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### Montessori Family News

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#### **REMINDER: Principal Evaluation Survey**

Our survey window is about to close. If you have not completed a principal evaluation survey, the deadline is tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup>. A link to the survey is available on our school website, and it has been sent via email through PowerSchool Messenger back in early November. Please help the APC with this evaluation process by providing your feedback today!

#### **URGENT: School Climate Survey**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has created a school climate survey to generate data about how students feel about their school. The survey will take place in February, and only students in Grades 3-12 will be asked to complete this survey. **We need every slip completed and returned for each of our students in grades 3-6 indicating parent permission to participate or not.** We are sending forms home to families who have yet to return a completed form. The information provides helpful data for making decisions in addressing school climate needs within our school. Survey questions are available to review in the office. If you have questions about this survey, please contact Mr. DeVold.

#### **Winter Concert Practice**

Students will be attending a rehearsal at SOHI on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 and will be bussed to SOHI for this practice. We will be out of the building during this time, if you have appointments scheduled for this day and time, please make arrangements with Mrs. Gibbons ahead of time so we know how to accommodate for their pick up.

#### **Winter Concert Reminder – December 5<sup>th</sup>**

We are so happy to share that this year, our school's winter concert will be a whole school event which will include grades 1-6. We will be performing at SOHI on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

#### **Cookie Train Fundraiser**

This fundraiser is held each year in conjunction with our Winter Concert. It is our big push to raise money specifically for field trips. It is also a tasty fundraiser! It provides those in attendance the opportunity to fill a special box of various cookies to take home and eat for the holidays, give as gifts to friends and family, or to celebrate a performance well done. A sign-up sheet for providing cookies for this fundraiser is located in the crossover hallway window. We encourage your participation and help in providing cookies for our cookie train.

## **Spirit of Kindness**

Our PTO has begun their new program this year to provide assistance for SMCS families in need this holiday season. We have items posted on ornaments located on our wreath in the hallway. Please consider stopping in and selecting an ornament from our wreath. Bring it to Mrs. Gibbons in the office to pick up the details. We have many ornaments available to choose from.

### **Family Movie Night – December 8th**

The PTO is hosting a Family Movie Night in the gym on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30. Families are able to pre-order pizzas for this event. Pre-orders and payment for pizza is due to the school by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Other snacks and goodies will be available for purchase at the event. The movie to be shown is The Polar Express.

### **Holiday Shop**

This year our school holiday shop will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in the school Library. Students are able to purchase small gifts for family members or friends. Your student's class has signed up for a specific time and day for shopping. Envelopes for this event will be sent home next week For carrying money and listing individuals for whom students should shop. A display of items will be posted in the glass case near the bathrooms if you wish to see what may be available to purchase. Additionally, Mrs. Gibbons is looking for volunteers to assist in the library on these days, please contact her for more information. Lastly, the shop will be open later (until 4:30) to accommodate families with interested younger sibling shoppers after school.

### **Craft Night – December 14th**

Each year we have a craft night, beginning right after school, for our students to create various, high-quality crafts to give as a gift during the holidays. It has been a hit with our students, and families have appreciated the quality of the crafts made by the students. This event requires completion of a participation form for students as well as payment for the materials. Permission slips and payments are due by Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for the permission form in today's Thursday Folder.

## **News and Notes**

### **Mr. D's Thoughts**

We had a phenomenal day here on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We truly had the school family in the building on that day. The kindergarten class presented an incredible performance about Thanksgiving to their parents in the library, and the primary classes hosted families for Stone Soup. The building was full, there was a lot of student excitement, and we joined together once again as a school family to care for each other. Thank you to those who were able to come and support our school. We have another opportunity to gather together again next week on Tuesday evening for our winter concert. I cannot wait to see you there.

### **Events for Your Calendar**

Dec. 1 – 50 Cent Friday  
 Dec. 5 – Whole School Winter Concert @ SOHI  
 Dec. 7 – Band & Choir Field Trip Performances @ Soldotna Library  
 Dec. 7 – PTO Meeting @ 4:00  
 Dec. 8 – Family Movie Night in Gym

Dec. 9 – Lego Robotics Competition @ Aurora Borealis  
 Dec. 14 – Craft Night Event – PTO Host  
 Dec. 22 – In-Service Day (No School and End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)  
 Dec. 25-Jan.5 – Winter Break