



# Weekly Message

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*"In the child is much knowledge, much wisdom. If we do not profit from it, it is only because of neglect on our part to become humble and to see the wonder of this soul and learn what the child can teach."—Dr. Maria Montessori*

**Happy New Year to all our Sterling Families**  
**We wish you all a happy and healthy new year full of hope and promise!**



## JANUARY'S REOPENING

**Sterling will have a 2-week quarantine period for Kindergarten-8th grade Blended Learning students after the holiday break.** K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be in remote learning with their **newly assigned classrooms** through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Blended Learning Group 1 students will return to campus on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Blended Learning Group 2 students will return to campus on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Academy Preschool will be open for students to return to campus for regular classes beginning Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. ***If your child has been exposed to anyone with symptoms of COVID or have symptoms themselves, please do not bring them to school.***

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Remote Learning Day for Students with their NEWLY ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS.** Be on the lookout for communication from your teachers as to what to expect on Monday.

We have **updated** our [Reopening Update v3 Return to School](#) document with enhanced NCDHHS protocols as well as the updated **schedule for Blended Learning Groups 1 and 2.**

**MEDICATION DROP-OFF** - For parents that did not come on December 17<sup>th</sup> to drop off medication for their child and need to do so, **please come on the first day your child will be coming to school** (January 19<sup>th</sup> for Group 1 and January 25<sup>th</sup> for Group 2). You will need to **park** and **walk** to the **Sports Court** to drop off the medication. Be sure you have the proper [paperwork](#) (link) completed with the medication.

Anyone who can pick up your student must be included on your **Sterling's Pickup List**. This includes any childcare centers with NAMES of approved people. If there have been a change, please make sure to fill out the [Student Informations Change Forms](#) (link) and send to [office@sterlingmontessori.org](mailto:office@sterlingmontessori.org) (i.e. Red Apple, Champion, CAML, etc.).

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## DISTANCE LEARNING SURVEY RESULTS



In November, Sterling requested feedback from LE and UE Parents/Guardians as well as UE Students in their Distance Learning experience. We share the results of these surveys and are using this feedback to enhance our programs for the remainder of the year:

[LE Distance Learning Parent Feedback](#) (link)

[UE Distance Learning Parent Feedback](#) (link)

[UE Distance Learning Student Feedback](#) (link)

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## NEW YEAR, NEW CLUBS!

Mr. David & Mr. Michael are offering **more in-person physical activity clubs** in the afternoons **for Floorball and MS Sports!** Space is limited and all safety protocols will be practiced.

- Floorball on Tuesday for 3rd-6th grades; 10 sessions - \$100
- Floorball on Wednesday for 3rd-6th grades; 10 sessions - \$100
- Floorball on **both** Tuesday and Wednesday for 3rd-6th grades; 20 sessions - \$175
- Middle School Sports on Thursday for 7th-8th grades; 6 sessions - \$60

**Registration coming soon!** Payment can be applied through [MySchoolBucks](#).



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **REMOTE LEARNING DAY** - Monday, January 4th with newly assigned classes  
*On Remote Learning Days there will be **no LIVE LESSONS**. All teachers will send assignments for students to work on through their learning platforms. Students must complete some assignments to be in attendance for the day.*

- **DEI COMMITTEE MEETING** - Monday, January 4th @ 4:00pm
- **2021/22 CHARTER LOTTERY OPENS** - Wednesday, January 6th
- **2021/22 VIRTUAL CHARTER INFORMATIONAL SESSION** - Thursday, January 7th @ 5:00pm. This Information Session for **new families** interested in applying for the lottery for Charter Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **PFA VIRTUAL MEETING** - Tuesday, January 12th @ 4:30pm
- **MLK HOLIDAY** - Monday, January 18th - **NO SCHOOL**
- **GROUP 1 BLENDED LEARNING STUDENTS BEGIN** - Tuesday, January 19th.

Please find the **Blended Learning Group Calendar** [HERE](#)

Keep track of all on the [Event Calendar](#)

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

To begin the year, we welcome the opportunity to celebrate wonderful student accomplishments!



7th Grader, **Raymond Ge**, achieved a very rare perfect score in the [AMC 8 Math Competition](#), which is a global competition with over 400,000 participants. This is his second year in a row to reach such an achievement! Also, 5th Grader, **Akshay Datar** received a certificate of achievement, which placed him in the top 5% world-wide.

**A huge congratulations to our Sterling Stingrays!**

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