

# MONTESSORINEWS

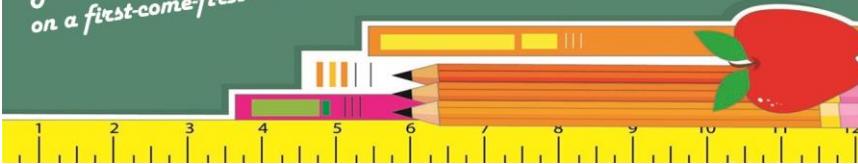
SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

**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.**

## Final Chance for a Year Book In Time for the End of the Year

If you have not already ordered a yearbook online, we will have a small quantity available for purchase in the office. The cost for a yearbook is \$20.

Year books will be sold on a first-come-first served basis.



### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Talent Show – Tonight

The annual intermediate Music Talent Show will take place in the gym tonight, Thursday, May 3 at 6 PM.

### Fun Run Fundraiser

Our Fun Run Fundraiser is scheduled for May 11, 14, 15, and 16. The proceeds will go toward playground equipment, which will be placed in recognition of Karen Brewer's time on our playground over the years. Students will have opportunity to generate funds based on a flat donation or a pledge per lap. The run will take place during the school day in the playground area. A pledge sheet has already been sent home. Collection envelopes will go out on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Collected money needs to be returned to the school by May 22.

### Volunteer Appreciation – May 21

We would like to recognize all of our volunteers who are so instrumental to our school success and family feel. We plan to host our volunteers on May 21 from 8:45-9:30 for a breakfast. Students will not attend, but our teachers are looking forward to sharing time with you. Our school slide show will take place right after the event, so stay and enjoy our year in review.

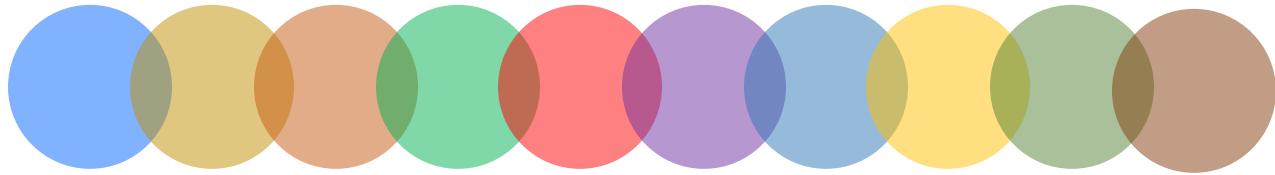
### ALL SCHOOL PICNIC – MAY 23

The School Picnic is going to be here before we know it, and it is a fun, school family event. We are asking for assistance with providing side dishes, buns, condiments, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the hall. Please stop in and sign up to provide something for this annual event.

## Events For Your Calendar

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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to SMS
5/18	Kindergarten Graduation (1:45-2:45) @ Soldotna Public Library
5/21	Volunteer Appreciation Day
5/23	Last Day of School: -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation - School Picnic @ Soldotna Creek Park





### **Mr. DeVold's Notes**

In February, our students in grades 3-6 participated in a school climate survey. We recently received the results of this survey and it was sure gratifying to see how things turned out. Our students indicated that our school is a fantastic place to learn, and be connected. The scores for each category were very high, and indicate that our implementation of Conscious Discipline and each teacher's dedication to extend instruction beyond just academic, to take time to care for and love each child really showed in the student responses. I also believe the results speak to the involvement of our families in connecting with the school. Lastly, our amazing students truly care for each other, and work to bring the best out in each other and are able to see how they can be a part of a caring community. I think when we observe what happens on a day-to-day basis as teachers and parents we see evidence of a great school climate, but it is nice to get feedback from the students that match what we believe is evident in what we observe.

A summation of the results appears below.

### **APC Election Results**

Thank you to all who voted in our APC Election. Although we had two candidates for two seats, it was a necessary step to complete our process of maintaining our APC. Sarah Michaels and Mike Williams have been elected to serve our school as APC members for 3-year terms. We are happy to welcome Sara back as an APC member and glad to have a new member in Mike joining the APC in oversight of the school curriculum, the evaluation of the principal, and as ambassadors for the school.



### **Grade 3-5 Climate Survey Summary**

#### **100% Agree**

I care about my community; It's important to participate in community service; Students are encouraged to do their very best; At this school, students treat me with respect; I can recognize and compliment others' accomplishments; I can respect other peoples opinions even if they are different from mine; I can learn how to solve tough problems.

#### **Over 95% Agree**

I care about my school; I can make a difference in my community; My teachers care about my health & well-being; The school is a welcoming place for students and families; When students see another student being picked on, they try and stop it; I feel safe at school; I have fun at school; My teachers are fair; I can disagree without arguing; I have a great future ahead of me; I know what I am good at; I know what is hard for me to do; I can finish tasks even though they are tough; I can find my way around problems; I meet the goals my teacher sets for me; I believe I can excel in all my classes.

*Out of the 44 categories, 39 scored over 80% favorable.*

### **Grade 6 Climate Survey Summary**

Results from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade were very similar with 6 categories scoring at 100% agreement, 20 categories scoring at 94% agreement and 11 categories scoring 81-88% agreement.

*Out of the 44 categories, 37 scored over 80% favorable.*

One area that showed some need for attention was students who indicated that is easy to talk with an adult about things that are bothering them (Both in school and out of school). 69% agreed that this was easy to do so.