

Hello! Happy summer to all of you!

In just a few short weeks the summer daze and relaxation will be behind us, and our children (and we) will start the hustle and bustle of a new school year. The Parent Faculty Association (PFA) welcomes back both our returning Sterling Stingrays and our new Sterling families. We hope everyone has a wonderful upcoming school year.

Each year the PFA strives to support the students, teachers, and staff of the Sterling community, with the goal of enriching the children's Montessori education. We, parents, volunteer our time and our talents, and we also raise funds to support various programs. And we have great time too!

This year the PFA aims to increase parent involvement, from the classroom to community-wide events. To stay informed and connected, visit our website, smpfa.org. Learn about our monthly meetings, get event reminders, and remain up-to-date on Sterling-related topics.

Become a member of the PFA! Membership is crucial. It helps us raise some funds (through dues), but it allows PFA members to vote on various important topics (executive board positions, what to do with large gifts, etc.). For more information on the levels of PFA membership, please visit smpfa.org.

Each year the PFA holds one traditional fundraiser: the GoPlaySave coupon books. This annual fundraiser provides a majority of our funding for the whole school year. Be on the lookout for the coupon books to come home with your child during the second week of school, August 27th. Start thinking now about which of your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers you will ask to buy one. There will be prizes for top sellers! The deadline for orders will be September 28th. Any questions or to volunteer to assist with this fundraiser, please contact Jennifer Jewett (rsjewett@hotmail.com).

We would love to see each and every one of you at our first PFA meeting, August 22nd at 3:50pm in C-building. As always, childcare is provided by our middle school helpers. We will discuss many of our fall events at the first meeting. Come see what events we have planned and where your interests may line up with our needs. We would love to connect you with committee chairs.

Open House will happen on Friday, August 17th. Please stop by our information tent to learn more about the PFA, our upcoming community events, and how you can help our Sterling community continue to be successful.

Our first Popsicles in the Park event will take place from 1pm to 3pm on August 17th. Meet us for free popsicles and playtime at Church Street Park in Morrisville. We can't wait to see you, for what will be another amazing year!

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