

# Sterling's May Newsletter

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## Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School

Dear Gena,

It is hard to believe that we are in our final month of school. The time has truly flown by!

First of all, I would like to thank all the parents and students who participated in the Walk-A-Thon Event. To date we have raised over \$16,500 and money is still being received. For me, the most amazing fact is that over 400 students participated on that day! This translates to 60% of our student population who walked and ran to raise money for our school. I thank all the parents of these 400 students for their help and encouragement.

I also want to thank all the volunteers who organized and participated in the Walk-A-Thon. In particular, I must acknowledge Christie Adkins and Dawn Coletti as the coordinators of the event. Without their commitment and hard work the Walk-A-Thon would have not been as successful as it was. Thank you everyone for "Supporting The Court".

Each year the P.F.A. sponsors the End of Year Picnic. This year the picnic will take place at Lake Crabtree Community Park due to school construction. It will be held on Friday, June 4, from after school (4:00 P.M.) until 7:00 P.M. It will be a lot of fun and a nice way to end the school year. Please plan to attend. Thank you to Kim Strange for organizing the picnic.

Finally, State mandated End of Grade Assessments will begin the week of June 1 for students of Third Grade through Middle School. The schedule of testing is posted in this newsletter. It is imperative that these students arrive on time on the days of assessments.

Please make sure your students are well rested and have a healthy breakfast during the testing period. Do not place undue pressure on your



children to perform well on these assessments. Just encourage them to "do their best" as these tests are only one measure of their capabilities. Enjoy the final weeks of the 2009-10 school year!

Sincerely,  
Bill Zajic  
Executive Director

## News from The Children's House



By: Kellie Cross

Dear Parents,

It is a very exciting time in the Children's House here at Sterling. The children are abound with energy because of the many engaging events and activities that are going on in all of the classrooms. It was a treat to watch your children welcome their moms in for special Mother's Day presentations last week. They take such pride in the preparation of their gifts and performances. I would like to gratefully acknowledge all of the teachers and assistants who also put forth a lot of effort in preparing these presentations.

As we move closer to the end of the school year there will be other events that are special too. All of the classes will be partaking of the PFA sponsored, in-class field trips presented by Hi-Tech Hi Touch on May 17th and 18th. Many classes have other field trips planned as well. With all of these in mind, it is important that your child be in attendance. It is also critical that your child be to school on time. This allows for a smooth transition into the day, and is less disruptive to the daily routines of the classroom. Please continue to make every effort to have your child to class prior to 9:00 am. Should you arrive after 9:00 it is necessary for you to go to the office for a late slip before taking your child to class.

For those of you who have a child rising to 1st grade, remember that your Parent Input Form is due back to your child's current teacher by May 21st. Placements will be made on the 19th of June and you will be informed in the weeks following.

One last note; your children will continue to spend time outside daily. With rising temperatures and the hot sun, it is important for you to remember to send in water bottles daily for your child's benefit. Applying sun-block before coming to school is also recommended, teachers are not permitted to apply sun-block to children. Providing sun glasses for your child is a good idea too - and they look really cool!

As always, we are grateful for all that you do to support our efforts here at school. We are looking forward to a terrific culmination of this school year. The children have grown so much, and in so many ways.

Kind regards,  
Kellie Cross  
Director of SMACS Children's House

There is in the soul of a child an impenetrable secret that is gradually revealed as it develops.  
~Maria Montessori

## News From The Lower and Upper Elementary



By: Carrie Smith

EOG/EOC testing is almost here. All students in grade 3-8 will take EOG tests in math and reading. This will be done June 1, 2, and 3rd. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take a science EOG. This will be done on Friday, June 4. Middle School students that are taking Algebra or Geometry with Mr. Bert will also be taking an end-of-course test on Tuesday, June 8. All makeup's and retests will be done the last 2 weeks of school. The End of Grade and End of Course Test Schedule is posted in this newsletter so you can see what days your child is testing and what test they are taking on each day.

