



Weekly Message

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“Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and strength, use it to create.”
—Dr. Maria Montessori

REVISED MATH POLICY

On Wednesday, May 19th, the Board approved a revised Math Policy for Upper Elementary and Middle School. More information and details on these changes can be found in our updated [Parent Handbook on our website](#) (Policy 1, Page 85 "Math Placement Policy").

SPIRIT DAYS

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

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 AND DEVICES** turned in by Tuesday, **June 8th**, 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.

2021 GRADUATION UPDATE

Our 2021 in-person Graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 7th @ 5:00pm. We look forward to welcoming the graduates immediate family to the event as well as sharing a commemorative video that celebrates all graduates!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- **MEMORIAL DAY** - Monday, May 31st - NO SCHOOL
- **LHU POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, June 2nd @ 4:00pm
- **LHU GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, June 2nd @ 5:00pm
- **LHU STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** - Friday, June 4th @ 9:00am.

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

STERLING FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Rachael Gaunce - Children's House Lead Teacher

"My name is Rachael Gaunce and I am approaching the end of my second year at Sterling Montessori as the Children's House Lead Teacher in A8. I went to University of North Carolina Wilmington for my undergraduate degree where I studied Early Childhood Education and fell in love with the Montessori philosophy. This discovery led me to the opportunities of a part time job and then student teaching in local Montessori schools during college, and then my dream was to move back to Raleigh and continue my journey in Montessori education. After graduating I went through my AMS

Montessori training in San Diego, CA and completed my Master's in Montessori Education through Xavier University. It fills my heart every day to see the innocent, curious, and absorbent minds of young children in the classroom. Young children are capable of much more than we typically expect, and it is beautiful to see their abilities come to fruition. I have always pictured myself making a positive impact on young children, and I continue to learn more and more each day to better myself and my work with them. I believe so strongly in the Montessori philosophy, that I even trained my GoldenDoodle puppy, River, with similar practices :)"

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