

Sterchi Elementary School

December 2017

Above all the rest, we strive to do our personal best.

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Dear Sterchi Families,

December is already upon us, and we are almost half way through this school year. We believe that our school year has gotten off to another strong start, and we are looking forward to carrying this momentum in our teaching and learning into the second half of the year.

We are very thankful and appreciative of the support that we receive daily from our parents, families, volunteers, and community partners. We continue to work toward the district and school's goals of increasing student achievement, creating a positive school culture, and eliminating disparities in education.

We want every student's experience at Sterchi to be a positive one, with strong learning every day and student growth both in and out of the classroom. Please look for more information and a link in January to our Sterchi Family Survey. We value your feedback and thank you for your help in making Sterchi Elementary the best it can be for our students, staff, and families.

Mrs. White & Mr. Harris

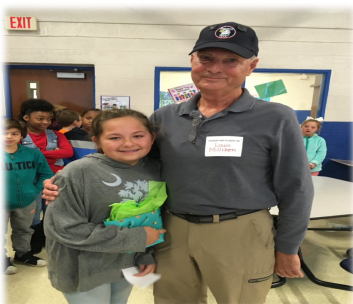
Attendance Matters!

- The school day and learning start promptly at 7:45 am each morning, and continue until dismissal at 2:45 pm.
- When your child is absent, please send a parent or doctor note upon his/her return to school.
- For the safety and security of our students and staff at dismissal, we do not dismiss students after 2:15 pm. We do sign students out once the school buses are on their way home.



Veteran's Day

Thank you to all that helped make our Veteran's Day program such a success. We were honored to celebrate those that have and are serving in our Armed Forces. We also had the pleasure for our students to meet some of their Honor Air Veterans that they had written letters of thanks and appreciation to.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 11th: Parent Technology Night at 6:00pm

December 14th: Fine Arts Night

December 19th: Pajama Day

December 20th: ½ day dismissal at 11:15am

End of 2nd 9 weeks grading period

December 21st - January 8th: Winter Holidays

January 9th: First day back for students

January 12th: Report cards go home

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December Wonka-ism

STERCHI EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Tiffany Parrett, Educational Assistant

Mrs. Parrett's is in her third year as an educational assistant. She, and her husband Tom' have two children, Michael and Abbegayle. Her favorite teacher was home her economics teacher. Her economics teacher was her favorite because she let her eat lunch and finish projects in her classroom.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Parrett marched in a Mardi Gras parade in high school and played the bass drum.

Mrs. Parrett was a lead floral designer and wedding planner in Ohio.

Mrs. Parrett loves to read and make vinyl shirts.

Gretchen Edwards, First Grade

Mrs. Edwards attended the University of Illinois and the University of Tennessee. She has taught at Sterchi for eight years. She and her husband, Brian, have two children; Carl (20) and Sonya (16). Her favorite teacher was her 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Marshall. She was her favorite teacher because she read to her class every day after lunch.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Edwards has visited 47 out of the 50 states.

Mrs. Edwards backpacked through Europe for a month after college.

Mrs. Edwards has worked previously for Ford and Nestle as a financial analyst.

Anna Heatherly, First Grade

Mrs. Heatherly attended the University of Tennessee. She has taught at Sterchi for five years. She and her husband, Justin, have one son, Eli (4). Her favorite teacher was her 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Owenby. She inspired her to become a teacher by teaching her to love learning.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Heatherly favorite animal is the sea turtle.

Mrs. Heatherly has hiked Mt. Kilauea, an active volcano in Hawaii.

Mrs. Heatherly has visited Alcatraz while vacationing in San Francisco.

Cara Drumheller, Educational Assistant

This is Mrs. Drumheller's first year as an educational assistant. Mrs. Drumheller has three children: Aubrey (23), Wade (20), and Turner (16). Her favorite teacher was her 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Ediburn. She always had nice things to say to her students and she was very sweet.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Drumheller would want to be a doctor if she was not teaching.

Mrs. Drumheller lived in South Carolina before moving to Knoxville this Summer.

Mrs. Drumheller loves being on the beach.



Cindy Andriopolous, First Grade

Mrs. Andriopolous attended the University of Tennessee. She has taught for 17 years at Sterchi. She, and her husband Tom' have two children; Marinna (13) and Harrison (6), and a poodle named Bandit. Her favorite teacher was her 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Branum. She was her favorite because she showed her love, kindness, and compassion.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Andriopolous was a model when she was younger.

