

# Soldotna Montessori News

January 11, 2024



## Upcoming Events

1/12	Early Release Day (2:00)
1/12	50 Cent Friday
1/25	F/T - Hubbard's Class Heritage Place (1:00-2:00)
1/26	Early Release Day (2:00)
2/1	School Spelling Bee
2/6	PTO Meeting (4:00)
2/13	Prospective Families Orientation (5:30)
2/15-16	P/T Conferences
2/22	APC Meeting (5:30)
2/23	School Assembly Larned's Class (9:00)
2/23	Lottery App Window Closes
3/4	Lottery Drawing
3/5	PTO Meeting (4:00)
3/7	Early Release Day (2:00)
3/8	End of 3rd Quarter No School
3/11-15	Spring Break

### Snow Day Make-Up

The Snow Day that occurred on November 9, will be made up on March 29. It will be an early release day.



### Report Cards - January 18

Your child's report card will be in the Thursday folder in two weeks: January 18.

### School Lottery Closes on February 23

Please encourage friends or 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 23 @ 3:00 p.m.

### SMCS Spelling Bee Preparation

Students in grade 3-6 are able to participate in the school spelling bee, which will be held on February 1. Mr. DeVold will also be conducting preparation sessions on Tuesdays during lunch for students wishing to learn Bee rules and strategies. Spelling Bee practice lists are available only in the office or upon request.

### Ice Skating @ Recess - Grades 3-6

The ice rink is being well-maintained by the City, and is prepped for use. The ice rink is now open for skating, daily, at recess, to students in grades 3-6. **In order for a student to participate, we must receive a signed Ice Skating Liability-Waiver Form which will be made available upon request or on our website in the "Forms & Documents" section.** Students will be required to have a helmet (hockey or bicycle type work), snow gear, and ice skates to use the rink. Skates & helmets may not remain at school overnight. Please make sure your student can independently put on and lace up their skates. Thank you! The rink may be closed due to weather or maintenance, at any time.

### Community Outreach Quarter

Our school works specifically in community outreach this quarter. We encourage your family to find an opportunity to do something as a family in support of our community during this time. It can be a fun experience together.

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## Intermediate COMMUNITY GROUPS

Each year our third quarter is highlighted by our students' community outreach efforts. Our 4th graders will continue our positive message campaign, since it was such a big hit last year for local area coffee shops, by producing coffee sleeves with personal, positive messages. Our 5th graders will be continuing our support of the Food Bank and will travel there to provide assistance. Our 6th graders traveling to a local preschool to partner with a young one and read stories to them and providing friendship. SMCS students make a difference in our community!



## School Enrollment 2024-2025

Each year our school provides SMCS families with a questionnaire about enrollment intentions for the upcoming school year (2024-2025). This questionnaire provides us with critical information for planning and preparing for the next school year. Last year our questionnaire was an online form, and we will be using this format again this year. We are looking for every family to complete this form and will be providing a link to the form in a school messenger email, text, and on the school website. The form seeks to understand if you intend to re-enroll your child in our school or wish to enroll siblings who do not currently attend. It also asks where your 6th grader will be attending middle school. Please look for an email or text message to this form today, and let us know your enrollment plans for next year. Our deadline for receiving completed forms from every family is February 10.



## Lego Robotics SUCCESS!

The SMCS Robotics Team, "Montessori Mammoths" competed at the Kenai Qualifier event this past Saturday and walked away as the Champions. They were up against teams from around the district, even a few middle school teams! Oliva R., Ethan A., and Ben S. were the student team that represented our school at the event. Their bot performance and their innovation and robot design presentation allowed them to win the top spot. The students will move on to the state competition in Anchorage on January 27. Congratulations team, and good luck!

