



Weekly Message

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"Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence."

—Dr. Maria Montessori

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Children's House (PK3-Kindergarten) [summer camps](#) are currently FULL and there are only a few Elementary (1st-4th grade) spots remaining. If interested, please contact wyleendavis@sterlingmontessori.org for more information.



END-OF-GRADE TESTING

LAST CALL FOR STUDENT MEDICATION If your 3rd-8th grade child has been in Distance Learning but is coming back to school for EOG/EOC testing next week (May 24th - June 4th) and will need medication while on campus, please be sure to turn in all [completed paperwork](#) and medication to the **Main Office by Monday, May 24th**. A letter to 3rd-8th grade families was sent yesterday with detailed information on testing.

2021/22 BEFORE AND AFTER CARE REGISTRATION OPEN



To secure your child's spot in the 2021-2022 Before and After Care program, a registration form, including a check for the required deposit, must be returned to the Main Office no later than **Friday, May 28th**. For more information, including registration forms, visit our [website](#). Registration questions can be sent to wyleendavis@sterlingmontessori.org.

END OF YEAR PREPARATION

For those families not returning to Sterling for the 2021/22 school year (including 8th grade graduates), we will need all your carpool tags turned in by the end of the year. Please begin to gather all tags for return by the last day of school.

Kindergarten - 7th grade Charter families **NOT returning** to Sterling must complete a [withdrawal form](#) and email to dkimball@sterlingmontessori.org as soon as possible.

As we continue planning for the 2021/22 school year, we want to stress the **importance of attendance!** Our new school year starts on **Monday, August 16, 2021**. Sterling Montessori receives full state funding for a student **ONLY** if the student is present during the first TEN days of school. Teachers will be taking attendance each morning in class Morning Meetings, and we will reach out to parents of students who are marked as absent. Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) for more details.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE



The Forgotten Clefs, a Renaissance Wind Ensemble, presented a virtual concert for our LE and UE students on Tuesday, May 18th. They set music to the story “The Very Last Castle”, and they demonstrated several Renaissance instruments to our students, including recorders, dulcian, sackbut, krummhorn, nakers, pipes and shawms. Students and teachers have expressed how much they enjoyed this performance! Thank you to the United Arts Council, Mallarme Players, PFA and the LHU Board for making this concert possible for us.

2021 GRADUATION UPDATE

Our 2021 in-person Graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 7th @ 5:00pm on Sterling’s large field. Invitations have been sent and we look forward to welcoming the graduate’s immediate family to the event. We will be creating a commemorative video that celebrates all our graduates - **parents of graduates, please send those pictures to communications@sterlingmontessori.org!**



LAST CALL TO BUY YOUR YEARBOOK!

Quantities are limited, but if you haven't yet purchased your 2020/21 yearbook, you can do so now on [MySchoolBucks](#). Price is \$55. Previews prove this is a great remembrance of a very unique year!

2020/21 ANNUAL FUND STILL OPEN



The 2020/21 Sterling Treasure Chest is still collecting donations through June 30, 2021. The generosity of Sterling's community this year is inspiring as we continue to build our fundraising foundation and future opportunities for our school and students. On behalf of students, staff, faculty and the LHU Board, we thank you!

COVID EDUCATION

Face Covering Guidance Clarification: NCDHHS continues to require everyone to wear face coverings at schools when indoors, which is consistent with the current CDC guidance for schools. This will continue to apply to all Sterling staff, students and visitors.

SPIRIT DAYS

Monday June 7th is PJ Day, and Tuesday, June 8th is Sterling Spirit Wear Day! Limited supplies of Sterling Spirit Wear are available on [MySchoolBucks](#)!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- **EOG/EOC TESTING** - Tuesday, May 25th - Friday, June 4th

See all upcoming event and meeting details on the [Event Calendar](#)

STERLING FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Sonia DiFranco - Spanish Teacher

"My name is Sonia Di Franco. I was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where I obtained a BA in Foreign Language Education from Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña. After teaching English as a Second Language and Kindergarten for six years at The Carol Morgan School of Santo Domingo, I moved to Miami, Florida in 1989 to continue my teaching career at Gulliver Academy, an Independent Day School in Coral Gables, FL, where I taught Spanish at the elementary level for seventeen years. In 2006 I relocated to Raleigh, NC to start my job as the Language Studies Coordinator at Casa Esperanza Montessori Charter School. During my time there, I developed and supervised

the Spanish Immersion and Spanish as a Second Language programs. I joined the Sterling Montessori family in August of 2012, where I have the joy of sharing my language with third, fourth, and fifth graders. I became a teacher for the purpose of opening the doors to the world for my students in a stress free and enjoyable classroom environment. I enjoy gardening, cooking, and spending time with my pets."

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