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Montessori Family News

December 7, 2017

Spirit of Kindness

We are so glad that the inaugural year of our Spirit of Kindness program, to support families in need this holiday season, has started successfully. If you selected an ornament from our wreath, please note that your purchased items should be brought to the office no later than December 15th. We ask that the items arrive unwrapped. Also, if you are still interested in helping, we have a few more ornaments remaining on our Spirit of Kindness wreath.

Family Movie Night – December 8th

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

Holiday Shop – December 12th & 13th

The school holiday shop is set to take place next week. In preparation for this opportunity, your student's class has signed up for a specific time and day for shopping at the store in the library. Envelopes for this event are included in today's Thursday folder. The envelopes are provided for carrying money and listing individuals for whom students should shop. You can still view a sampling of what is available in the glass case near the bathrooms. Lastly, the shop will be open later (until 4:30) to accommodate families with interested younger sibling shoppers after school. NOTE: Financial aid is available for families who would like assistance in order for their child to participate; please contact Mrs. Gibbons.

Craft Night – December 14th

Each year we have a craft night, beginning right after school (3:30-5:30), for our students to create various, high-quality crafts to give as gifts 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 7th. Look for the permission form in today's Thursday Folder.

School-Community Caroling – December 21st

Students will be out of the building singing carols at local businesses and organizations on December 21st. Our planned departure time varies with temperatures on that day, but we are planning on departing around 10:30 and returning near 11:30. 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.

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Last Push Re: School Climate Survey

The KPBSD school survey is set to take place in February for students in Grades 3-12. We are making this last push because we **need every permission slip completed and returned, indicating parent permission to participate or not.** We are sending forms home to families who have yet to return a completed form. Thank you to those of you who have completed and returned this form already.

News and Notes

Mr. D's Thoughts

WOW! What an amazing Winter Concert! It was a fantastic evening together again, and as usual, our students were simply amazing. It is always incredible to me the affect a group of well-rehearsed, beautifully dressed students can have on a heart. It was a special evening for Soldotna Montessori Charter School. The cookie train had many wonderful selections. The students sang and danced wonderfully. Mr. Dahl had them grooving to many catchy songs that are still stuck in my current whistle/humming playlist. The students were excited before the performance and were thrilled afterwards due to a performance well done. It was a memorable evening that incorporated both our Primary and Intermediate students together for the first time in our school's history: another amazing SMCS Family moment.

Cookie Train – Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in our Cookie Train fundraiser. We were able to raise \$761 for our school. The cookies were both festive and tasty. Many people had a good time filling boxes and bags with their choices. The funds generated from this event go towards our Pupil Activity fund which helps with field trips, school events, and student scholarships. Your effort and support is so helpful and is greatly appreciated.

Events for Your Calendar

- 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. 13 – Last Robotics Club Meeting
- Dec. 14 – Craft Night Event – 3:30-5:30
- Dec. 19 – Band & Choir Concert in Gym
- Dec. 21 – PJ Day, Pancakes & Community Caroling
- Dec. 22 – In-Service Day (No School and End of 2nd Quarter)
- Dec. 25-Jan.5 – Winter Break