

# MONTESSORI NEWS

## 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.**



The System for School Success is Alaska's new accountability system for public schools.

**Soldotna Montessori's Index Value is the 10<sup>th</sup> highest in the State of Alaska!**

<https://education.alaska.gov/Reporting/Home/AccountabilityAllSchools>

### SMCS' Performance Score Overall School Index Value



## Events Calendar

10/25	PTO Meeting (4:00)
10/25	KEY Communicator Meeting 5 p.m.-8 p.m. @ Skyview
10/30	District Budget & APC Meeting
11/1-11/2	Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/9	50 Cent Friday
11/9	School Assembly (Carter Hosts)
11/21	Early Release Day
11/22-23	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
11/27	APC Meeting (5:30)
11/29	PTO Meeting (4:00)
11/30	Family Movie Night in Gym
12/3	SMCS Winter Concert @ SOHI
12/7	50 Cent Friday
12/13	Craft Night Event—PTO Hosts
12/21	End of Quarter—No School

### Parent-Teacher Conference-Nov. 1 & Nov. 2

There will be no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have not signed up for your conference yet, please go to our online conference sign up from our school website. You may also go directly to the sign up at this address: <http://signup.com/go/xFcGFr>.



### Halloween at SMCS

Halloween is next week. Our students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. They may bring a change of clothes for recess if their costume is not recess-proof.



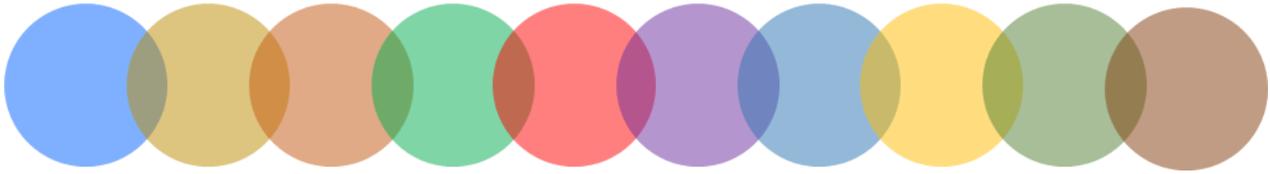
Costumes may not represent scary or violent characters. Please, no zombies, evil superheroes, monsters, or weapons of any kind. Those costumes must be kept at home and used for family events or trick-or-treating.

Students may be participating in classroom activities that are based on the holiday and/or the season. Please see your child's teacher for details.

### Mind-A-Mazes

A group of Montessori students was able to participate in the District Mind-A-Mazes competition on October 12th. Participating groups from around the district are given an engineering problem to evaluate & build and a short term problem to solve at the event. One of our groups performed well enough to earn a 3rd place finish at the district competition. Thank you to Piper Bloom, Arian Cannava, Lauren Chircop, Jacob Edmunds, Azilynn Hall, Brody Linton, and Michael Overway for representing our school @ Mind-a-Mazes.





## Battle of the Books Info



Battle of the Books permission forms for students in grades K-6 went home last week, and we are still hoping to receive completed permission forms from students who wish to participate. There will be four Battle of the Books groups: kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, and grades 5-6. We now have confirmed volunteers to coach our groups, and students will meet with their B.O.B. coach during lunchtime on Mondays for grades 5-6, Wednesdays for grades 1-2, and Thursdays for Kinder and grades 3-4. The 3-4 and 5-6 grade groups will each form a team of 4 students to compete via phone with other district teams in February.

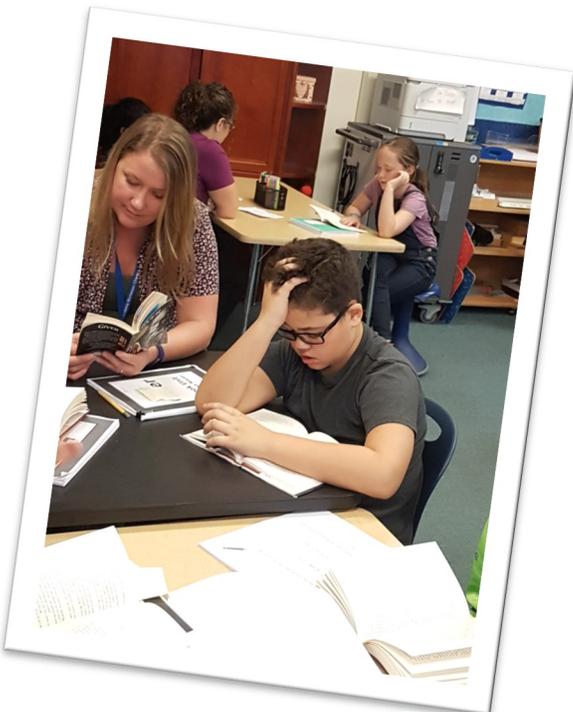
## School Access Changes Coming

Last year, the district proposed a plan to lock all school doors during the school day and initiate a buzz-in system for visitors to the school during the school day. Those plans have been put into motion this year and the borough is beginning the process of planning these installations. Last week, I met with a representative from the borough to discuss placement of a buzz-in access point for our school. While no definitive timetable is available, we may see this system installed at some time in the school year. It is my goal to provide you with this information so that you are aware of this potential change. I know any change is difficult, and there will be challenges when this new school access change occurs at some point in the future. The district's decision to make this step is an effort to provide for student safety. I will keep you informed as I get further information about when this change will occur, and I appreciate your flexibility, patience, and understanding when this new requirement becomes reality.

Mr. DeVold—Principal

## Yearbooks

If you are planning to order a yearbook this year, you can save 10% by ordering yours online by October 31 at [www.treering.com](http://www.treering.com). Select our school, and place your order. Our school passcode is 1013956816001527. The regular price is \$20.00.



## Have you been to the school website lately?

We are improving our communication effort via our website. If you haven't been there in a while we are adding new information weekly. While we haven't done a complete overhaul, we are improving access to information there frequently. It is being worked into a nice information hub about our school. If you have things that you think would be helpful to include on our website, please let us know and we will work to make it happen. Otherwise, check it out and return to see what is new.

## THANKS!

Thank you to Heather & Heather for providing us with terrific shirts for our school t-shirt tie-dye day. We have ordered through Heather & Heather for our school logo gear in the past, and we were glad to work with them again to do something new. Our PTO was instrumental in making this day happen. The prep work was incredible and the assistance from volunteers was great!

