



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear SMCS Families,

I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our 2023-2024 school year. It is good to be back at school again, serving as the principal to such a great group of students and families, as well as working with such an excellent group of educators.

We have some (many) changes to our staff. Mrs. Frapp and Mrs. Baumer have been added as teachers to our staff due to some shuffling of other teachers' responsibilities, Mrs. Frapp as the Kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Baumer as a Lower El. teacher. Mrs. Miller has taken a position as an intervention teacher and a Professional Development coach in our building. Mrs. Dixon has moved to Upper El. Mrs. Johnson (Julia) has been hired as a Special services Aide, and Mrs. Mooney has transitioned to Mrs. Larned's class as her aide. Mrs. Friday has been hired as the aide in Mrs. Hubbard's class. Lastly, we have a student teacher, Ms. Abrams who will be working with Mrs. Larned this year. So, we are blessed to have a full complement of staff, which is a very positive situation.

I hope you were able to enjoy the summer weather; despite the rain and grey! I, for one, am ready for fall and the changes it brings. Now that summer is over, hopefully we all have been refreshed and are ready for fall and the start of school.

It is my hope that our families and students share in our excitement for yet another wonderful school year at Soldotna Montessori. There are so many special events and experiences that our students participate in to make our school community an ideal place to learn and grow. It is my pleasure to be back: teaching, learning, and leading an exceptional school with phenomenal students, families, and staff.

Once again, welcome to what I hope will be an excellent school year.

Sincerely,

John DeVold
SMCS Principal