



## Images Info:

LEFT: Wynni W. says hello, LEFT MIDDLE: Mrs. Larned's class has a morning meeting, RIGHT MIDDLE: Mason S. Works on a book project, RIGHT: Maddy C., Torah S., & Sophie D. Work out a celebration dance.