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... From the Principal's Desk

We have had a wonderful 1st month of school and are off to a great start on month 2! Thank you so much for your support and sending us a great group of kids who come prepared to learn every day. I want to share some important dates with you regarding teacher in-service days and early release days. These days are vital to the success of the school and the success of your children as the collaborative work the teachers and administrator do directly impacts the classrooms that your kids are in. The dates of these remaining in-services and early release days are listed below:

10/21/16	In-service Day
10/26/16	Early Release Day (school releases at 12:45)
10/28/16	In-service Day
11/23/16	Early Release Day (school releases at 12:45)
12/22/16	In-service Day
2/8/17	Early Release Day (school releases at 12:45)
2/10/17	In-service Day
3/10/17	In-service Day
4/5/17	Early Release Day (school releases at 12:45)
5/3/17	Early Release Day (school releases at 12:45)

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 27 and February 9 this school year. There will be no school on these days as well and further information regarding conferences will be communicated with you as we get closer to those dates.

As always my door is open to any of you if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions.

Curtis Schmidt
Principal
Soldotna Prep School



Fall Concert, Tuesday, October 16th 7 PM SOHI Auditorium

Lego Robotics Camp will be held every 3rd Saturday of each month from 1-4 PM at Soldotna Prep School. Ages 6-14 cost is \$35 per student. For more information contact Kristin McGlothen, kmcglothen@KPBSD.k12.ak.us

After School Tutoring Monday and Wednesday 2:30 - 3:30 in Room 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 30

Soldotna Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month September - Whitney Benson

FROM MRS. BRETA BROWN, MATH TEACHER

Hello Soldotna Prep parents. I am the 3rd Mrs. Brown to join the staff here so I am known as Mrs. B. Brown. It has been a big growth curve transferring here after teaching at Nikiski Middle/High for 11 years. The best part has been the amazing students I have been able to meet and work with here as well as the supportive staff I have been blessed to join. I have only had the opportunity to meet a few parents, some in person and others only by phone so please, if you are in the building, stop by and introduce yourself.

I am a part of a select group of teachers in the district that are studying Blended Learning this year and we are traveling to a National Blended Learning Conference at the end of October. I am excited for

this opportunity but unfortunately it means that I will not be able to attend Parent Teacher conferences this fall. Please keep tabs on your child's math scores on Power School.

My Algebra 1 and Geometry classes are Flipped classes so you should expect your kiddos to be listening to online video lessons made by me most every night as well as taking notes on those lessons. In class, the students spend time asking me clarification questions and working on the lesson practice with their peer collaboration groups. Overall I feel like the Flipped classroom method is working really well. It allows me to be their teacher at home and at school (and gets the parents off the hook for the most part on trying to remember your Algebra and Geometry skills from when you were in

high school. The only students who are not benefitting from it are the ones who are not completing their notes on time. Please remind the kids to complete their math notes at home and ask to see them on a regular basis. I do understand that family issues come up once in a while so in the event that your child can not get their notes done on time, please write me a note and I will accept the notes a day late without penalty. Thank you for all the support parents have given me this school year so far and I look forward to meeting more of you as the school year continues.

Soldotna Prep School Important 1st Semester Dates 2016-2017

October 21, 2016	End of 1 st Qtr/Inservice	School Closed	All Day
October 26, 2016	Picture Re-take Day		7:35 AM
October 26, 2016	Early Release Day		12:45 PM
October 27, 2016	Parent Teacher Conferences		12-3 & 4-7
October 28, 2016	In-Service Day	School Closed	All Day
November 23, 2016	Early Release Day		12:45 PM
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Vacation	School Closed	All Day

STUDENT FEES

Biology Lab – \$10 for the year

Health – First Aid/CPR \$5

Robotics – \$25

ART, MUSIC, CONSTRUCTION, YEARBOOK AND SPORTS FEES NEED TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO SOHI



Library News Fall 2016

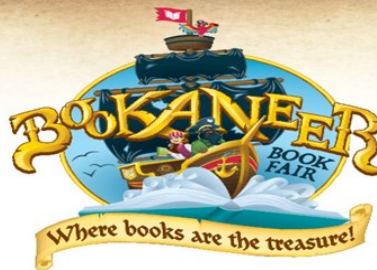
New Library Renovations

We started out last school year with a redesigned library. The library collection was moved along the outer walls to open up the space in the middle of the room to accommodate all the computers and tables. Two classes were then able to utilize the library at the same time and every computer and table seat can easily view the newly installed Smart board.

This year we have finished the library renovations with new coordinating chairs, computer tables and tables. Due to the uniformity of the square tables, they can be moved in several rearrangements and have almost doubled the available seating. A casual reading /hangout area was created allowing the students to be comfortable in the library whether they are doing a research project or just getting caught up with friends. Teachers are regularly bringing in their classes for research and computer use. Students are enjoying the relaxed atmosphere hanging out with friends and finishing up projects during lunch. This renovation was intentionally designed to increase learning opportunities while being inviting to all who enter. This has all resulted in a more welcoming atmosphere, more traffic in the library and more students are connecting with books, checking them out and growing their minds! Please feel welcome to stop in and see the new library when you can.

On Your Honor Paperback Exchange

We are starting a paperback book exchange where students/staff/parents can come in and add a paperback to the collection and/or take one to read. You will be on your honor to bring the book back so others can enjoy it and to keep the collection going. Donations to the collection will be ongoing and must be age appropriate.



Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read to our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: October 24-27, 2016

Shopping hours: Monday 11:00-2:30, Tuesday and Wednesday during school hours (Wed early release), Thursday during Parent/ Teacher Conferences noon-3:00 and 4:00-7:00

Special activities: Bake Sale during lunch on Wednesday and during conferences on Thursday and some other fun activities are in the works.

Up to 55% of every purchase comes back to our school! Two needs that this sale will help provide for is starting a graphic novel collection and filling holes that we have in our current series books.

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our online Fair is available from Monday, October 17, 2016 to Thursday, November 3, 2016 and has free shipping to the school.

It does take volunteers to run a successful fair and bake sale, **if you would like to donate bake items or are an approved volunteer and would like to help during the fair** please email the librarian, Donna Spence at dspence3@kpbsd.k12.ak.us. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.