

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.



Walk Your Kids to School Day

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 8th....meet at 8:00 and leave the church at 8:15am

WHERE: Meet at the Catholic Church on Redoubt

WHY: Learn about safety issues as students walk to school...promote physical activity

WHO: All Redoubt, Soldotna Elementary, and Soldotna Montessori staff, students and their families

Snacks will be served after arrival at each respective school

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!!!

Rain or shine, please dress accordingly

Events Calendar

10/4	School Assembly @ 9:00 (Carter's Class Hosts)
10/4	PTO 50 Cent Friday
10/8	Walk to School Day
10/10	PTO—School Shirt Tie Dye Day
10/11	Picture Retakes
10/16	Early Release Day (2:00)
10/17	Earthquake Drill (10:17)
10/17	PTO Hay Tunnel @ Solid Rock (5:30-7:30)
10/18	NO SCHOOL—End of 1st Quarter
10/24	APC Meeting (5:30)
10/29	PTO Meeting (4:00)
11/8	PTO 50 Cent Friday
11/1&1 1/4	Parent-Teacher Conferences

Peace Night Review

Last Thursday, we had a fine evening together as a Montessori Family, sharing in a “Feast for Peace” night while recognizing the International Day of Peace. Dr. Montessori was nominated on three occasions for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1950, Maria Montessori participated in founding the UNESCO institutions. She then worked to create the International Institute of Education to promote international peace through education. Thank you to all of you who were able to come and to those who supplied food for our gathering. Of course the highlight of the evening was singing “One Voice” together. The message of the song is pretty powerful and highlights what we are able to accomplish together as a school family.

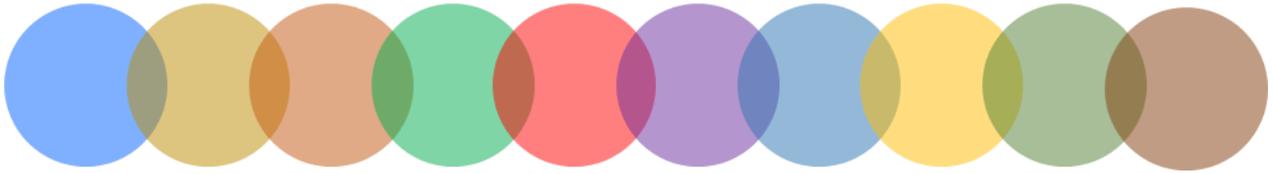
SMCS In The News

Our fantastic Farmers Market made news in the Peninsula Clarion last Saturday, September 14th. It is always a joy to see our students represented so well in the community. Thank you to all the students who helped with our Farmers Market, and thank you Mrs. Carter for leading this endeavor. The Farmers Market generated \$1917.02 in sales which will be used to sustain our school garden efforts. It seems like our annual farmers market is becoming a popular attraction for some of our community members.

Small Hands Orders

Small Hands Information is in today's folder. Please note that orders are due by October 16th. We need to have \$500 worth of orders to receive free shipping.





KPBSD Volunteer Training Video

If you are currently serving as a volunteer or considering volunteering in our school, the district has created and posted a volunteer training video located at the district website. It contains basic information about KPBSD's expectations for volunteers within our school district. It also provides information about a new law requiring school volunteers serving more than 4 hours in a week or month to report suspected abuse or neglect. The district training video provides a link to a free training video offered by the State of Alaska regarding this new requirement.



Student Pick Up Report



Student pick up at the end of the day has been improving! We have been doing a good job of dismissing students in a rapid fashion. Thank you to all who are honoring our request to wait until 3:30 before arriving at school to pick up students. This allows Soldotna Elementary to complete their dismissal successfully. Many parents are pulling into parking spaces in the lot if they are early; this really helps the challenging transition from SoEl pick up to SMCS pick up. As a reminder, if you find yourself a bit early, use a parking spot in the lot rather than waiting in the "No Parking" zone near the entrance and playground. As always, we appreciate your positive responses to staff members who may direct you to relocate while you wait.

You may have noticed that we have had police in the area observing dismissal. This is a new occurrence that has not been necessary in the past. I have noted that we have fewer families choosing to enter the building to pick up their child, and we are working more vehicles through the pick up line than in the past. We have continued to dismiss in 6-9 minutes, so that is good. However, one helpful step for this semester, as a reminder, is to have intermediate families arrive at 3:30, and primary families arrive at (or after) 3:35 for pick up, this helps us with a quicker dismissal and reduces the number of vehicles arriving at the same time.

Be Looking For Square 1 Art Order Forms

Square 1 Art is a fundraiser for our PTO. Students create a piece of art on a square sheet. The artwork is submitted to Square 1 and families are able to purchase items with the artwork on it. Many items make a good gift for grandparents. Be looking for an order form.



Left: Beau is working hard on his math problems, and he is happy too!

