

Soldotna Montessori News

February 9, 2023



Upcoming Events

2/10	School Assembly Larned's Class (9:00)
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)
3/9	Early Release (2:00)
3/10	End of 3rd Quarter No School
3/13-17	Spring Break
3/22	Quest Film Festival
3/24	School Assembly Hubbard's Class (9:00)

SMCS Battle of the Books



Our 5-6 grade team battled on Wednesday and placed 1st in the district competition among 25 teams! What a great accomplishment for Olivia, Polly, Sophia, Skyla Jo, Breckin, Claire, Hadley, Casey, Kemma, Iliana, Christian, and Hannah. The team will compete at the state level on March 1st. Thank you to Ms. Lajala and Ms. Kobylarz for preparing our team. Our grade 3-4 team placed 6th at the district competition on Monday. Augie, Kian, Daniel, Piper, Allison, and Leif had excellent teamwork and a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs. Evans for coaching our grade 3-4 team this year.

P/T Conferences - Next Week



Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week, February 16th & 17th. There is no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Also, if you are planning on a ZOOM conference, it is important for you to contact the teacher to let them know. We do not have a way to identify a ZOOM conference from an in-person conference on our sign-up, so your email to the teacher will be extremely helpful to your teacher and to you.

Lost & Found



The Lost & Found area gets quite full each year and Mr. Jay has implemented a process for managing the Lost & Found area. He is planning on having all Lost & Found items out, during parent-teacher conferences for locating that mysteriously missing coat, or those gloves that have to be somewhere at school. We encourage parents to stop in and claim items that may be missing. The items will remain in Lost & Found through conferences; after conferences, any remaining items will be donated to Salvation Army.



ZOOM P/T Conferences must be planned with the teacher. Please contact your teacher to let he or she know.

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SMCS Lottery CLOSES FEB. 24

Please encourage friends and 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.

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.

Ice Skating @ Recess 3-6 GRADERS

We have been hoping to provide students with an opportunity to use the ice rink at recess since returning from winter break. We had an unfortunate session of warm weather, so prepping the ice has taken longer than anticipated. The City of Soldotna has been reflooding the ice and asked us to hold off on skating until this week, after they had a chance to put a Zamboni to it. I believe we are okay to have students bring in their ice skating gear to use the rink at recess. All students must have helmet and winter gear (including snow pants and gloves) to use the ice rink. Also, students must be able to secure their own skates. The rink will be available, daily, during recess. We ask that students bring skating gear home each day, since we have limited storage space at school.

KPBSD Information DISTRICT BUDGET MEETINGS

Public Service Announcement:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget meetings scheduled at the following times:

- Homer Community – Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm Homer High Library
- Central Peninsula Community – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 6:00pm KCHS Library
- Seward Community – Wednesday, February 22, 2023, @ 6:00pm Seward High Library

The February 15th meeting will also be a Zoom Meeting. The link will be posted on the KPBSD Events Calendar.