

MONTESSORINEWS

SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Our mission is to prepare students to become citizens with a global perspective and to enrich their academics and social awareness within a Montessori environment.

Report Cards

School report cards will be sent home in Thursday folders on January 18.

No School

Monday, January 15th is a vacation day in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be no school on this day.

Lost & Found

The Lost & Found area is quite full and likely will not handle a second semester. We encourage parents to stop in and claim items that may be missing. The items will remain in Lost & Found through conferences; after conferences, any remaining items will be donated to Salvation Army.

2018-2019 School Enrollment

This week's Thursday folder will include an enrollment questionnaire about the 2018-2019 school year. This 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 send it back to us. The form seeks to understand if you intend to re-enroll your child in our school or plan to enroll siblings who do not currently attend. It also asks where your 6th grader will be attending middle school. Please look for this form today, and let us know your enrollment plans for next year.

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.

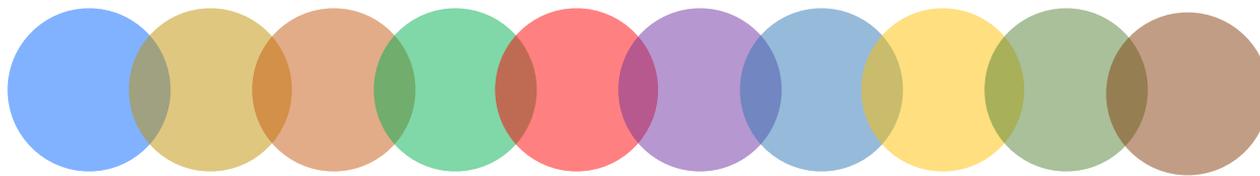
Conferences Are Just Around the Corner

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 8th & 9th. We always enjoy meeting with families and spending time discussing your student's progress. We look forward to your participation. Sign-up sheets will be posted on Friday, January 19th.



Events For Your Calendar

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| 1/11 | PTO Meeting (4:00) |
| 1/12 | 50 Cent Friday |
| 1/15 | No School |
| 1/18 | Report Cards sent home |
| 1/19 | School Assembly (9:00)
Mrs. Carter's Class Hosts |
| 1/23 | APC Meeting (5:30) |
| 2/2 | School Assembly (9:00)
Mrs. Holt's Class Hosts |
| 2/6 | Grade 3/4 Battle of the Books |
| 2/7 | Early Release Day (2:00) |
| 2/8-9 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| 2/13 | Grade 5/6 Battle of the Books |
| 2/20 | APC Meeting (5:30) |
| 2/23 | School Lottery Closes |



Mr. DeVold's Notes

It is good to know the days are getting longer; even though these months tend to be colder, the increasing light is always welcomed. The 3rd quarter is a critical growth quarter for students. Many students who have transitioned from another class or school are usually hitting their stride at this point: they are now familiar with the teacher, the routines of the class, work expectations, and how they are able to interact with their peers. As a former teacher, this is where I could really challenge students, and the students were able to see their efforts paying off, giving them increased confidence.

The 3rd quarter is very different from the first quarter when classes are bonding, and the last quarter when warmer weather and the excitement for the end of school tend to influence student focus. This is the quarter where we are humming. In the first few days back, it is evident the students are ready to be back at school! They are engaged, working hard, and demonstrating confidence in their efforts, not to mention generally cheerful to be back at work. We also emerge from 3rd quarter ready for an Alaskan Spring, which is so nice-even if it is muddy. It is good to be back together again.

Montessori School Program Notes

Montessori education supports children in choosing meaningful and challenging work of their own interest, leading to engagement, intrinsic motivation, sustained attention, and the development of responsibility to oneself and others. This child-directed work is supported by the design and flow of the Montessori classroom, which is created to arouse each child's curiosity and to provide the opportunity to work in calm, uncluttered spaces either individually or as part of a group; the availability and presentation of enticing, self-correcting materials in specified curricular areas; teachers who serve as guides and mentors rather than dispensers of knowledge; and uninterrupted work periods.

Text taken from American Montessori Society website.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
KPBSD FACEBOOK LIVE Q & A
with
Superintendent Sean Dusek
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

To connect, go to the [KPBSD Facebook page](#) at 7:00 PM, on 1.23.18, via your device or computer.
Tip: post your questions ahead of time on the Facebook event, or live in a comment!

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