



# Weekly Message

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*"When children come into contact with nature,  
they reveal their strength"*  
—Dr. Maria Montessori

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!



### Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School Needs You!

Join our team as a Substitute Teacher and earn  
\$18.00 an hour!

Sterling is always looking to add flexible Substitute Teachers to our on-call list which we use to provide coverage when teachers need to be out. We are seeking reliable and hard working adults to support our students in Children's House (ages 3 to 6) through 8th grade.

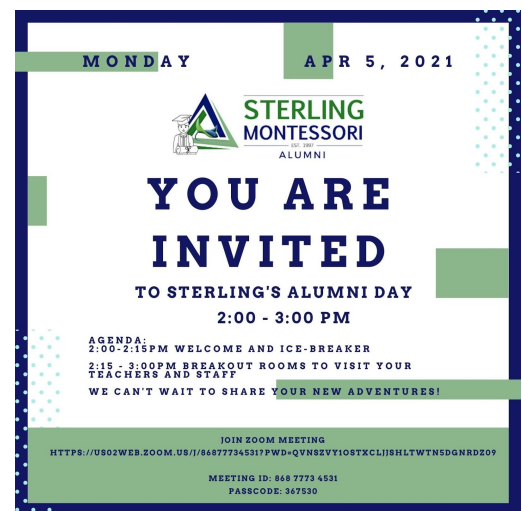
Interested in learning more? Click [here](#)!



As we welcome more and more students back on campus, the need for substitutes continues! Sterling is in need of committed and caring adults to serve as substitute teachers for our classrooms, from Children's House through Middle School. If interested, please review [this presentation](#) that outlines our substitute program and can get you started on a path to becoming a valued resource!

## STERLING GRADUATES ALUMNI DAY

We look forward to April 5th and our **Virtual Alumni event!** We sent out invitations to all the graduate alumni contacts we have - please feel free to share with our Sterling 8th grade graduates or contact [alumni@sterlingmontessori.org](mailto:alumni@sterlingmontessori.org) if you have any questions.



## CAMP STINGRAY SUMMER CAMPS



Summer is around the corner and it's time for the BEACH! Go under the sea with our Elementary Under the Sea and Beach camp. Come join in some fun beach-related activities and crafts while also learning about our oceans and marine life.

Registration is OPEN! We have programs for [Children's House](#) (PK3, PK4, K) and [Elementary](#) (1st-4th grade) students. Camps start June 14th! Click the links above for more information.

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## WE TREASURE COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

A HUGE thank you to Jason at **Lowe's Hardware** on Chapel Hill Road for donating a **class set of buckets** to the music program so that we can begin a Bucket Drumming unit with our students! We are so very appreciative and we can't wait to hear the beat of those drums!



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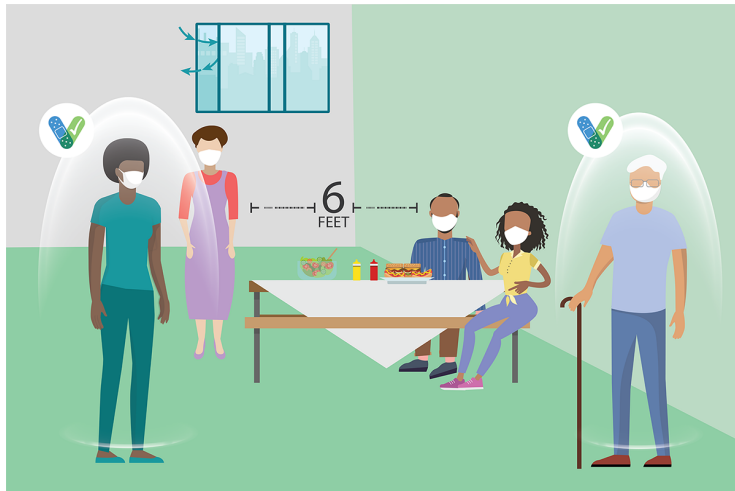
## COVID EDUCATION

While it's fortunate more and more of our North Carolina teachers and staff are receiving their vaccinations, according to the CDC, you should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. These precautions should be taken whenever you are:

- In public
- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.

- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>



## BUY YOUR YEARBOOK!

While initial orders were turned in, we do have yearbooks available for sale, but **only while supplies last. When we sell out, we will not be able to order more!**

Don't miss out - order yours today at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

## STERLING'S GARDEN WEEK

The first day of Spring is March 20th! To welcome the changing seasons, Sterling's Garden Week will focus mostly on clean-up and be led by students and individual classrooms. Teacher will reach out for donations.

## STERLING WORKS AROUND CAMPUS

Speaking of Spring - it's in the air!! The lovely weather this week brought out students and the flowers to our lovely campus!





**Flowers are blooming everywhere!**



**PE, Recess and Snacks in the sun!**



**Academy students dancing and singing under the blue sky.**



**Bookbinding art projects works great in the fresh air!**



**Flowers on trees -- such a lovely sight!**



**MS students preparing early for an upcoming community project.**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** - Sunday, March 14th @ 2:00am
- **LHU BOARD MEETING** - Wednesday, March 17th @ 6:30pm
- **LE/UE/MS PROGRESS REPORTS** - Friday, March 19th via email
- **STERLING'S GARDEN WEEK** - Monday, March 22nd - Friday, March 26th.
- **UE HEALTH CHAT FOR PARENTS** - Tuesday, March 29th @ 4:00pm
- **SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL** - Monday, March 29th - Friday, April 3rd.

- **TEACHER WORK DAY/NO SCHOOL** - Monday, April 5th.
- **ALUMNI DAY - SAVE THE DATE** - Monday, April 5th.

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

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## STERLING FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Jenny Lazen, Middle School Associate**



*“Hi! I am Jenny Lanzen and this is my second year at Sterling and my first year in the Middle School. I have a degree in Biology and used to do breast cancer research at Duke University...go Duke!!! One of my jobs was to train the new medical residences every fall on our current research. I loved teaching them and realized that I missed being in a classroom setting. I joined the NC Teach program and started teaching 6th grade science at Githens Middle School in Durham 8 weeks later! It was a fast turn around but I loved it and education is where I have stayed in one aspect or another. A good friend that sent all 4 of her children through Sterling turned me to subbing at the school last year and I can't thank her enough for that! Starting my first full year during a pandemic has not been normal of course. However, I can tell how special these students are, even through zoom, and have absolutely loved having some of them back on campus! The middle school team has been incredible too. Everyone is so open to new creative ideas and collaboration. It makes it exciting to see what each day brings.”*

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