

April 9, 2010

Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School's Newsletter



Dear Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice Spring Break. Finally, Spring has sprung and the weather is beautiful. It certainly was a long winter.

As you can see, our construction project is in full scale. We have been waiting patiently for our permits to be approved. For information on building progress and to view a picture of our construction site plan, please go to our website at www.sterlingmontessori.org and click on "[Building Updates](#)"

The Spring Conference Day is this Monday, April 12. I hope all parents have signed-up for a conference. Schedules are posted outside each classroom. Please be on time for your conference. School is closed on that day and no childcare is available.

Moving Up Nights for Rising 1st(Current Kindergarteners) and 4th graders (current 3rd graders) are this month. These are valuable information sessions for parents (only) to attend in order to gain insights into the next program level their students will be entering, be it Lower Elementary or Upper Elementary.

Lower Elementary Moving Up Night will take place on Thursday, April 22 in the B-4 classroom. Upper Elementary Moving Up Night will be Tuesday, April 20 in the C-12 classroom. The time for each night is 6:30-7:30 P.M. Please attend!

Kindergarten Registration will take place on Monday, May 3 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the rear of the A-building hallway. Letters reminding Kindergarten parents of this day are being sent via mail today. Please contact Kelly Lockheed, our Registrar, at 919-462-8889 ext. 419 if you are unable to attend on May 3.

Please support the Walk-A-Thon on April 29. This is an excellent, fun fundraiser to assist in raising additional revenue for our new Sport Court. Lots of work has gone into this event. Details are in this newsletter. Let's all Support The Court!!!

Please enjoy the wonderful Spring weather.

Sincerely,
Bill Zajic
Executive Director



From The Children's House

By: Kellie Cross

"This is a picture of my daddy, my mommy, and me"

"I miss my mommy"

"Can I show this to my daddy when he comes to pick me up"

Parents, these are some of the words we hear regularly from your children. It is out of respect for the child, who works hard to manage long days, that we would like to remind you of the importance of not talking on your cell phones when you come to pick your little one up. Having your full attention at drop-off and pick-up times allows your child to transition into and out of their school days more joyfully and successfully. Thank you for your cooperation.

"Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future."

~Maria Montessori



News from the Lower and Upper Elementary

By: Carrie Smith

Way to go Sterling! The students collected over \$4300 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in the Math-A-Thon this year. Thanks to all of the students who participated in this event. The students were able to sharpen their math skills and their donations will help kids with cancer and other serious diseases.

Our last sub orientation will be held on Monday, April 26 in Room A10 from 9-11:30. If you would like to attend this orientation, please contact Kellie Cross, 462-8889 x450, to receive the paperwork which you can complete ahead of time.

I hope the parents of rising first and fourth graders can attend our rising up nights which will be occurring this month. The rising first grade night will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 in Room B4. The rising fourth grade night will be held on Tuesday, April 20 from 6:30-7:30 in Room C12. These will be very informative nights for those of you who have students transitioning into these new grades. Some of the topics that will be covered on these nights will include philosophy, planes of development, the structure of the math and language programs, work plans, and classroom management. Mr. Bill will discuss the placement procedure. There will also be time to answer any questions. I look forward to seeing many of you on these nights. Please contact Carrie Smith, 462-8889 x430, if you have any questions.

All fourth and seventh graders will be taking their second On-Demand

Writing Task on April 21 and 22. All 4th graders will be taking the task on Wednesday, April 21 at 9:15 AM. Half of the seventh grade class will take the test on Wednesday, April 21 and the other half will take the test Thursday, April 22. If you are a parent of a seventh grader, you will receive a letter next week stating which day your child will be taking the test. Please inform your child's classroom teacher immediately if you know your child will be out on these days. There will be a make-up day for those students who can't take the test on April 21 and 22.

PFA Updates

The next PFA meeting will be Wednesday April 14th at 3:45 pm in the art room. Childcare will be available. Anyone who is interested in serving on the PFA board next year, please either come to the meeting, or send an e-mail to dawncoletti@earthlink.net.

