

Soldotna Montessori News

January 25, 2024



Upcoming Events

1/26	Early Release Day (2:00)
1/27	SMCS @ State Robotics
1/31	APC Bylaws Sub-Committee Meeting (4:00)
2/1	School Spelling Bee
2/6	PTO Meeting (4:00)
2/13	F/T - Intermediate Challenger Center
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

P/T Conferences Coming Soon



Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 15th & 16th. We always enjoy meeting with families and spending time discussing your student's progress. We look forward to your participation. The online sign up will be available on January 31 at 3:00. We will send an email out with the link, and the link will also be available on the school website. Also, as a reminder, there is no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

State Testing Notice



March 25-April 19 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 can influence our School Report to the Public score calculated by the State.

Celebrating Staff - Mrs. Dixon



Mrs. Dixon has been a part of our Montessori Staff since 2018. She started as our intervention and gifted/talented teacher. After some time, she was hired as one of our lower elementary teachers, in 2021, and spent two years teaching our first through third grade students, and now is teaching in the upper elementary classes. Mrs. Dixon began her lower el. Montessori certification in 2022 with the Center for Guided Montessori Studies. Since moving on to become an upper el teacher, she has extended her Montessori training to also include upper elementary. Mrs. Dixon, upon completion, will be a fully accredited Montessori instructor for both lower & upper elementary. Her certification will be a MACTE certification recognized by the American Montessori Association. It is great to see Mrs. Dixon's dedication to instruction at SMCS!

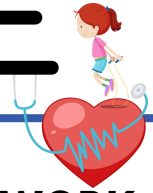
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Early Release Day

Tomorrow is an Early Release Day. School will be out @ 2:00

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SMCS Lottery

CLOSES FEB. 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.



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 online questionnaire provides us with critical information for planning and preparing for the next school year. We are **looking for every family to complete this form** and have provided a link to the form in a school messenger email, text (last week), 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, (or use the QR code above), and let us know your enrollment plans for next year. Our deadline for receiving completed forms from every family is February 9.

Jump Rope for Heart

P.E. COMMUNITY WORK

Beginning Feb 5th, Mrs. Boontra will be including a Jump Rope for Heart focus within her PE times. Students will of course gain skill in jumping rope, and will also be active in a rigorous, but fun exercise. In an addition to this year's unit, an optional fundraising opportunity will be included for students who wish to participate in fundraising money for the American Heart Association through their Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Please look for information form Mrs. Boontra, about this unit and optional fundraiser, for more details in today's Thursday folder.



School Spelling Bee

SCHOOL COMPETITION

Our School Spelling Bee will be held, next week, February 1. We have has about 20 students who have been attending Tuesday Spelling Bee sessions at lunch time to learn about rules and strategies for the Spelling Bee. It is great to see them practice when they have opportunity during the day, and hear them share their efforts at home. The school Spelling Bee will offer the winning speller a chance to move to a online regional spelling round, and if successful with the regional round, a chance to spell at the State Bee in March. We wish all of our courageous speller luck for next week's Bee.

Valentine's Day

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Valentines Day is just around the corner. Please check your student's classroom newsletters for details about what information the teacher may want you to know about this day. If you have questions, please contact the classroom teacher.