

SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
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Montessori Family News

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Conscious Discipline Skill for the Next Week: Encouragement
Conscious Discipline is for Kids and Adults
A new skill will be introduced every two to three weeks.

Encouraging others creates a sense of belonging and helps others want to be helpful. Encouraging others sends the message of unity: we are all in this together. Research shows that we feel better about ourselves when we encourage others. Noticing, not judging, is the basis of encouragement.

You can learn more about Conscious Discipline and Encouragement at <http://consciousdiscipline.com/>

Fifty Cent Friday Tomorrow

Students may purchase up to two small snacks during lunch tomorrow, Friday, December 2.

PTO Meeting December 5

The PTO will meet at 4 PM on Monday, December 5. All staff and parents welcome.

Primary Music Concert on December 6

First, second and third graders will perform their annual Winter Concert on Tuesday at 6 PM at So Hi. Soldotna Elementary and Soldotna Montessori students will perform together. Students should arrive at 6 PM. The concert begins at 6:30. There will be a formal rehearsal at So Hi on the morning of the 6th.

Cookie Train on December 6

The PTO will be sponsoring our annual cookie train before the concert. Cookies will be on sale in the So Hi foyer before the concert.

Kid's Craft Night December 8

Students that have pre-registered will be making family gifts after school on December 8.

**SMCS Academic Policy Committee Proposes Change in Bylaws
Ballot in Today's News Folder**

The APC proposes to add this clause to the bylaws section under ***MEETINGS: executive session:***

If the district has an issue with the school principal the Superintendent will contact the APC chairperson. The APC chairperson will then request an executive session with the full APC and the principal.

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Executive Session for Principal Evaluation: Feedback solicited from staff regarding the principal evaluation shall be given directly to the chairperson. All input is confidential and shall only be shared with APC members at the executive session designated for evaluating the administrator. All written input shall be shredded at the end of the executive session.

The APC proposes to add this clause under ***SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THE APC***

Proposed New Language: The APC chairperson may approach the KPBSD Superintendent for technical support regarding the hiring of the school administrator. In addition, The APC may approach the district at any time for technical support regarding the performance of the school administrator.

Holiday Shoppe on December 12 & 13

Students may purchase gifts for family and friends on December 12 and 13 in the Holiday Shoppe that will be set up in the school library. Participation is voluntary.

Winter Break: new dates this year!

The last day of school for students is **WEDNESDAY, December 21**. Students and staff return to school on Monday, January 9.