[Click here for EOG Test Schedule.](#)

**RETESTING POLICY:** All students in grades 3-8 who score Achievement Level II on the first administration of the end-of-grade reading and mathematics assessments and/or the end-of-course algebra or geometry assessment must be administered Retest 1. All students at grades 5 and 8 who score Achievement Level II on the first administration of the end-of-grade science must be administered Retest 1. Parents are NOT allowed to opt out of Retest 1 for Level II students. Parents of students who score Achievement Level I MAY REQUEST that their children participate in Retest 1. If your child scores a Level I, we will send you a letter informing you of this information and allowing you the option of having them retake the test.

Please contact Carrie Smith, 462-8889 x430, if you have any questions in regards to these tests or the retesting policy.

## End of The Year Picnic

It's almost time, once again, for Sterling's annual End of the Year Picnic! Please make plans to join us on Friday, June 4th after school (4:00-7:00) for a picnic in honor of the culmination of another school year. Because of the construction going on at our campus, the picnic is being held off-site this year. We'll be at Lake Crabtree County Park, just off Aviation Parkway in Morrisville, about two and a half miles from the school. Bring a picnic dinner or let Subway and Chick-fil-A provide dinner for you while you socialize with our current Sterling families, as well as new families to be attending Sterling in the fall. Come celebrate the beginning of the summer with the school community!



Watch your Friday folders for more information! Meal orders are due in the office no later than May 28th.

To volunteer to help with the event, please see our picnic website at [www.gotstrange.com/picnic](http://www.gotstrange.com/picnic)

## Upcoming Events



Spring Concert scheduled for May 20th in the evening at the Triangle Church on Perimeter Road in Morrisville.

Classroom fundraisers:

C-8 is hosting a skating event on 5/15 at JellyBeans in Cary from 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$6 + skate rental. When you enter, mention that you are from Sterling! Also, on 5/22 from 8-9:30 a.m. there will be an "early bird" breakfast at O'Charley's at their Briercreek location. Tickets are \$5 and 100% of the proceeds go back to C-8. Contact anyone from C-8 for more information or to buy tickets.

C-12 is continuing to sell Larry's Coffee Beans to raise money for their end of the year field trip. Contact anyone from C-12 for more information or to make a purchase.

H-2 will once again be sponsoring "Where in the World Did Sterling the Stingray Go". Submit photos of your Sterling magnet or decal from your summer vacation to [smacsmagnets@yahoo.com](mailto:smacsmagnets@yahoo.com)  
Decals (removable/reusable) are available for purchase - just \$2.50 each.  
Order forms are available in the main office. (Sorry, we are sold out of magnets).  
Thank you for participating!

## Music Notes...

Recently our 6th grade chorus students, middle school chorus students, and three band students were able to participate in the first ever Honors Chorus and Band for charter schools in Wilson, NC. Our students were well prepared and helped to lead the performance. Layla Dougani was selected to perform the solo in River In Judea. All of our students represented our school well.



**NEWSFLASH:** The Sterling Stars have returned from Nashville, TN!

After months of preparation, the Sterling Stars participated in the Spirit of America Choir and the America Sings Music Festival. A great time was had by all members, and they all felt that they had grown musically from their singing experiences with John Jacobson. Two of our singers, Shelby Cox and Layla Dougani, were chosen as soloists for the final number of the mass chorus. Way to go girls!!! If you would like to hear our awesome group, please come to our Spring concert on May 20, 2010 at the East Triangle Church in Morrisville. The concert will begin at 7:00 and feature the Sterling Stars, the Elementary Chorus, and the Band.

On May 21, the band will travel to the Carowinds Music Festival and perform for judges comments. Please support the band by coming to the concert and buying chocolate bars from the students at carpool.

Thank you so much for supporting our music students this year!

Ms. Sue Ann



## Sterling's Film Festival

### 11th Annual Filmfest

Come see four family friendly and fun movies  
Friday, June 11th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
East Triangle Church  
1000 Perimeter Park  
Morrisville, NC 27560

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