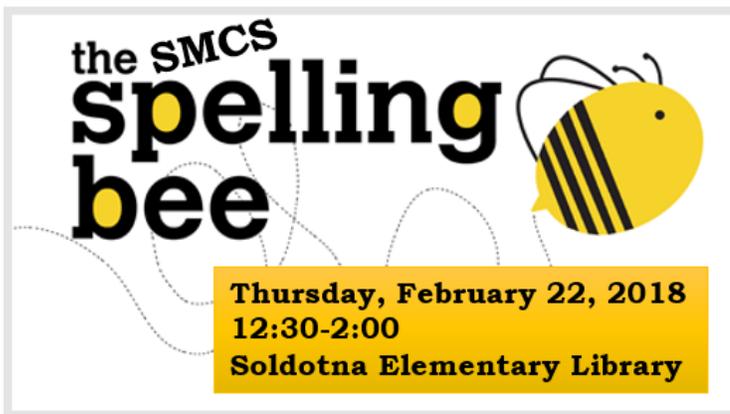




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SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Our mission is to prepare students to become citizens with a global perspective and to enrich their academics and social awareness within a Montessori environment.



**the SMCS
Spelling
Bee**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018
12:30-2:00
Soldotna Elementary Library**



Spelling Bee Judges Needed

On February 22nd from 12:30 to 2:00, we will be conducting our school Spelling Bee for students who signed up to participate. Ms. Sanders will be running the bee, and she is requesting judges to help her with carrying out the Spelling Bee. If you are interested in helping us (Ms. Sanders) out and would be willing to judge, please contact the school and let us know.

Jump Rope For Heart

In this week's Thursday folder, you will be receiving information about an opportunity for students to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart. Mrs. Boonstra, our PE Teacher, will be introducing a two-week jump rope unit to coincide with this national program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Students are able to participate in the fund raising if they choose, but the focus is on improving physical fitness, and developing a variety of jump roping skills. The special unit and fundraiser will take place from February 19th to March 2nd.

School Lottery Closes on February 23

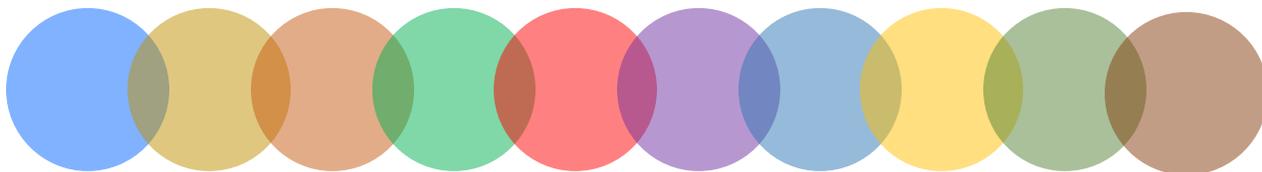
Please encourage friends or neighbors to enroll in our lottery if they have an interest in joining our fabulous Montessori school family next year. The deadline to apply is February 23.

Montessori Orientation Night

We are offering a Montessori/Charter school orientation night for prospective parents on Monday, February 19 @ 5:30, in preparation for our upcoming lottery. If you are interested in attending to get some basic background about our school, feel free to join the meeting.

Events For Your Calendar

2/19	Montessori Orientation (5:30)
2/20	APC Meeting (5:30)
2/21	District Budget Meeting @ SOHI
2/23	School Lottery Closes
2/24	District Forensics Competition
3/1	Spring Pictures
3/9	End of 3 rd Quarter – In-service Day – No School
3/12 to 3/16	Spring Break
3/24	Spring Carnival w/SoEl
3/27 to 4/6	PEAKS Testing Window (State Assessment)
3/31	School Ice Fishing Derby Ends
4/4	Early Release Day (2:00)
4/6	School Assembly – Carter's Class to Host
4/9	SMCS Annual Art Show (PTO)
4/20	No School



Mr. DeVold's Notes

I love to use this portion of our newsletter to highlight the exceptional components of our school with a more personal flare from the principal. I want to take this week's "Note" to highlight the incredible work our intermediate students are doing within our community. Their work and effort in meeting community needs is getting recognition. You may have noticed the front-page story in the Clarion this past week highlighting our food pantry and the efforts students are making to see to community needs both at the food bank and through working with pre-school students. Our 6th grade students have organized a campaign to promote the food pantry with community organizations and have done the work to reach out and communicate with these entities. We were invited to share this information with the local radio station (KSRM), and students will have an opportunity to share this school effort over the air via radio. While it is excellent that our students are working to better our community and engaging in real work, it is also great to know that many younger students and SMCS families are also supporting our efforts to make an impact in our community. We are a very special school.

Montessori & School Program Notes

Weekly information about key components of a Montessori education.

"For children aged six to twelve years (Lower Elementary, ages six to nine; Upper Elementary, ages nine to twelve)

- offer opportunities for collaborative intellectual exploration in which the child's interests are supported and guided
- support the development of self-confidence, imagination, intellectual independence and self-efficacy
- foster an understanding of the child's role in their community, in their culture and in the natural world"

"Above all, Montessori classrooms at all levels nurture each child's individual strengths and interests. Montessori education encourages children to explore their world, and to understand and respect the life forms, systems and forces of which it consists."

Text taken from www.montessori-nw.org

KPBSD BUDGET 101 – LEARN. GET FACTS. ACT.
 WHAT OFFERINGS DO YOU VALUE IN KPBSD SCHOOLS?
 YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE, OR IN-PERSON

KPBSD FACEBOOK LIVE Q & A WITH DAVE JONES*
 Thursday, February 1, 2018
 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 What's in a budget:
 nuts & bolts of school finances
 What to cut? What to keep?

COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUMS

- Homer High School Library: Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 PM
- Kenai Central High School Library: Thursday, February 22, 5:30 PM
- Seward High School Library: Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 PM
- Soldotna High School Library: Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 PM**
- Susan B. English and Tebughna School* Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 PM
*Videoconference from Soldotna High School forum

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