

MONTESSORI NEWS

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

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)
9/9	50 Cent Friday
9/13-14	Carter Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/14-15	Faris Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/15-16	Moore Field Trip (Rafting & OEC)
9/20	PTO Meeting (4:00)
9/22	SMCS Farmers' Market
9/22	Peace Night School Event (5:30-6:30)
9/22	APC General Membership Meeting (5:30)
10/14	NO SCHOOL—End of 1st Quarter
10/20	Earthquake Drill (10:20)
10/27-28	Parent-Teacher Conferences

SMCS Visitor Access

With the new district-mandated policy of elementary schools locking the front door, we have developed a plan for SMCS visitors to access the building during the school day that can be managed within our wing of the school.

Student drop-off and pick-up will continue to take place in the front of the building, as there is space to accommodate the traffic. The front doors are unlocked for students' front entry from 8:20-8:50.

AFTER 8:50: We are asking all visitors or families with tardy students to use the back lot visitor parking for building access after 8:50 and throughout the day. We have set aside five [5] SMCS visitor parking areas in the back lot for our parents that visit during the school day. At this time, a call to our office will still be necessary to notify us of your arrival. The camera at that location is working, and Mrs. Cavazos can unlock the door for you from the office when notified. That should cut down on some of the waiting that has been occurring. Visitors who are buzzed in must come directly to the office upon entry.

We have been able to use this with some of our parents already and have found it to be helpful. It is a change, and change is hard, but I know it will become natural in time.

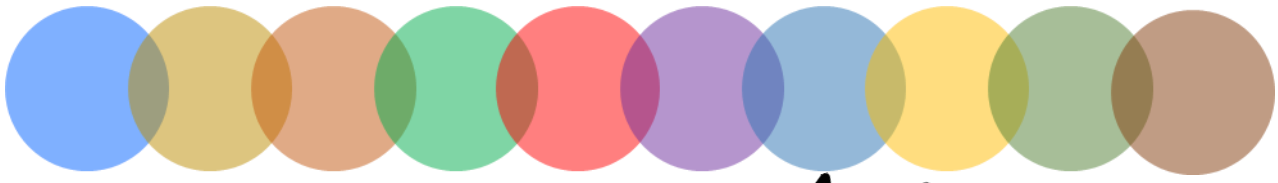


Image Info: SMCS Visitor Parking signs posted in our back lot. Access to the lot is across from the Post Office right next to the ice rink.



No 50 Cent Friday Tomorrow

50 Cent Friday will occur on 9/9/22 for the month of September.



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 many 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 still at 64% complete, even after last week's newsletter notice to families.** Thanks again if you have completed this task already. [Register here if viewing online.](#)

Peace Night—September 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.

Peace Night is our first school family event of the year, and we would love to have you join us. We'll gather for a hot dog meal, and the staff, students, and families will sing the "One Voice" song together (Which is reason to come all by itself!). We have a food sign-up link at the school website for buns, condiments, chips, and sides. Please head to our school site and sign-up to bring something for the event. We also will need volunteers to serve the food, so please contact Mrs. Cavazos if you can dish.

Academic Policy Committee at SMCS

In accordance with Alaska Statute 14.03.250 (Section B), the Soldotna Montessori Charter School Academic Policy Committee has been formed in order to establish and maintain the Soldotna Montessori Charter School. The Academic Policy Committee strives to maintain a Montessori community in the Central Kenai Peninsula so that the Montessori program can evolve with purposeful cooperation and common vision. To this end, the Academic Policy Committee will oversee the curriculum, including, but not limited to the Montessori curriculum; engage in planning with the school administration and staff to set and meet program goals; ensure the fulfillment of the mission of the SMCS Charter; advocate for the program; and foster a spirit of community at SMCS. Our Academic Policy Committee is made up of nine members: 6 parent members, 2 teachers, and the principal. The APC meets once a month. Interested parties are welcome to attend these meetings.

Our current committee members are:

Mike Williams – Parent Member (Chair)
Jamie Nelson – Parent Member (Vice-Chair)
John DeVold—Administrator—(Secretary)
Donna Edmunds – Parent Member (Chair)
Mariah Ross – Parent Member
Sarah McLeod – Parent Member
Robin Dahlman – Parent Member
Rachel DeRaeve – Teacher Member
Jennifer Hubbard – Teacher Member

October 4th Election Information

KPBSD has proposed a school bond that will be available for voter consideration during the October 4th, 2022 Regular Election. A portion of the bond includes a plan for relocating SMCS and is an item that may be important for our families to be aware of and consider. Please take note of and read through the bond proposition and be aware that voting on this proposition will occur on October 4th, 2022 during the regular election.

[Link to the proposal.](#)