

Soldotna Montessori News

March 7, 2024



Upcoming Events

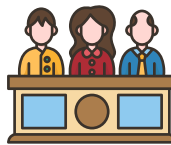
3/8	End of 3rd Quarter No School
3/11-15	Spring Break
3/18	Lottery Results Posted
3/18-28	School Climate Survey (Grades 3-6)
3/19	Skyview 6th Parent/Student Orientation (6:00 @ Skyview)
3/25-4/19	AK STAR State Testing Window
3/28	Quest Film Festival (Seward)
3/28	3rd Quarter Report Cards
3/29	Snow Make Up Day Early Release (2:00)
3/29	School Assembly Hubbard's Class (9:00)
4/4	ADF&G Assemblies
4/9-12	Intermediate Field Trips Kasitsna Bay
4/12	Early Release Day (2:00)
4/19	School Assembly Baumer's Class (9:00)



Tomorrow
No School. It is the end of the 3rd Quarter.

Academic Policy Committee

POSITIONS OPEN



The APC is looking for interested parents to serve as APC parent committee members. The APC will have two open parent member seats beginning in the 24-25 school year. The positions are 3-year terms.

Application are available at the school website, and must be submitted to Mr. DeVold via email by April 6 at 3:00 p.m. The Academic Policy Committee supervises the academic operation of a charter school and ensures the fulfillment of the mission of a charter school.

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 r 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.

SMCS Heart Challenge FUNDRAISER CELEBRATION



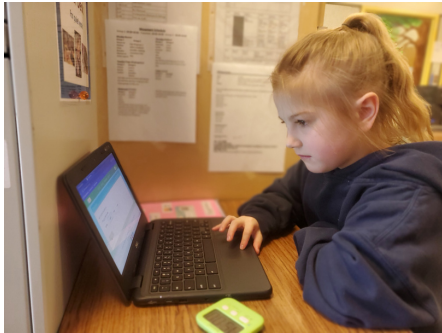
Mrs. Boonstra has reported that the Heart Challenge Fundraiser has raised \$2,704 for the American Heart Association! What an amazing accomplishment these students achieved! This community outreach effort is such a wonderful opportunity for students to build their own fitness, while also providing support for others in need.

Thank you to our families and students who participated in this year's fundraising effort, and thank you to Mrs. Boonstra for leading the effort in helping our students make a difference in their world.

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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.



Don't forget to return
your Thursday Folder
after Spring Break!

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) drivers license and vehicle insurance.



SMCS Staff EARLY RELEASE & INSERVICE

Staff will be using the Early Release time to visit the SOPREP building for a tour with Planning and Operations. Staff will get a sense of the space that we hopefully will be occupying as a school in the future.

On in-service day, staff will be continuing professional development in the Science of Reading and completing STAR assessment training. They will also have scheduled work time.

Celebrating Staff - Mr. Dahl



Mr. Dahl is our fantastic music teacher. He has been working in the district since 2012. Mr. Dahl provides excellent music instruction to each of our classes. Uniquely, Mr. Dahl serves both SMCS and SOEL students and that is a lot of students he needs to know and teach. One highlight of Mr. Dahl's work is to lead the band program for SMCS & SOEL. If you have had the chance to attend a performance, the students sound amazing even though it is their first or 2nd year of band. Mr. Dahl also extends his efforts to provide for elementary choir and a modern band program. He hosts these efforts after school. At a time when it is a challenge to find music teachers, we are blessed to have his commitment of time and care for our students. It is interesting to note that Mr. Dahl is the first step in a process for building musicality within our community. His efforts are the foundation for student growth through middle and high school. Lastly, Mr. Dahl carries out not just one music program, but two whole school music programs in the winter, an incredible feat. I'm sure you noticed our students exceptional performance at the Winter Concert. That is Mr. Dahl!