

# Soldotna Montessori News

April 6, 2023



## Upcoming Events

4/7	Snow Day Make-up (School in Session)
4/8	APC Applications Due (3:00)
4/12	Art Night
4/13	Intermediate Nikiski Pool
4/13	Kindergarten Field Trip Trinity Green House
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)
5/18	Last Day Of School

## SMCS Art Night - Wed. 4-12-23



Come & join us for our Student Art Night - put on by the SMCS PTO. It is an enjoyable night with student art displayed in a gallery style, complete with Hors d'Oeuvres served by our 6th grade students. In addition to the time together viewing art, the PTO also hosts a silent auction on themed baskets. The funds from the auction are used by the PTO to support school needs.

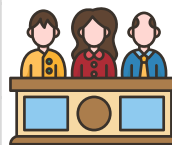
Most importantly, this is an opportunity for our families to come together and share in conversation and friendship. So please join us for this annual event.

## 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.

## Open APC Member Positions



The SMCS APC will have two open parent member seats beginning in the 23-24 School Year. The positions are for 3-year terms. Applications are available at the school website. Applications must be submitted to Mr. DeVold via email by April 8 at 3:00 p.m.

*Snow Day* **TOMORROW**  
*Makeup*  
April 7th  
School In Session

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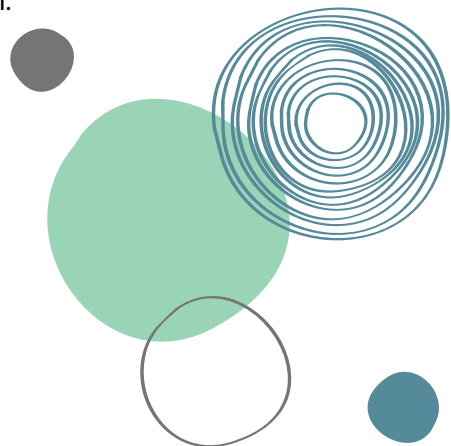
## Montessori Notes

### STAFF GROWTH

I am happy to report that our instructional aides have recently completed a Montessori Assistant's training with Montessori In the Public Sector. This is the first time we have had specific Montessori training for our instructional aides.

Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Miller both attended the AMS Montessori Conference in Boston over spring break. They both had good reports of the learning and content that was shared at the event which will help guide our school in the future.

Mrs. Dixon is continuing to work through her MACTE accredited Montessori training leading to her Montessori certification. If you get a chance, please thank her for her extended work and effort on behalf of our school.



## It's Time to Think ABOUT YEARBOOKS

It is time to be thinking about yearbook orders. 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. Yearbooks will be handed out on the last day of school.

## Time & Change

### AT SMCS

Change. We know it is inevitable, but it can feel uncomfortable. We are encountering several changes here at SMCS, and it can feel uncomfortable and uncertain. However, we know change is natural occurrence over time. Also, change usually turns out well and is not as big of a concern after the newness wears off.

We have already reported one change with Mrs. Dixon moving up to teacher grades 4-5-6, and Mrs. Carter retiring after his year.

We have another change occurring as well. Mrs. Miller will be moving into a support position for our school to provide intervention services and serve as a professional development coach for our staff. This shift allows us to be responsive to the Alaska Reads Act and support Montessori growth within our school.

So, we will be looking to hire a new kindergarten teacher in the weeks ahead.

While change is uncomfortable, it can work out. We have added Mrs. Moore, Mr. DeVold, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Boonstra, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Brenner, and Mrs. Cavazos over the past 6-7 years. I think that worked out very well, even though it felt uncomfortable at first.

One thing that is a constant through all our changes is our love for this school and the care we have for every student. Our community is the difference and welcoming new staff to our school, supporting them, and building new relationships is a wonderful result of embracing change.