

MONTESSORI NEWS

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.



Events Calendar

10/24	APC Meeting (5:30)
10/29	PTO Meeting (4:00)
11/1&11/4	Parent-Teacher Con-
11/8	PTO 50 Cent Friday
11/8	School Assembly—
11/8	School Spirit Day
11/11	NO SCHOOL—Vacation
11/12	District Fall Budget
11/12	APC Meeting (5:30) (TENTATIVE)
11/27	Stone Soup Day for
11/28-29	Thanksgiving Holi-
12/5	SMCS & SOEL Band
12/6	PTO 50 Cent Friday
12/10	PTO Craft Night Event
12/14	Lego Robotics Tourna-
12/17	SMCS Winter Concert
12/23-1/6	Winter Break
1/6	In-Service Day—No

Parent-Teacher Conferences-Nov. 1 & Nov. 4

There will be no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have not signed up for your conference yet, please go to our online conference sign-up from our school website. You may also go directly to the sign-up at this address: <http://signup.com/go/xFcCgFr>.

Halloween at SMCS



Halloween is next week. Our students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. They may bring a change of clothes for recess if their costume is not recess-proof.

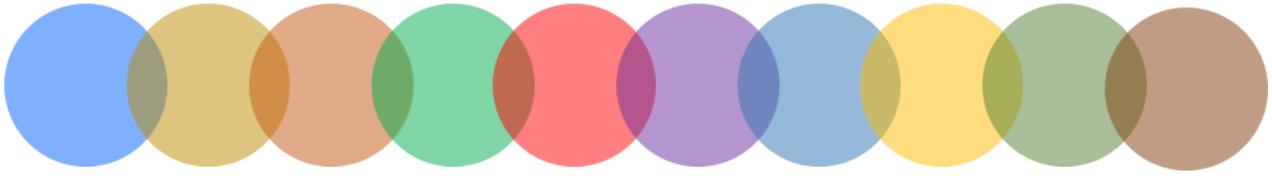
Costumes may not represent scary or violent characters. Please, no zombies, evil superheroes, monsters, or weapons of any kind. Those costumes must be kept at home and used for family events or trick-or-treating. Mr. DeVold

will be asking students to remove bloody makeup or scary masks, etc. if it occurs.

Students may be participating in classroom activities that are based on the holiday and/or the season. Please see your child's teacher for details.

Conferences Considerations

- Report Cards—in Thurs. folders on Oct. 31
- Montessori Materials Table— for student demonstration
- Survey Stations—School Survey & Principal Evaluation



A PTO Thank You!

I would like to extend a big thank you to our PTO for the t-shirt tie-dyeing and hay maze event they developed and carried out for our students. These sorts of opportunities are so valuable to our school and to our family community. Not only is the PTO organizing the events and carrying them out, they are receiving great assistance from parents as volunteers who are also supporting these good efforts. So, THANK YOU to our PTO members; we appreciate your work and care for our school. If you have the opportunity to volunteer for future PTO events, they do some pretty fun things, and it is so good to work with the kids of our school. I encourage you to give it a try!

Battle of the Books Begins After Conferences



Battle of the Books is an Alaska Library Association event that challenges students to read a selection of books and answer questions about the books. At SMCS, we invite students to participate for fun and to engage with reading some interesting books. Students who have provided a permission slip will be able to meet with a B.O.B coach, one day a week, during lunch to discuss some of the books and begin to answer questions. We have four Battle of the Books groups: kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, and grades 5-6. We now have confirmed volunteers to coach our groups, and students will meet with their B.O.B. coach during lunchtime on Wednesdays for grades 3-4 & 5-6, Tuesdays & Thursdays for grades 1-2 (We will have two groups due to numbers), and Tuesdays for Kindergarten. The 3-4 and 5-6 grade groups will each form a team of 4 students to compete via phone with other district teams in February.



Left: It looks like Etta has decided where to add some more blue dye to her shirt.



Right: Alexis & Ella take a moment to smile for the camera while dyeing their school shirts.

