



Weekly Message

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"The satisfaction which they find in their work has given them a grace and ease like that which comes from music."
—Dr. Maria Montessori

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.

LAST CALL FOR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

We are still accepting registrations for [Summer Camp](#) for Children's House (Pk3-Kindergarten) and Elementary (1st-4th grades), however there are some weeks that are already filled which will be WAIT LIST ONLY. If interested, please complete a [registration form](#) and we will let you know if a spot is available for the requested summer camp session. Please contact wyleendavis@sterlingmontessori.org with any questions.

END-OF-GRADE TESTING

If your 3rd-8th grade child has been in Distance Learning but is coming back to school for EOG/EOC testing at the end of this year (May 24th - June 4th) and will need medication while on campus, please be sure you turn in all [completed paperwork](#) and medication to the **Main Office by Monday, May 24th**. A letter will be sent next week with more EOG information explaining dates, times, pick-up and drop-off locations, snacks, etc.

Standard Setting Delay - Due to the implementation of new end-of-grade reading tests, the grades 4th-8th test scores from the 2020/21 administrations will not be available until completion of the standard setting process in summer 2021. Your child's reading scores will be mailed home once Sterling receives them. If the timeline is similar to the math standard setting delay which

occurred 2 years ago, your child's reading scores will be mailed home to you in August. Please be sure Sterling has your correct address so that you receive the scores.

THE FORGOTTEN CLEFS PERFORMANCE



There will be a Zoom virtual concert by The Forgotten Clefs for Elementary next Tuesday, May 18th. This is a group of renaissance instrument players. They will be telling the story of “The Very Last Castle” with music and dance, and then we will have a Q&A time. If the students have questions, they can add them to the chat during the performance to

share after the performance.

The LE session will run from 1:00-1:35pm and the UE session from 1:45-2:30pm. **Students in school will join from their classrooms and remote students can join from home.**

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85782880353?pwd=YjFXUkN5aER3Ty9BK3FIUy9aU28xZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 8288 0353 Passcode: 697624

Here is a short video featuring the Forgotten Clefs in a rehearsal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBStHMyW2iA>

2021 GRADUATION UPDATE

Our 2021 in-person Graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 7th @ 5:00pm on Sterling's large field, potentially with limited guests due to [event protocols from NCDHHS](#), which we will continue to monitor and update. A Save-the-Date has gone out and invitations will be sent soon. We will be creating a commemorative video that celebrates all our graduates!



COVID EDUCATION

The CDC announced this week that the Pfizer vaccine is approved for use in adolescents ages 12-15. This is great news for many in our Sterling community! North Carolina is one of the states that has directed providers to begin administering the shots. Click [here](#) for more information on where these vaccines are available.

REMOTE FIELD DAY FUN!

We were so happy to hear the Sports Court rockin' and our Distance Learning students enjoying their time together for our Remoted UE Field Day today! See you next Friday, for the LE Remote Field Day!



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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- **LHU MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** - Wednesday, May 19th @ 6:30pm

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

STERLING FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Shannon Kirk - Special Education

"I'm Shannon Kirk. I've been at Sterling since 2005, working as an Upper Elementary co-teacher, lead teacher and now EC teacher. The

Montessori method appeals to me because it's individualized, helps teacher organization and responsibility in addition to academics, and gives students choices. I wish I would have been enrolled in a Montessori school as a kid! I've also found a family of colleagues at Sterling that are smart, really committed to each child, and fun to hang out with.

In my free time I like spending time with family. I love cooking and baking with my husband, who used to be a chef. We all enjoy eating the results! In addition, I enjoy deep conversations with my son, who is majoring in philosophy at UNC. My other interests include music, visual arts, gardening, hiking and nature.”

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