

# 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 today's Thursday folder.

### 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 the Salvation Army.

### 2018-2019 School Enrollment

In last week's Thursday folder, we sent home 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, and thank you to the families who have provided his information to us already. 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.

### 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

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Spelling Bee

If your 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade student would like to participate in our school spelling bee, please return the form that is in this week's Thursday Folder. The winner of our school bee will go to Anchorage to compete in the State Spelling Bee.



## Events For Your Calendar

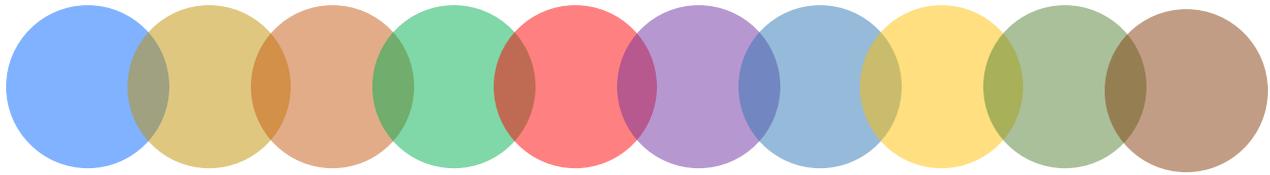
- 1/18 Report Cards sent home
- 1/19 School Assembly (9:00)  
Mrs. Romberg's Class Hosts
- 1/23 APC Meeting (5:30)
- 2/2 School Assembly (9:00)  
Mrs. Holt's Class Hosts
- 2/6 Grade 3/4 Battle of the Books
- 2/7 Early Release Day (2:00)
- 2/8-9 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/13 Grade 5/6 Battle of the Books
- 2/20 APC Meeting (5:30)
- 2/23 School Lottery Closes

**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!

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.  
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### Mr. DeVold's Notes

Our school is such an incredible place to work and learn. The people I come into contact with are quite amazing and are a gift to me each day. I was recently conducting an evaluation meeting with a staff member who commented that we are truly blessed to be working in such a great environment. The comment was regarding both students and staff, and the intent was to communicate how supportive this school is for students, staff and families. To that end, it has been incredible to see the amount of dedication our parents have shown in supporting our efforts here at school. Our robotics team had a parent coach and five other parents assisted. We have five Battle of the Books groups with parents volunteering time to lead them. At our recent craft night, many parents gave their time and effort, both in preparation for and during the event. We are clearly a united and supportive school. I am hopeful that every student and family feels supported in the process of educating our children. I know I observe it and hear about it on a daily basis, and I love communicating this type of information to our families and to the community.

### Montessori & School Program Notes

One big difference between Montessori and traditional schools is the multiage learning environment. Rooms are composed of students who are more than one year apart, creating a mix of ideas and abilities. Although this model may seem unusual, it offers substantial benefits for students.

A multiage classroom is an environment that mirrors the real world. Grouping students by age doesn't reflect real-world settings where people of different ages work together and learn from each other.

In a multiage classroom, younger students look to the older students for assistance. Because of this, they can accomplish tasks they may not have been able to do on their own. Mentoring their younger friends increases the independence and competence of the older students, so it's beneficial to them as well. There are less bullying instances and more community. As a whole, children can cooperate rather than compete, creating a "family" of learners who support and care for each other.

*Text taken from pebblecreekmontessori.com*

### District Info

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at the following Central Peninsula locations:

- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 5:30 pm. in the Soldotna High School Library
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Kenai Central High School Library

As new budget information becomes available it will be posted here:

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=38>.

If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.

