#### SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

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Montessori Family News

#### December 14, 2017

## **No Thursday Folders Next Week**

We will not be sending home Thursday Folders next week due to the time away for winter break.

# **Primary & Kinder Ice Skating Trip – December 19th**

Primary and kindergarten students will be traveling to the Sports Center for a fun time ice skating. Students will need to bring a cold lunch on this day, as they will not be in the building during our lunch service time.

### **Band and Choir Concert – December 19th**

The Soldotna Elementary and Soldotna Montessori band and choir will perform in the gym at 6 p.m. on December 19.

# Pajamas and Pancakes at SMCS – December 21st

December 21 is the last day of school for students before winter break. We will start the day with pancakes; all students are invited to participate. PJs are optional!

# School-Community Caroling – December 21<sup>st</sup>

With the recent warm weather and melting, we will be making a decision the morning of this walking trip about our participation. At the moment, we believe we will be going, but we may decide on Thursday morning to cancel this trip due to unsafe walking conditions.

Students will be out of the building singing carols at local businesses and organizations on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We are planning to depart around 10:30 and return near 11:30; however, this may change based on the weather and conditions. 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.

### No School for Students - December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, December 22 is an in-service and work day for staff. There is no school for students that day.

### PTO Meeting - January 11th

The PTO will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, in Terri Carter's room. All parents and staff are welcome.

### Report Cards Come Home - January 18th

Your child's report card will be in the Thursday News Folder on Thursday, January 18.

## APC Meeting –January 23<sup>rd</sup>

The APC will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23. Parents, staff, and community members are welcome to attend.

#### **News and Notes**

### Mr. D.'s Thoughts

As we near the end of the calendar year, it is good to look back and reflect. My reflection on the year is more of a look back on my time here at SMCS and a reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. I am surprised how quickly half of the year has gone, and I am so pleased with the dedication that is exhibited by our staff members each day. I was encouraged by the round of applause from our parents for our staff members at the Christmas Concert that echoed my belief that we have exceptional people working with our students. Additionally, I have thoroughly enjoyed reacquainting myself with the students, who are so encouraging each day and provide a positive outlook on the future of our community with their efforts and how they care for others.

While we strive to provide an academically rich learning environment within our Montessori approach, our students also benefit from the non-academic instruction and learning that occurs, which can be equally important to the development of our students. My reflection includes the positive impact our parents have in working together to support all of our students. We appreciate your time and work at helping to make this school simply the best.

I hope, as the year comes to a close, you too have positive reflections on events and connections you have made this past year, and it is my hope that your thoughts and reflections include our Soldotna Montessori School family and the good things that are a part of our time together.

#### **Events for Your Calendar**

Dec. 19 - Band & Choir Concert in Gym (6:00)

Dec. 21 – PJ Day, Pancakes & Community Caroling

Dec. 22 – In-Service Day (No School and End of 2<sup>nd</sup>

Quarter)

Dec. 25-Jan.5 – Winter Break

Jan. 8 – First day of school 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Jan. 11 – PTO Meeting (4:00)

Jan. 12 – 50 Cent Friday

Jan. 18 – Report Cards sent home

Jan. 23 – APC Meeting (5:30)