

Soldotna Montessori News

January 5, 2023



Upcoming Events

1/6	50 Cent Friday
1/7	Lego Robotics Tournament @ Kenai Middle (9-4)
1/13	Early Release (2:00)
1/16	Snow Day Make-Up
1/17	PTO Meeting (4:00)
1/27	School Assembly - Larned's Class (9:00)
2/3	50 Cent Friday
2/10	Early Release (2:00)
2/16-17	Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/21	School Spelling Bee
3/10	End of 3rd Quarter No School

Report Cards - January 19

Your child's report card will be in the Thursday folder in two weeks: January 19.

School Lottery Closes on February 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.

SMCS Spelling Bee Preparation

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.

Intermediate Community Groups

Each year our third quarter is highlighted by our students' community outreach efforts. Our 4th graders will continue our positive message campaign, since it was such a big hit last year for local area coffee shops, by producing coffee sleeves with personal, positive messages. Our 5th graders will be continuing our support of the Food Bank and will travel there to provide assistance. Our 6th graders are continuing a project of promoting literacy in the community for families with newborns. They will be producing bags filled with read-to-me books and information about the impact of reading to your baby/toddler. SMCS students make a difference in our community!



SCHOOL ON 1/16 FOR SNOW DAY MAKE-UP

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School Enrollment

2023-2024

Each year our school provides SMCS families with a questionnaire about enrollment intentions for the upcoming school year (2023-2024). This questionnaire provides us with critical information for planning and preparing for the next school year. Last year our questionnaire was an online form, and we will be using this format again this year. We are **looking for every family to complete this form** and will be providing a link to the form in a school messenger email, text, and 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. Please look for an email or text message to this form today, and let us know your enrollment plans for next year. Our deadline for receiving completed forms from every family is February 10.



Nurse Tammy NOTE

What Is A Cough?

A cough is your body's way of responding when something irritates your throat or airways. An exclusionary cough is one that accompanies other illness symptoms such as fever, sinus congestion, sore throat. This type of cough places your student in a "must exclude from school" position based on KPBSD's Symptom-Free Protocol.

When your student repeatedly coughs in class, your child's teacher sends them to my office for further evaluation. If I determine that your student's cough is triggered by nasal drainage &/or fever, as opposed to known allergies, you will receive a call from me. The Symptom-Free Protocol states that your student must be 100% symptom-free, without taking Over-the-Counter medications for 24 hours, to be cleared to attend school.

Coughing is one of the most effective ways to spread germs. Influenza A & RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) are two very contagious viral illnesses, currently identified in our Community, that are readily spread through coughing.

If your student is experiencing a productive cough, please keep your child home. Rest, water & time are treatments that will help your student recover quickly without doing what we do best—share!



Snow Days Make-Up

JAN 16 & APRIL 7

The district has established the make-up days for our recent school closures due to snow and weather. The make-up days are Monday, January 16th, and Friday, April 7. Both of these days were scheduled to be vacations day on the district calendar. They are now school days, and school will be in session. An updated district calendar can be found at the district website if you would like to view/print the latest calendar.