

Soldotna Montessori News

February 1, 2024



Upcoming Events

2/5	Grade 3-4 BOB District Competition
2/6	F/T - Primary Classes Ice Fishing
2/6	PTO Meeting (4:00)
2/9	Early Release Day (2:00)
2/13	F/T - Intermediate Challenger Center
2/13	Prospective Families Orientation (5:30)
2/15-16	P/T Conferences
2/21	Skyview Visit to SMCS 6th Graders
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



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. Larned



Mrs. Larned is a long-time Montessorian, and has been a teacher at our school since its inception. In fact Mrs. Larned is one of the founders of our charter school. She was instrumental in getting SMCS through the first charter review by the state and our district. Mrs. Larned also operates a local private Montessori preschool, Ridgeway Montessori. She is a champion for Montessori not only in our community, but assists other schools in Alaska when they have questions. She is always engaged in developing her Montessori instructional approach, and attends National Montessori conferences frequently. Some other interesting tidbits about Mrs. Larned are, she is a world traveler, she has been in the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade, & she also scuba dives when she travels. What a fantastic source of knowledge she provides SMCS!

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School Questionnaire

We have 61% completion for our SCMS 24-25 Enrollment form.



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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 we are currently at 61% complete. THANK YOU to the families who have completed this form already, but we still need our remaining families to complete this form. A link to the form can be found 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. 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.



SMCS Students

@ STATE ROBOTICS

This past weekend three SMCS students competed with 32 other teams from around the state, at the state Robotics Tournament. Ethan A., Olivia R., and Ben S., represented SMCS and their bot performed well. In fact they achieved their best score, in competition, this season which is an accomplishment! The team worked hard preparing after winning the Kenai Qualifier, and most importantly they had a good time together and with the fellow competitors from around the state. Way to go team!

Valentine's Day

@ SMCS

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.