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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/>

**Holiday Shoppe Next Monday and Tuesday: Envelopes in Today's News Folder**

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. If your child will participate, please send cash or a check in the envelope in today's news folder. Scholarships are available. Contact the office if you would like your child to participate with a scholarship.

**Band and Choir Concert on December 20**

The Soldotna Elementary and Soldotna Montessori band and choir will perform in the gym at 6 PM on December 20.

**Pajamas and Pancakes at SMCS on December 21**

December 21 is the last day of school for students. We will start the day with pancakes. All students are invited to participate. PJs are optional!

**December 22: No School for Students**

Thursday, December 22 is an inservice and work day for staff. There is no school for students that day.

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Battle of the Books Practice starts on Thursday, December 15. It is helpful if these students have hot lunch or bring a lunch that does not require re-heating.

**Reminder: when kids are ill**

Please remember not to send your child to school if they have a fever or are vomiting. Fevers should be gone for 24 hours before a child returns to school.

**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.