

Sterchi Elementary School

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

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Dear Sterchi families,

When your child gets home from each school day and you ask, "How was your day?" or "What did you do at school today?" do you get the answers, "fine" or "nothing?" Here are some questions to ask to help spark that conversation and get a better perspective on how your child spent his/her day at school.

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
- Does everyone have a friend at recess?
- What did you do that was creative?
- What was the best thing that happened today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- Who inspired you today?
- What was your favorite part of the day?

The teachers and staff at Sterchi, are honored to work with your children each day. Thank you for supporting Sterchi as we continue to help our students "Dream Big."

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's 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. Parents can sign students out once the school buses are on their way home.
- Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever, is vomiting, has diarrhea, or shows other signs of illness.
- Students must be fever free and symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16th: Jump for Sterchi
February 19th: In-service day – No School
February 20th: Midterm progress reports go home
February 20th: Daisy Girl Scouts visit for K & 1st 5th Grade Focus Night@6:00pm
February 22nd: Parent info meeting for Daisy Girl Scouts@6:00pm
February 26th: 6:00pm - Parent Technology Night
"Chromebooks in the classroom"
February 26th - March 2nd: Dr. Seuss Week
Dr. Seuss Week
Monday
"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
Wear college gear
Tuesday
"The Cat in the Hat"
Crazy hat & socks
"Wacky Wednesday"
Thursday
"Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!"
Friday
"Happy Birthday to You!"
Dr. Seuss guest readers
March 11th:
Daylight Savings Time begins
"spring forward"
March 12-16
Spring Break

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Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all of the participants in our annual spelling bee. Here is the winner and the runner up of the 2017-2018 Sterchi spelling bee.

Winner- Valerie Morrison



Runner-Up- Antonio Howie



Positive Office Referrals

Be on the lookout for positive office referral phone calls. We are looking for more ways to recognize the wonderful students at Sterchi Elementary. Outstanding students will be given a positive office referral by their teachers and then a positive phone call will be made by Mrs. White or Mr. Harris.

100th Day of School

We celebrated our 100th day of school on Wednesday, January 31st. Kindergarten students counted and grouped a multitude of objects up to 100. The entire school celebrated with a parade and with dressing up as an older version of ourselves.



Inclement Weather Policy

If school is dismissed early due to inclement weather or disaster, **we will follow the directions you provided on the emergency/dismissal/clinic information (blue card.)** Please discuss this early dismissal plan with your child and keep the information current. **Please do not call the school to ask if school is going to dismiss early or with any last-minute directions for your child.** The radio and television stations will have any early dismissal information as soon as we do. Knox County Schools will also send phone and email notifications via School Messenger. Please check with your daycare provider since most do not provide transportation if school is cancelled or dismissed early. Please remember to update your child's card with names, phone numbers and addresses as needed. You must change or add this information to the blue card in person. We cannot accept changes by phone, fax, or email.

SchoolMessenger

If you are not getting the weekly Sterchi phone call from Mrs. White or the calls from Knox County Schools, please sign up for SchoolMessenger. Signing up is easy. You can use the email address that we have on file for you and follow these three steps:

1. Download the SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Market.
2. Enter your email address and create a password. An email will be sent to that address with a secure token.
3. After authenticating via your email, return to SchoolMessenger and sign in using your email and password. It's that easy!

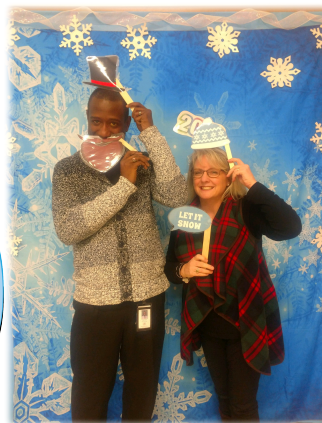
Flu/ Illness

As you know, flu activity is high in Tennessee and especially in East Tennessee. Area hospitals are reporting a sharp increase in activity in their ERs. There have already been deaths in Tennessee due to the flu this season, schools have been closed also. Remember our sick student policy: **students need to be free from vomiting and fever for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.**



Winter Wonderland Dance

Thank you to the PTA for planning and hosting our annual Winter Wonderland Dance. Thank you also to the Central High School National Honor Society for volunteering and helping serve refreshments. Students, staff, and parents had a fantastic time.



STERCHI EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Chris Burgess, Music

Mr. Burgess attended the University of Tennessee and this is his second year at Sterchi. Mr. Burgess has a fiancé, Haley, and two brothers, Brandon and Bailey. His favorite teacher was Mrs. Burkhart, his high school choral teacher. Mrs. Burkhart was his favorite teacher because she was a great mentor and inspired him to be a music educator.

3 Interesting facts:

Mr. Burgess can play guitar, piano, banjo, drums, bass, and the violin.

Mr. Burgess is an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Burgess would want to be a professional musician or music producer if he were not an educator.

Sarah Shoesmith, Fifth Grade

Mrs. Shoesmith attended the University of Tennessee and Lincoln Memorial University. She has taught at Sterchi for nine years. She and her husband, Brian, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary this March. Her favorite teacher was her 7th grade social studies teacher, Mrs. Clemmons. She was her favorite teacher because she made history come alive with interesting lessons and class projects.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Shoesmith loves to travel. She has been to 48 states and 16 countries.

Mrs. Shoesmith collects Christmas ornaments from the places she travels and vinyl records.

Mrs. Shoesmith would want to be a movie set designer if she were not an educator.

Jennifer Tanzi, Fifth Grade

Mrs. Tanzi attended the Tennessee Wesleyan College and Arkansas State University. She has taught at Sterchi for 7 years and this is her 13th year in education. She and her husband, Eddie, have two daughters, Kaydence and Addison. Her favorite teacher was her 5th grade teacher, Mr. Kilby. He made school fun and made relationships with his students.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Tanzi was the first in her family to go to college.
Mrs. Tanzi loves to color.
Mrs. Tanzi collects Willow Tree Angels.

Lorie Rheinecker, Gym

Mrs. Rheinecker attended Lincoln Memorial University. She has taught for 8 years at Sterchi. She and her husband, David, have two children, Dane (19) and Cole (17). Her favorite teacher was her 5th grade teacher, Mr. Scimonelli. He was her favorite because he inspired her and never let her settle for anything less than her best.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Rheinecker has two Beagles, Boomer and Buster.
Mrs. Rheinecker coached basketball and softball at Lincoln Memorial University.
Mrs. Rheinecker would want to be a Nike sales rep if she were not an educator.

Mary Sayler, Speech

Mrs. Sayler attended the University of Tennessee. She has taught for 2 years at Sterchi and this is her 33rd year in education. She has a brother and a sister. Her favorite teacher was her 7th grade science teacher, Mr. Dunlap. He was her favorite because he made learning fun.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Sayler loves to dance in her free time.
Mrs. Sayler trained horses in high school and competed in barrel racing.
Mrs. Sayler has won multiple ballroom dance competitions.



2nd Nine Weeks Awards Day

We celebrated the academic excellence and stellar attendance of our students for the second nine weeks on January 22nd. Students were recognized for 1st and 2nd Honor Roll, attendance, good citizenship, and for participating in Accelerated Reader.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION **TAKE THE SCHOOL BUCKS CHALLENGE**

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