

Soldotna Montessori News

January 19, 2023



Upcoming Events

1/27	School Assembly Larned's Class (9:00)
2/3	50 Cent Friday
2/6	B.O.B. District Competition (Grade 3-4 Team)
2/8	B.O.B. District Competition (Grade 5-6 Team)
2/10	Early Release (2:00)
2/16-17	Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/21	School Spelling Bee
2/22	Skyview meets with 6th Grade @ SMCS
2/23	APC Meeting (5:30)
3/10	End of 3rd Quarter No School
3/13-17	Spring Break

School Lottery Closes Feb. 24

Please encourage friends or neighbors to enroll in our lottery if they have an interest in joining our fabulous Montessori School family next year. The deadline to apply is February 24 @ 3:00 p.m.

P/T Conferences Coming Soon

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 16th & 17th. We always enjoy meeting with families and spending time discussing your student's progress. We look forward to your participation. The online sign up will be available on January 31 at 3:00. We will send an email out with the link, and the link will also be available on the school website. Also, as a reminder, there is no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

State Testing Notice

March 27-April 21 is the testing window for the Alaska state assessments. It is very important that all students are able to participate, so please schedule absences and family trips around these dates. Data from all of our students is helpful in reviewing our school academic program. Participation also can influence our School Report to the Public score calculated by the State.

Battle of the Books!

We have had a great season for Battle of the Books. Our grade 1-2 groups was lead by Courtney Pearson, and we had a full room of students participating. Grades 3-4 was led by Lashon Evans which also had a full room of participants. Our 3rd & 4th graders form a team to compete at the district level, and this year Piper B., Daniel D, Alyson E., Kian J., Augie M., & Leif A. will be representing our school on February 6th. Grade 5-6 was led by Rye Lajala, and they too will be competing at the district level. Claire H., Casey D., Hadley K., Sophia L., Polly M., Breckin S., Skyla Jo T., Olivia K., and Kemma A. will compete for our school on February 8th. Thank you to our parents who helped out and to our students who participated, and good luck teams!

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SMCS Spelling Bee SIGN-UP



We have had very few students sign-up for the Spelling Bee this year, but it is not too late.

Students in grade 3-6 are able to participate in the school spelling bee, which will be held on February 21.

Completed permission slips are required for participation. The permission slips can be found online at the school website. Mr. DeVold will also be conducting preparation sessions on Tuesdays during lunch for students wishing to learn Bee rules and strategies. Spelling Bee practice lists are also available at the school website to print and practice.

SMCS Robotics SUCCESS!

Our 5th & 6th grade teams recently competed at the Kenai Qualifier Tournament at KMS. Both teams represented the school very well and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship, which is the biggest celebration.

Also noteworthy, our 5th grade team performed well enough at the Kenai Qualifier to attend the State Lego Robotics Competition the following week. The quick turn around was a challenge, but the students who could attend learned a lot from their first time competing at the state level. It was a long, hard day, but it was enjoyable to see all the other students participating in Lego robotics from around the state, from Juneau to Utqiagvik. There were 37 teams. What an excellent accomplishment for these students!

We would like to recognize our 6th grade team members, Sophia Love, Polly Makabe, Hannah Hughes, Cierra Stuyvesant, Steven Debardeleben, and Will Miller for their efforts in preparing for the Kenai Qualifier. Also we would like to recognize our 5th grade team members who qualified to compete at the state level: Ben Schlegel, Cole Bryson, Reese Ross, Tucker Riley, Ethan Anderson, Iliana Rogers, Wylie Lautaret, and Hadley Kornelis.

School Enrollment 2023-2024

Each year our school provides SMCS families with a questionnaire about enrollment intentions for the upcoming school year (2023-2024). We are looking for every family to complete this form, and we are currently at 77% complete. THANK YOU to the families who have completed this form already, but we still need our remaining families to complete this form. A link to the form can be found on the school website. The form seeks to understand if you intend to re-enroll your child in our school or wish to enroll siblings who do not currently attend. It also asks where your 6th grader will be attending middle school. Our deadline for receiving completed forms from every family is February 10.

