

Soldotna Montessori News

April 13, 2023



Upcoming Events

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)
4/19-21	Faris Field Trip Peterson Bay
4/20	APC Meeting (5:30)
5/1-2	Moore Field Trip Peterson Bay
5/3	Band Concert (Time TBD) Modern & Concert Bands
5/4	Primary Field Trip Kenai Fjords
5/5	School Assembly Miller's Class (9:00)
5/8-10	Carter Field Trip Peterson Bay
5/11	6th Grade Skyview Visit (9:00)
5/12	ALICE Drill (2:15)
5/18	6th Grade Promotion (9:15)
5/18	Last Day Of School

*Early Release Day
Tomorrow*

Art Night Highlight



Art Night was a fantastic success! What an enjoyable evening of SMCS families coming together. A huge thank you to Mrs. Edmunds and Mrs. Lajala for their efforts to prepare for this night. Also a big thanks to our student servers and food preppers as well as our teachers for their efforts for art night. Thank you families for attending and caring for each other.

Spring Session

REMINDERS

Alaskan Evenings—We love the increasing daylight, but remember to help your student get enough rest to have a productive day at school. It is easy to lose track of time at this time of year, but a good night's sleep is still important.

Sign In—We are a close-knit school community, and we are comfortable in our school; however, please do not forget to check in at the office when you visit. It is borough policy and helps us maintain a safe school environment.

Field Trips & Volunteers—Field trips are in full swing. If you are planning on volunteering, please do not wait to ensure you have a completed background check. If it is not done early enough, you may not be able to participate.

Field Trips & Siblings—Just a reminder that our school guidelines are that siblings are not able to attend school field trips when parents are volunteering or on a visit.

Class Placement Requests

We are currently taking placement requests for next year. Class placement requests will be handled with our online form. You can find a link to the request form at the school website. Also, a link to the form has been provided via School Messenger. The online form will be available for use by only our families with kindergarten or 3rd grade students. Completion of the form is optional, and we will make every effort to accommodate requests. If you have questions, please contact the school.

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APC Elections

APRIL 17-21

We will be holding APC elections on April 17– 21 via an online election tool. We will send a link to our online polling area tomorrow (Friday), and polling will be open beginning Monday, April 25 @ 8:00 a.m. Every parent or guardian of enrolled students will be able to vote for two candidates. Candidate bios are provided below. Although we only have two candidates for our two open seats, please participate in this vote, which would keep our election in accordance with our by-laws of carrying out a vote for our APC members.

2023 APC Election CANDIDATE BIOS

Bentley Hamilton

I am a father to Ella Hamilton (3rd) and Liam Hamilton (K).

I have served on my local HOA board ('19-'21) advising difficult financial guidance after prior years of squandering had depleted any savings for repair and maintenance. I also was Secretary of the Kenai Potter Guild for 2022 and continued as a Board member at large in 2023.

I strongly desire to better the community that we all live in and love, and that starts with the children of the next generation, and that begins at home but is followed up and strengthened by our school system, and becoming an active member of this board seems like an excellent way to guide and influence them, I look forward to continuing the great work that prior boards have accomplished.

Kathy McAlpine

My name is Kathy McAlpine, and I am applying for one of the vacant APC positions. We are proud to have two children that attend SMCS, Sophia (3rd grade) and Robbie (1st grade) as its focus is not only on education but teaches respect, honesty, and kindness. These values align with our core family values. I have a long history in working with kids as a nurse and office manager at Peninsula Pediatric Dentistry. I also have previous experience serving on the board of our local Community Health Center. If I am elected, I would enjoy the opportunity to work with the committee to align SMCS policies with the core values of our school while following the academic committee bylaws.

Yearbook Info

LAST CHANCE

Yearbook orders are due by April 14th. To order online, go to www.treering.com/validate. The school code is 1013956816001527. If you order online by April 14th, the cost of a yearbook will be \$21.00. After April 14th, a limited supply of yearbooks can be reserved at the school for \$25. Yearbooks will be handed out on the last day of school.

Talent Show

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We have recently sent home some notifications of a possible SMCS intermediate grades talent show, scheduled for April 17. A student group made a strong effort to develop this opportunity for our school, however, there were not enough acts generated to hold the event. I applaud the effort of our students who worked to plan for this event, and the information they presented to each class to build interest. I know this sort of event is something our school has hosted in the past, and am hopeful we can proceed with the efforts these students made in the future.