

Soldotna Montessori News

February 23, 2023



Upcoming Events

2/23	APC Meeting (5:30)
2/25	District Forensics Competition @ Tustumena (9:30-1:30)
2/27	Faris FT - KNWR Hubbard FT - Dentist
3/1	Dixon Ft - KNWR (AM) Hubbard FT - KNWR (PM)
3/2	Larned FT - KNWR (AM)
3/3	50 Cent Friday
3/6	School Lottery @ 4:00
3/7	Faris FT - Alyeska (All Day)
3/9	Early Release (2:00)
3/10	End of 3rd Quarter No School
3/13-17	Spring Break
3/21	6th Grade Parent/ Student Orientations @ Skyview (6:00)
3/22	Quest Film Festival
3/24	School Assembly Hubbard's Class (9:00)
3/24	Spring Pictures
3/24	Kinder FT - River City Gymnastics
3/27-4/21	State Assessment Window
4/7	Snow Day Make-up (School in Session)

Books For Babies



In the 3rd Quarter our intermediate classes focus on community outreach and helping students realize that they can make a difference in their community. The 6th graders have prioritized literacy and getting books into the hand of babies. This project actually began as an idea last year, and the 6th graders have successfully implemented it this year. Students presented 25 book bags, with baby books and literacy information, to the maternity ward at CPGH earlier this month. They hope to share the importance of reading to and with newborns and toddlers. The books were purchased with grant funds provided by the Kenai Peninsula Foundation, and the student selected and prepared the books and literacy information. The students will now spend time locating additional grant funding to provide books year round.

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 influences our School Report to the Public score calculated by the State.

Spelling Bee Winner



Congratulations to Will Miller, our 22-23 School Spelling Bee Winner. This is quite an accomplishment, as this marks the 4th straight year for Will to be our school champion. I don't recall another time when we had a 4-year champion, so Will's achievement is something extra special. We wish him well for the regional stage of the State Spelling Bee.



The school lottery application window closes tomorrow, February 24th. Please let interested friends/families know that the deadline is tomorrow.

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Lunch \$ Notifications NEW PROCESS

The District has turned on a PowerSchool feature, at our request, to notify families via email, when lunch account balances get low (\$5). We hope this notification will be a helpful reminder for you .

It's Time to Think ABOUT YEARBOOKS

It is time to be thinking about yearbook orders. Families who order before March 28 are able to add 2 free custom pages to their student's yearbook. You can find the link to order a yearbook at the school web page. The school code is 1013956816001527. If you order online by April 14th, the cost of a yearbook will only be \$21.00.

Field Trip Season @ SMCS

It is getting lighter outside, and field trips are in the air. Students will be traveling to visit the dentist's office and heading to the Kenai Wildlife Refuge to do some snowshoeing and learn about the local wildlife. One class will be heading up to Alyeska to learn some skiing/snowboarding skills! After Spring Break, there will be intermediate Peterson Bay trips, primary Salmon Celebration efforts @ Johnson Lake, along with many other trips that are in the planning stages.

All of these experiences would not be possible without the help of our parent chaperones. If you are planning on helping, please complete the required background check, if you have not yet done so. Also, thank you for supporting this type of learning and joining us on these out-of-class learning experiences.



Spring Picture Day is Coming

Soldotna Montessori Spring Picture Day is March 24, 2023



Order forms will be sent home on Thursday before Spring Break



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Order forms did not arrive in time for today's Thursday folders