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Montessori Family News

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School is Not Open until 8:20

Morning recess and breakfast begin at 8:20. Please do not drop off students before 8:20 unless you have made specific arrangements with your child's teacher. There is no hallway supervision before 8:20. Student safety is our priority.

Principal Evaluation Survey

The APC is looking for parent and community feedback to assist them with the principal evaluation. The month of November has been set aside to collect this feedback from parents, students, family members and the community at large. An online survey has been created, and a link to the survey is available on our school website, Facebook page, and will be sent via email through PowerSchool Messenger. Please help the APC with this evaluation process by providing your feedback. The online survey will be available from November 1st to December 1st.

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. Only students in Grades 3-12 will be asked to complete this survey. In order to participate in the survey, a student must have positive parent permission to participate. A permission slip is included in today's Thursday folder with an option to participate or not participate. We need every slip returned for each of our students in grades 3-6 indicating parent permission to participate or not. 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.

SMCS Spirit of Kindness

Our PTO is beginning a new program this year to provide assistance for SMCS families in need this holiday season. We are sending home a slip in today's Thursday Folder to all families. If you wish to request assistance through our Spirit of Kindness program, please complete and return the form by November 22nd. We will post anonymous requests on our PTO Board for interested families to choose and shop for requested items. This is a new program, and it is our hope that it is well received and a successful addition to our school family and our care for each other.

Winter Concert Update

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 5th at 6:30. It should be a wonderful time coming together as a whole school for this performance. There will be a cookie train again this year, and we may need your help for this, so stay tuned for more information about the cookie train.

PTO Buttons

Each year we have a craft night for our students to create various high quality crafts to give as a gift during the holidays. One of the crafts for this year's event requires buttons, lots of them. If you have a stash of buttons that you would like to contribute to the cause, the PTO would be very appreciative. You can bring them to the office, or send them with your student.

Battle of the Books Permission Forms

Battle of the Books permission forms for students in grades K-6 went home two weeks ago, and we are still hoping to receive completed permission forms from students who wish to participate. There will be 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 K-4, and Mondays for the grades 5-6 team. The 5-6 grade group will form a team of 4 students that will compete via phone with other district teams in February.

News and Notes

Compliments

We often receive compliments about our school, students, and staff. This past week I have been inundated with compliments from a variety of sources. Our substitutes have commented on and given compliments about our students' kindness and desire to work hard. Our neighbors at SoEl have been complimentary of our parents and your efforts to ensure a safe pick up by arriving at 3:30 or parking in the lot and coming in. Parents have given several compliments to our staff about the recent PTO activities, and I have noted frequent student compliments to each other as I visit classrooms. We have a wonderful school with many great attributes. It is always good when we recognize each other's contributions; that is what makes our school a great place to be.

Events for Your Calendar

Nov. 22 – Early Release Day (2:00)	Dec. 8 – Family Movie Night in Gym
Nov. 23-24 – Thanksgiving Break (No School)	Dec. 9 – Lego Robotics Competition @ Aurora Borealis
Nov. 28 – APC Meeting (5:30)	Dec. 14 – Craft Night Event – PTO Host
Dec. 1 – 50 Cent Friday	Dec. 22 – In-Service Day (No School and End of 2 nd Quarter)
Dec. 5 – Whole School Winter Concert @ SOHI	Dec. 25-Jan.5 – Winter Break
Dec. 7 – Band & Choir Field Trip Performances @ Soldotna Library	