



# Weekly Message

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*“There is no description, no image in any book that is capable of replacing the sight of real trees, and all the life to be found around them” —Dr. Maria Montessori*

## END OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

I want to say a special thanks to our community for all your patience and understanding during a difficult year of many transitions and uncertainty at times. I am thankful for our staff who came together to provide for student’s educational, social and emotional needs while also maintaining safety. This was not an easy task for any one of us to restructure how we normally teach, whether virtual or in-person.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer where administrators will be preparing for the upcoming school year for the return of all our families. The 2021/22 school year will be an exciting time to revisit our Montessori practices and build community within each classroom and with our parent volunteers.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,  
Josie Spreher  
Executive Director

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## NEW SCHOOL YEAR - WHAT TO EXPECT

**When will the new year Welcome Information be sent?** All families will receive Welcome Back information by **July 23rd via email**. This information will include class placement, supply lists, lunch services, carpool information, medication information, ways to volunteer and much more!

**How to prepare for the new school year?** Children thrive on routines. While summer is a great time to relax and take a break, it is best to keep some routines: consistent hours of sleep each night, practical life around the home, reading, games and educational opportunities of any kind, limiting screen times, to name a few. It is normal for children to be anxious about returning to school when they have been gone for some time. For some children, it will have been over a year

since they have been on campus and in the classroom. All staff understand these natural tendencies and in the beginning of the year will focus on the importance of community being a place where children feel comfortable and belong. Through ideas of grace and courtesy lessons and care for the environment, children will feel comfort and a sense of belonging.

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## END OF YEAR PREPARATION

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

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## EOG/EOC UPDATE

The 2021 EOG/EOC scores will be mailed home. Please make sure any changes to your home address have been communicated.

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## 2021 GRADUATION

We had a beautiful ceremony on Sterling's front lawn on Monday, June 7th, to celebrate all our 8th grade graduates. We wish everyone success and happiness in their new adventures! If you missed it, please enjoy a [commemorative video](#) that celebrates our graduates!

In a lead up to graduation festivities, we were able to bring all the students together for a Middle School Dance on the Sports Court. What fun it was to see all the students together!



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## STERLING SPRING MUSIC

While COVID may have made in-person music more difficult (to say the least), Ms. Sue Ann Wright kept our Sterling program alive with songs and performances! Click on the links below to watch and listen:

[Pomp & Circumstance by the Sterling Band](#)

[Walk Through Life](#)

[Together Apart by the UE Chorus](#)

[Intuition by the UE Band](#)

[Hidden Wonders by the MS Sterling Band](#)

[I Will Be Brave by the Sterling Stars](#)

[Three Little Birds by the UE Chorus](#)

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- **LHU MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** - Wednesday, June 16th @ 6:30pm

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

**Have a safe and happy summer!**

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