

Soldotna Montessori News

March 9, 2023



Upcoming Events

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	Spring Pictures
3/24	Kinder FT - River City Gymnastics
3/24	Performing Arts Assem. (2:10)
3/27-4/21	State Assessment Window
3/31	School Assembly Hubbard's Class (9:00)
4/7	Snow Day Make-up (School in Session)
4/8	APC Applications Due (3:00)
4/11	Art Night
4/13	Intermediate Nikiski Pool
4/14	50 Cent Friday
4/14	Early Release Day
4/14	School Assembly Dixon's Class (9:00)
4/18	PTO Meeting (4:00)
4/20	APC Meeting (5:30)
5/3	Band Concert (Time TBD) Modern & Concert Bands
5/18	Last Day Of School

Academic Policy Committee Positions Open



The APC is looking for interested parents to serve as APC parent committee members. The APC will have two open parent member seats beginning in the 23-24 school year. The positions are 3-year terms.

Application are available at the school website, and must be submitted to Mr. DeVold via email by April 8 at 3:00 p.m. The Academic Policy Committee supervises the academic operation of a charter school and ensures the fulfillment of the mission of a charter school.

Community Outreach



Recently our students in Grade 4 were able to provide a positive and uplifting message to our local police and EMS services. The students chose to make this effort their 3rd Quarter community outreach process. The students traveled to the police station and EMS to deliver their hand-made flags with positive messages written on them from our students and staff.

Staffing Update



As time passes, there is a time of change. We have reached that point here at SMCS again with Mrs. Carter choosing to retire at the end of the school year. We have been so blessed to have such a gifted teacher be a part of our school. Of course, there will be time for showing our appreciation for Mrs. Carter, but we also must make arrangements to address her departure. To that end, I have asked Mrs. Dixon to move into the intermediate position starting next year. We will be posting a primary teaching position in the weeks ahead. Change is hard, but inevitable. The intermediate team is happy to welcome Mrs. Dixon to this new role, and they are looking forward to continuing their great work with her as a new team member.

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State Testing Notice

KEY INFO

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.

Field Trip Season

@ SMCS



It is getting lighter outside, so it's field trip season! 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.

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.

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

Lifetouch.

Look for an order form in today's Thursday Folder