



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.

APC Committee Elections

- The SMCS APC will have two open parent seats beginning in the 18-19 School Year. Both positions are for 3-year terms.
- The Academic Policy Committee members supervise the academic operation of a charter school and ensure the fulfillment of the mission of a charter school.
- The application deadline closed today, April 12th.
- APC Ballots will be sent home on April 19th and will need to be returned by April 30th.
- Each parent of a SMCS student may vote in the APC election.

Art Night Success!

We had a very enjoyable Art Night this past Monday. Thank you to our PTO for providing this event, and thank you to the teachers for providing time for students to generate some pretty incredible art for display. In addition to the art, many 6th grade students served attendees appetizers throughout the evening, and we had six students volunteer to provide some of the evening's music. A few folks walked away as winners in our silent auction, which added to the fun. Thanks to those who attended and supported the evening

Art Night Musicians:

- Koby Curry, Brooklyn Hegwer, Hannah Leaders, Liam Way, and Zoey Welch.

Events For Your Calendar

4/12	APC Applications Due
4/13	No Boys & Girls Club Today
4/20	No School
4/24	APC Meeting
4/30	APC Ballots Due
5/2	ALICE Drill (AM)
5/3	SMCS Music/Talent Show @ 6:00
5/4	School Assembly – Miller's Class Hosts
5/16	Potato Planting Day
5/17	Band/Choir Concert @ 6:00
5/18	6 th Grade Visit to SMS
5/18	Kindergarten Graduation (2:00-3:00) @ Soldotna Public Library
5/21	Volunteer Appreciation Day
5/23	Last Day of School: -6 th Grade Graduation - School Picnic @ Soldotna Creek Park

ALICE Drill Information

WHEN: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 @ 11:00.

WHY: To practice safety protocols and emergency procedures with students.

WHO: All students & staff from SMCS & SOEL.

CONSIDER: Schedule your visit to the school or pick-up of students for appointments prior to or after this event.

QUESTIONS: Contact Mr. DeVold with questions or clarification about this drill.

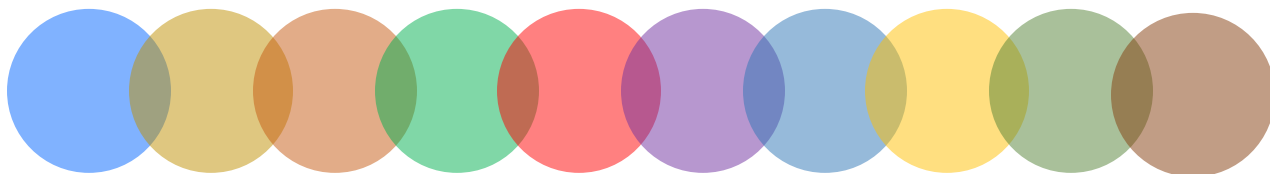
Simulation:

The drill will simulate an intruder to the building and students and staff will activate the ALICE protocol. Students and staff will walk to the alternate location as part of the simulation to know where our alternative gathering point is located. Students will be accompanied by their teacher for this walk.

ALICE

**ALERT - LOCKDOWN
INFORM
COUNTER - EVACUATE**





Mr. DeVold's Notes

It has almost been a full year already! On April 18th, I was introduced as the new principal at the Ice Cream Social event. It was a great evening: meeting students who were new to me and saying hello to students I remembered working with when they were in the primary classes. It was also a sad day because we were saying thank you and wishing Mrs. Sanders well in her retirement.

I recall the evening quite well and felt very at home being back with our school. I remember thinking I had big shoes to fill, but I was excited for the task ahead. I was excited because I knew that our wonderful families, our incredible teachers, and of course, the kind and hardworking students would make my transition a fun and successful one.

The year has gone by quickly, but we have a little more time left to enjoy our year together; I am looking forward to another year already. Take time to appreciate the remainder of this school year, and I look forward to seeing you at the many events we have left remaining before summer break.



Montessori & School Program Notes

Conscious Discipline Skill: Positive Intent

Seeing with positive intent means that we assume the other person either does not know how to behave in a certain situation or is having a difficult time handling a situation. Assuming either of these allows us to reach out and be helpful. When we assume positive intent, everyone wins. Positive intent integrates the brain and produces oxytocin. Oxytocin is a hormone in the brain involved in emotional bonding. It affects generosity, increases empathy and develops trust between people.

You can learn more about Conscious Discipline and Consequences at: <http://consciousdiscipline.com/>

Moving to Middle School

6th to 7th Grade Orientation Opportunities

- River City Academy Open House – Thursday, April 12 @ 6:00 PM
- Kenai Middle School Open House – Monday, April 30th 5:30-6:30 PM
- School-Day Student Visit @ KMS – April 26 OR 27 (TBD) from 9:15-11:15. Date will be updated as details are received. (Families interested in their student attending need to make arrangements on their own.)