Restaurant Night for May

Dairy Queen in Morrisville will host Sterling's May Restaurant night. You can take your family and friends for a cool treat, or dinner and Sterling receives a payback of !0% when you mention our name!

Hot Dog Day 2010

On Thursday, April 15, 2010 the Sterling Middle School will be offering a hot dog lunch for students- chicken or turkey dogs with all the trimmings. Pre-Order forms are in your child's Friday folder and can be sent to Matt Oberst in the middle school, or you can purchase tickets on the day of the cookout. All Proceeds will go to funding the middle school end of the year trip and graduation.

\$3.00 Lunch includes: 1 hot dog with veggie, fruit, chips, cookie and a drink.
\$5.00 Lunch includes: 2 hot dogs with veggies, fruit, chips, cookie and drink.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are coming! April 20 and 21 Lifetouch will be at Sterling taking pictures of our precious gems! No advanced payments are required - packages will be sent home for your preview prior to purchase.

We are in need of 3-4 volunteers for each day assisting with picture day organization. If you could spare a few hours of time on one or both of these days please contact Linda Benning at wwad@earthlink.net



WALK-A-THON SPONSOR FORM COLLECTION HAS BEGUN!

The buzz around Sterling is that there's a Walk-A-Thon about to happen on April 29th and students are rushing to the mailbox to submit their sponsor forms to become participants in this exciting event and to Support the Court! If you didn't have a chance to drop off your forms this week, there are lots of opportunities in April!

Here's what you'll want to do to become a part of the Walk-A-Thon:

1. Grab your address book and fill out the sponsor's address on the sponsor form!
2. Return sponsor forms to the giant mailbox or to the Walk-A-Thon box in the office!

When your child returns one sponsor form, he or she is officially signed up to participate in the event. Please note: Your child's returned sponsor form is the **ONLY** way we know that your child is participating. Please return your forms next week!

3. We'll take care of the rest...postage, tracking and all the in-betweens!

To date, nearly 100 students have signed up to participate. They have sent sponsor forms to 35 different states and the United Kingdom, India, Austria, Spain, Australia, Canada, Japan, Russia, Columbia, Denmark, and Turkey! Please continue to think of friends and family you know across the US and around the world as each classroom is also charting its sponsor form destinations! Even if you see it colored on the big map, that doesn't mean it's been added to your child's classroom.

Also, you may have noticed the Walk-A-Thon Wall of Fame! Please ask your sponsors to take a photo of themselves along with something that symbolizes their state or country (ex. flag, state capitol building, sign, etc.) and a sign that says, "I Support the Court from..." Please write on the back of the photo your child's name and state/country of sponsor and place it in the mailbox!

Want to volunteer? Have questions? Please contact Christie Adkins at cadkins@nc.rr.com or Dawn Coletti at dawncoletti@earthlink.net!

**DON'T DELAY, RETURN YOUR SPONSOR FORMS TODAY! BE A PART OF
THE WALK-A-THON AND HELP GET OUR FEET OUT OF THE MUD AND
ONTO THE COURT!**



Sterling Montessori and Barnes and Nobles Bookfair!!!!

One and Only Spring BookFair!

4/22-4/24 Celebrating Our School
In Store Events in Cary(Maynard Road):
Shop ANYTIME and enter drawings for prizes

· **Thursday 4/22 4:00p.m.**

Come out and see Sterling's BAND Perform!
Come out and see Art work from our students!

· **Friday 4/23**

Student Council Event 4-5:30 Book Reviews by Characters
FAMILY FUN NIGHT 7p.m.

· **Saturday 4/24**

StoryTime and Craft with
Author of Twinkle, Joan Holub 10:30 & 11:30a.m.

Call Rachel Faulkner, Reading Specialist,
for more information or to VOLUNTEER 462-8889 x 418
Sterling ID#10135713

*Help us earn \$ for resource books for Character Education

The Middle School is working hard to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We will be selling several items during lunch and carpool, and we will be participating in the actual event May 15-16 in Wake Forest. If anyone is interested in participating, there will be handouts with information on how to sign up outside C-16. Thanks for your support in the fight against Cancer!

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