Mrs. Andriopolous has swam with dolphins in Mexico.

Mrs. Andriopolous would want to be an undercover FBI agent if she was not a teacher.

Ellen Childress, Special Education

Mrs. Childress attended Lincoln Memorial University and Tusculum College. She has taught for four years. She and her husband Joey' have two children; Izzy and Jordan. Her favorite teacher was her 5th grade teacher, Mrs. McBrayer. She was her favorite because she treated her class like they were big kids and she was cool.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Childress loves all things pumpkin.

Mrs. Childress loves beef jerky.

Mrs. Childress favorite vacation destination is any place warm and with a beach.

Lisa Meade, Educational Assistant

Ms. Meade is on her second year as an educational assistant. Ms. Meade has three children: William (23), Ashley (20), and Sydney (15). Her favorite teacher was her 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Arcenod. She showed her love and compassion in her room.

3 Interesting facts:

Ms. Meade would want to be a veterinarian if she was not teaching.

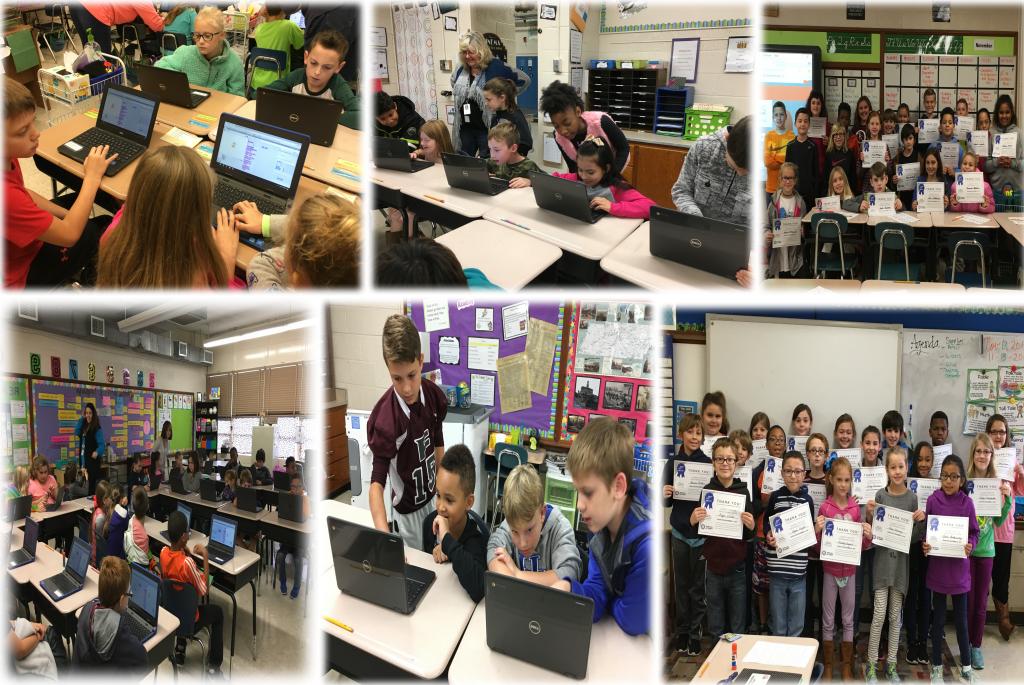
Ms. Meade is an animal lover.

Ms. Meade loves Rocky Road and Butter Pecan ice cream.

STERCHI HAPPENINGS

World Record Computer Coding

Sterchi students from 2nd to 5th grade participated in East Tennessee's bid to set a new world record for simultaneously for the most students computer coding on November 8, 2017. We accomplished our goal of setting a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records. The students and staff had a blast in setting the new world record along with other students across Knox County and East Tennessee.



Thanksgiving Celebration

We served Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday, November 16th. We were honored to serve to over 700 students, parents, and guests. Thank you to all that came out, volunteered their services, and helped us celebrate the holiday.



PBIS Celebration

We celebrated our students that reached our positive behavior expectations for the first 4 ½ weeks of the second grading period. We had an awesome dance party celebration. We will continue to celebrate our wonderful students that meet and exceed our expectations for being safe, kind, respectful, and responsible.



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