

# Soldotna Montessori News

February 29, 2024



## Upcoming Events

3/1	F/T - Faris & Dixon KNWR - Snowshoeing
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
3/18	Lottery Results Posted
3/18-28	School Climate Survey (Grades 3-6)
3/25-4/19	AK STAR State Testing Window
3/28	Quest Film Festival (Seward)
3/28	3rd Quarter Report Cards
3/29	Snow Make Up Day Early Release (2:00)
3/29	School Assembly Hubbard's Class (9:00)
4/9-12	Intermediate Field Trips Kasitsna Bay
4/12	Early Release Day (2:00)



**Tomorrow**  
Friday is 50 Cent Friday.

## Field Trip Season @ SMCS

It is getting lighter outside, and field trips are in the air. Students will be traveling to visit the dentist's office and heading to the Kenai Wildlife Refuge to do some snowshoeing and learn about the local wildlife. After Spring Break, there will be intermediate Kasitsna Bay trips, primary Salmon Celebration efforts @ Johnson Lake, along with many other trips that are in the planning stages.

All of these experiences would not be possible without the help of our parent chaperones. If you are planning on helping, please complete the required background check, if you have not yet done so. Also, thank you for supporting this type of learning and joining us on these out-of-class learning experiences.

## It's Time to Think ABOUT YEARBOOKS



It is time to be thinking about yearbook orders. Families who order before March 25 are able to add 2 free custom pages to their student's yearbook. You can find a link to order a yearbook at the school web page or use the QR code above. The school code is 1013956816001527. If you order online by the April 12th, deadline the cost of a yearbook will only be \$23.00.

## Academic Policy Committee BYLAWS CHANGES

According to their bylaws... the SMCS APC reviews and updates their bylaws every three years. At the last APC meeting, the APC made recommendations for amending their bylaws, and will be voting to adopt them at the next APC meeting, in April. A summary of the proposed changes are available in today's Thursday folder, and will also be posted on the school APC bulletin board, and on the school website, at the APC page, for the month of March.

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## School Drop-Off LOGISTICAL HELP

We are looking for parent support for some of our drop-off routines, and are providing reminders to help.

School doors open at 8:20, please wait to drop off your student @ 8:20.

Also, please use only the front door if you are dropping your student off. When dropping off out front, use a parking spot or the drive-thru drop off lane to drop off your student. Please do not drop off your student in the pass through lanes.

If you are planning on coming in with your child, please use the back lot and park in the SMCS Visitor parking spaces. With the gathering snow pile, staff for both SOEL and SMCS are not able to find spaces to park when families choose to drop off at the back, or do not use our assigned visitor parking spaces.

This will help keep our AM drop-off process orderly. Thanks!



## Spring Field Trips PARENT SUPPORT

Are you thinking about helping out for one or several of our upcoming field trips this spring?

Firstly, Thank you for helping and participating!

We can't do these fun trips without you, plus you are part of what makes them so fun!

However, don't forget to get your background check completed now! In order to participate as a chaperone, you must have a background check completed. It is easy to forget or overlook this, so make time soon to get that done. Also, if you think you might support a trip as a driver, you will need to complete a driver's form, and bring in a current (valid) driver's license and vehicle insurance.



Did you and your child attend the Little Sweetheart Dance in the days before Valentine's Day? Tracy Smith, the Assistant Principal at SOHI is hoping you can help them out. They are looking for photos that families may have taken and wish to share for inclusion in their year book. If you have a few fun shots that you would like to share with them, you can email them to [tsmith@kpbsd.org](mailto:tsmith@kpbsd.org).

## Celebrating Staff - Mrs. Kahn



Mrs. Kahn has been an intermediate instructional aide in our school since 2017. Prior to beginning as a staff member, Mrs. Kahn was a parent member of the SMCS Academic Policy Committee. Of course that means that Mrs. Kahn has had students at SMCS. While her students have grown and moved on to other schools, we are so glad that Mrs. Kahn continues to share her kindness and encouragement with our staff and students. Mrs. Kahn is a gifted educator. Most notably, she provides math instruction for our students who are working at a 7th grade level. In addition to her exceptional math instruction, she is incredible with the reading groups she meets with and is an important factor in the success of our intermediate students. Not only is she a great instructor, she is a comforting guide to the students, who seek her out at recess to converse with her. Lastly, she is always willing to lend her help to the teachers and is a big help for field trips. It is great to have Mrs. Kahn's wisdom and encouraging influence here at SMCS!