

MONTESSORINEWS

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.

Academic Policy Committee Positions Open

- The SMCSC APC will have three open seats beginning in the 19-20 School Year. Two positions are for 3-year terms. One position is a 1-year term which will complete the last year of a vacated APC position.
- Applications are available in the office. Applications are due in the office by April 11.
- The Academic Policy Committee supervises the academic operation of a charter school and ensures the fulfillment of the mission of a charter school.

Events Calendar

4/5	50 Cent Friday
4/9	Spring Pictures
4/11	Kindergarten Music Concert (6:30)
4/19	No School—Vacation Day
4/22	6th Grade Middle School Prep Week & Swimming
4/23	APC Meeting (5:30)
5/1	Early Release (1:55)
5/3	50 Cent Friday
5/9	Band & Modern Band Concert (6:30)
5/10	All School Assembly(9:00) — Kindergarten Hosts
5/14	APC Meeting (5:30)
5/16	6th grade visit to Skyview Middle
5/16	PTO Meeting (4:00)
5/20	Volunteer Appreciation & School Slide Show
5/22	6th Grade Graduation & School Picnic
5/22	Students' Last Day

Class Placement Requests – Due by April 12th

Class-placement request forms have been sent home in today's Thursday folders. The forms were sent to parents of kindergarteners & 3rd grade students. Completion of this form is optional. We will make every effort to accommodate requests. Please return your completed form by April 12th. If you have questions, please contact the school.

School Yearbooks

It is time to be thinking about yearbook orders. Yearbook orders are due by April 9th. If you order online by April 9th, the cost of a yearbooks will be \$20.00. After April 9th, a limited supply of yearbooks can be reserved at the school for \$25. To order online go to www.treering.com/validate. The school code is 1013956816001527. You can also find a link to order a yearbook at the school web page. Hovering over that link supplies the school code as well. Yearbooks will be handed out on the last day of school.

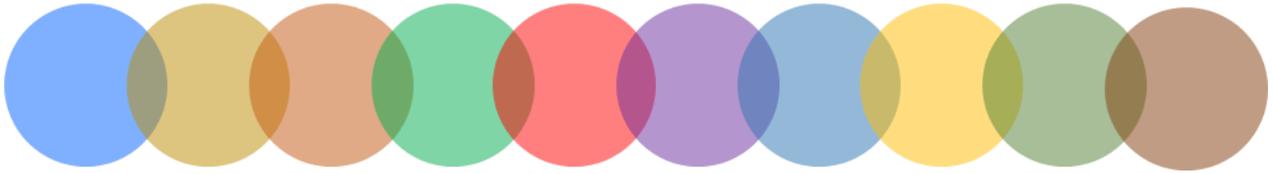
Art & Talent Night

Wow! What a great evening we had on Monday night. We had a great group of families attend and support our students in their art and talent. Also, we had a good effort on our silent auction. Sixth grade students served hors d'oeuvres as parents and family members appreciated the art produced by our students. There are definitely many talented students in our school, and it was evident in what was displayed. We added in talent performances to our art night, and we were uncertain how that would turn out. Many in attendance commented that it was a great addition to the evening. We will see if we can continue to combine these events in the future. Thanks for coming!

Kenai Middle School Visit Dates & Times for 6th Grade Families

- April 26th - Student Visits 9:15 a.m. | April 29th—Parent Open House





Montessori & School Program Notes

Conscious Discipline Skill: Consequences

Consequences teach us to examine our behavior, reflect on the impact of our choices, and make changes that allow us to reach our highest goals. Conscious Discipline teaches us that mistakes are opportunities to learn. Conscious Discipline is about giving teachers and parents the skill set and social-emotional foundation to use consequences effectively, so we can all take responsibility and learn from our mistakes.

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

Mr. DeVold's Notes

A few year's ago (many now) a parent would brighten our hallways with poetry. One poem she posted stuck with me and has become a favorite of mine. I would like to share it with you since I feel it portrays a picture of the consistency of work, the importance of work, and the character needed for work. I also feel that it provides a good analogy for our work as a team of families and teachers in developing fine students who become purposeful and amazing adults. I hope you enjoy it as I do.

To Be of Use

BY MARGE PIERCY

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.

Field Trip Season is Upon Us.

It is a great time for learning,
bonding, and family involve-
ment.

