

MONTESORINEWS

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.

Soldotna Super Carnival

To be held in the Soldotna Elementary Gym

Saturday, March 24th 11AM-2PM

A joint effort event of Soldotna Elementary PTA & Soldotna Montessori PTO

SMCS Super volunteers are still needed.

Sign-ups for volunteers are located on the windows in the hallway.

Ways to help:
We are in need of Game Booth Operators

Spring Carnival

DON'T MISS THE SOEL/SMCS SPRING CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH FROM 11:00-2:00! Everyone is welcome to come and have some fun together playing games and winning prizes. This is our first joint effort event with SOEL, so come, have fun, and make this event a success. We do still need volunteers for helping at booths, so check the sign-up sheets in the hallway on Friday or call the school to offer your help for the event.

State Testing Next Week

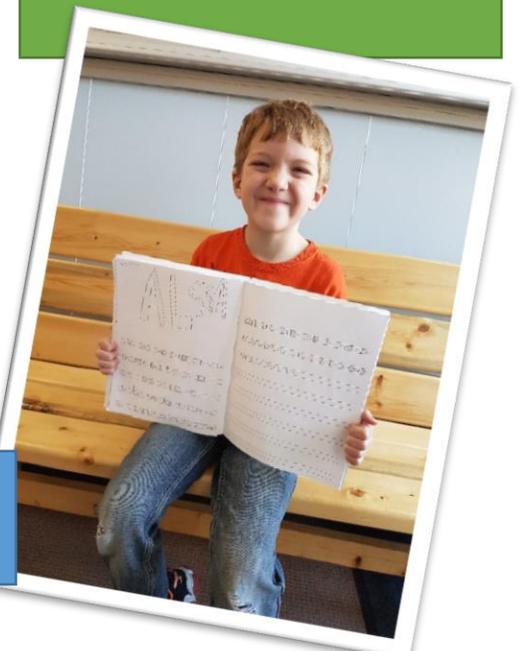
Next week marks the beginning of state testing. The intermediate classes will be testing each day from March 27-March 30th. The 3rd graders will be testing on April 3 & 5th. Please ensure your students are well-rested for these testing days and have a great breakfast to get the day going with fuel. Please do not schedule appointments on these days, and contact the school if there is a conflict with these testing days.

Jump Rope for Heart - Update

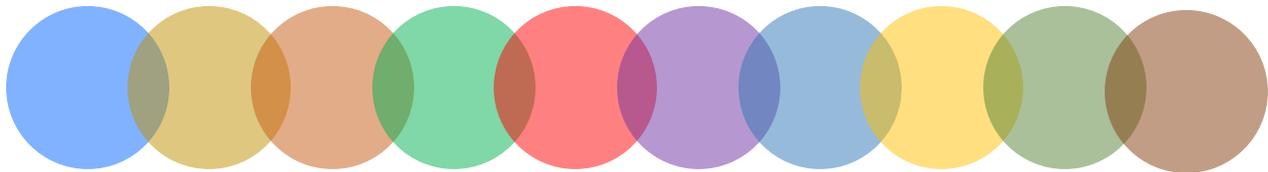
sWOW! The school raised a whopping \$5,184 for the American Heart Association. What an amazing effort our students and families made for this event. Of course, the students had a great three weeks of jump-roping and learning new skills, as well. It was an enormous success.

Events For Your Calendar

3/23	School Assembly – Skyview Band Visit @ 9:15
3/24	Spring Carnival w/SoEl
3-27	APC Meeting
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 Hosts
4/6	50 Cent Friday
4/9	SMCS Annual Art Show (PTO)
4/10	Last day to purchase a yearbook
4/12	Kindergarten Concert @ 6:00
4/20	No School
4/24	APC Meeting
5/2	ALICE Drill (AM)
5/3	SMCS Music/Talent Show @ 6:00



- Lottery results are now posted in the hallway.
- Yearbook will now be on sale until April 10 (Extended Date)
- LOOK FOR: Class Placement Requests in today’s Thursday Folder



Mr. DeVold's Notes

I would like to share information about the district response to the latest events that occurred in Florida. Below is a portion of the information they have provided to share with families. We have held a discussion as a staff about the Florida event; we have chosen to not address the content with students as a whole, but have continued with our daily caring for and connection with students. We will be getting further directives from the district as they gain further clarity on effective responses that may be implemented.

School safety is a top priority in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. What to do before, during, and after a school emergency, weather related delay start, or school closure is important. KPBSD regularly practices safety drills in schools, and includes law enforcement in [ALICE trainings](#) for school emergencies. The District strives for continuous improvement in school safety.

Specifically, in the past several weeks:

- KPBSD district office leadership held a mandatory meeting for all school administrators to discuss school safety. The candid conversation addressed preparation, drills, response to threats, school culture, mental health resources, legal and philosophical discussions about arming staff, what schools need from the district, and how to continue to create a safe culture for student learning.
- Superintendent Dusek and Assistant Superintendent Dave Jones met with Borough Mayor Pierce and his Chief of Staff to discuss current safety concerns and items to be addressed. The result is the district and borough will work together to address concerns to meet the priority of safety in KPBSD schools.
- Local law enforcement joined the Board of Education for a conversation about school safety prior to the March 5, 2018, school board meeting.
- Additional meetings are scheduled, and district leadership continues to discuss school safety, needed resources, and responses.

Montessori & School Program Notes

Maria Montessori was an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational method that builds on the way children naturally learn.

She opened the first Montessori school—the Casa dei Bambini, or Children’s House—in Rome on January 6, 1907. Subsequently, she traveled the world and wrote extensively about her approach to education, attracting many devotees. There are now more than 22,000 Montessori schools in at least 110 countries worldwide.

Maria Montessori was born on August 31, 1870, in the provincial town of Chiaravalle, Italy. Her father was a financial manager for a state-run industry. Her mother was raised in a family that prized education. She was well-schooled and an avid reader—unusual for Italian women of that time. The same thirst for knowledge took root in young Maria, and she immersed herself in many fields of study before creating the educational method that bears her name.

Taken from www.amshq.org



Two guys with ties! Kindergartener Reese Ross with Mr. DeVold showing off their ties.