



2024/25 Parent Faculty Student Association



FEBRUARY 25, 2025

"We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity."

– Dr. Maria Montessori

PFSA Mission & Gratitude

The purpose of the PFSA is to **further the mission of Sterling** by assisting in the promotion of excellence in facilities, programs and atmosphere of Montessori education and by providing aid and services to the school's educational and social functions.

The PFSA encompasses the valuable contributions of all our community stakeholders, Parents/Guardians, Faculty AND Students! We will work closely with our **Student Council** to make sure our PFSA events include everyone.

We're able to make this possible through support from our amazing **parent volunteers**. All Sterling community members will be automatically part of our PFSA, with **no membership fees**. We hope you will give your time and/or your means to support PFSA's initiatives for our Sterling community.



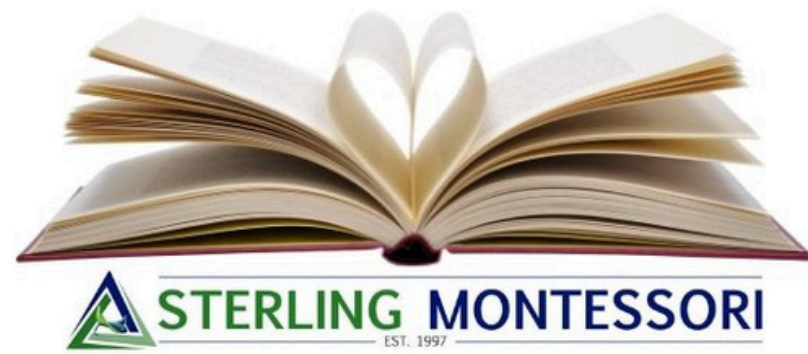
PFSA is Part of Development

- PFSA is not it's own entity, but rather part of Sterling's Development efforts. The structure is a bit different, with Committee Chairs and two PFSA Administrative Representatives working closely with Administration and Student Council to support our Committee Chairs. See updated [PFSA by-laws](#)
- PFSA events, professional development and school improvements are all financed through our [Treasure Chest \(Annual Fund\)](#). **The more we raise, the more we can do!**

That is why your participation is so vital!



BOOK FAIR Recap



- Our first (in many years) in-person **Love of Reading Book Fair** was held the week of February 3-7 in C18, our Art Room
- Art-on-a-Cart was held in classrooms - **huge** kudos to our art teachers, Christine Holten and Pam Narayana
- All classrooms had the opportunity to “preview” the Fair with their class, and then come back to buy
- **Sold ~ \$9,500 in-person!** Plus additional on-line sales (tbd)
- Sterling to receive 21% of proceeds
- Quail Ridge is a wonderful, locally-owned partner
- Thank you to our Chairs!

SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE

New process using an on-demand Spirit Wear storefront

- Community Feedback
 - More women's cut options (not just unisex)
 - Ability to see samples before purchasing
 - More detailed sizing information
 - Option to ship directly to home (for those outside the community—grandparents, etc.)
- Thoughts & Ideas:
 - Keep the SpiritWear store open year-round, including summer, and have it accessible on our main website with better promotion.
 - Clarify that printing happens once we reach a certain order threshold to secure the best group rate. If possible, offer a direct-to-home shipping option at a higher cost for those who need items sooner.
 - Simplify the offerings by focusing on what sells best—hoodies, t-shirts, and a women's cut—since adding more options hasn't seemed to increase interest.



2024/25 PFSA SPRING Event Schedule

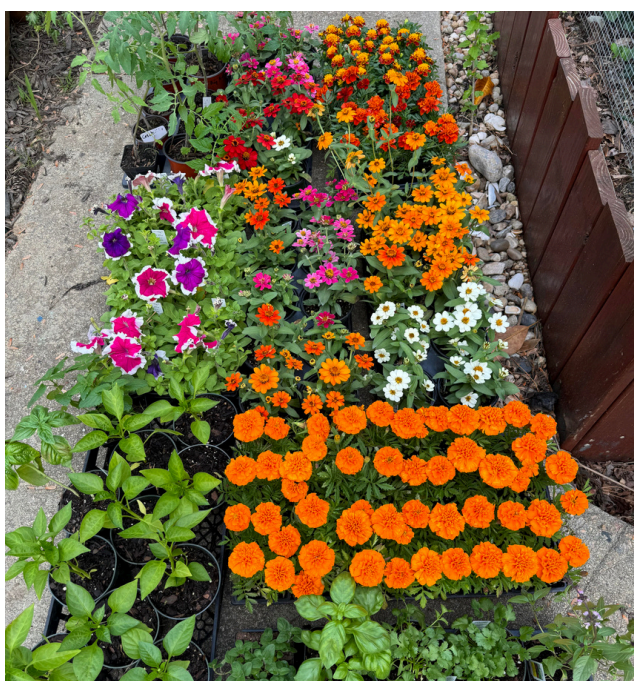
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Spring Picture Days: Mar 19/20



Spring Movie Night: Apr 11



Spring Garden Day : 4/18



International Festival: Apr 26



Alumni Day: May 2



Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 26, 2025 3-6pm

We are still looking for families that would be able to share their culture or country that means a lot to them at this year's International Festival. What are we looking for in a Cultural or Country Booth?

- A specific Culture or Country showcased
- Provide basic information about your Culture or Country
- Introduce the country with a visual representation in the form of a 3D topographical map.

WILL NEED VOLUTEERS FOR:

- SET-UP
- WORK BOOTHS IN SHIFTS
- BREAK-DOWN
- Co-CHAIR SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF FESTIVAL



2024/25 PFSA Event Chairs



- **HOSPITALITY/ TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Susan English
- **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:** Hagar Abdel-Baky, Faith Meeker & Susan English
- **CLASS PICTURES: OPEN!**
- **PFSA FUNDRAISING: OPEN!**
- **GARDEN DAYS:** Kidist Maxwell & Shristi Shrestha - Fall/Spring Events
- **MOVIE NIGHTS:** Lisa Hicks - Fall/Spring Event
- **GIVING TREE:** Silvia Michaud: **OPEN for 2025/26!**
- **HOLIDAY TREAT EXCHANGE:** Julie Disclafani
- **BOOK FAIR:** Amanda Huff & Susan English
- **SPIRIT WEAR:** Sarah Krummenacker
- **PFSA COMMUNICATIONS: OPEN!**

- **Check out our Detailed Descriptions of Event Chair Responsibilities & Time Commitments on our WEBSITE**
- **Email pfsa@sterlingmontessori.org with any questions, interests, suggestions or to get involved!**