

Sterchi Elementary School

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Principal

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

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Dear Sterchi families,

We hope that all of our students and their families had a restful and relaxing Spring Break! Welcome Spring!

As we head into the final nine weeks of the school year, we are keeping our focus on teaching and learning, as well as continuing to make fun memories with our teachers and classmates. We continue to emphasize our PBIS expectations for school-wide student behavior: be safe, respectful, responsible, and kind in the hallways, bathroom, cafeteria, and on the playground. Be sure to read our school and classroom newsletters to stay up-to-date on the many events and activities that are coming up during the next few weeks.

We also continue to support Knox County Schools' goals for all of our students: increasing student achievement, creating a positive culture, and eliminating disparities in education.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the school survey in January. We received a lot of valuable feedback that will help us as plan for the future. We'll share the results of the survey in the April school newsletter.

As always, 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

- March 20-April 2:** Yearbook orders collected
- March 23:** Report cards go home
PBIS reward
- March 26:** 5th grade parent meeting at Gresham @5:30
- March 27:** 3rd 9 weeks awards assemblies
K-2nd 8:00am 3rd-5th 8:45am
- March 29:** Math fact challenge
- March 30:** Good Friday holiday - no school
- April 2:** Now a regular school day
- April 5:** Skatetown, 6-8pm, Luau Night
- April 6:** KCS elementary track meet at Halls HS
- April 10:** Kindergarten Round-Up
3:00- 5:30pm
- April 13:** Superhero Day
Family Fun Night
1st grade field trip
- April 16-27:** TNReady test window
- April 16:** PTA meeting @ 3:00
*Officer elections
- April 18:** Titanic visit for 4th & 5th
- April 20:** End of 4th 4 1/2 week
midterm
Kindergarten field trip
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 27:** Midterm progress reports go home
3rd grade field trip
- May 1:** In-service day (previously 4/2)
- May 2:** Fun Run kick-off
- May 4:** Star Wars Day
Final Math Fact Challenge
5th grade field trip
- May 10:** Night of the Museum

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PTA Board Positions Available

Our Sterchi PTA is looking for excited, caring, and creative volunteers to help continue the relationship between the Sterchi teachers, staff, students, and community with the Sterchi PTA. Our PTA strives to support our school community each and every day. Two positions will be open, due to the 2-year terms expiring.

President- You will be willing to lead the PTA board in planning and discussing all activities that help support our school. You will develop agendas and lead meetings, as well as be positive, caring, and able to lead others.

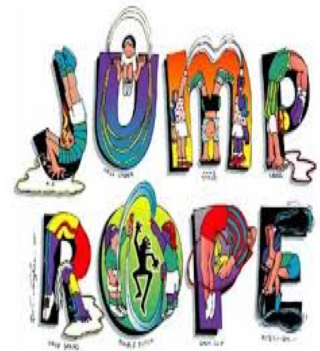
Vice President- You will be willing to help gather and organize volunteers for activities and events. You will help plan and discuss all activities that help support our school, be able to lead a meeting if the president cannot be there, as well as be positive, caring, and creative.

Please email Leslie Marmorstein, Sterchi PTA President - lesliemarmorstein@gmail.com - with any questions or if you are interested.



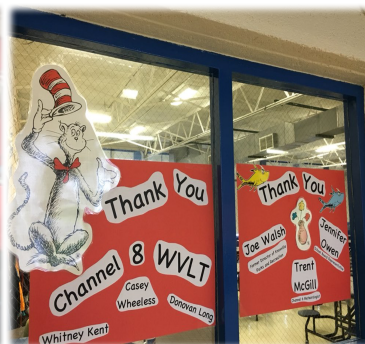
Jump for Sterchi

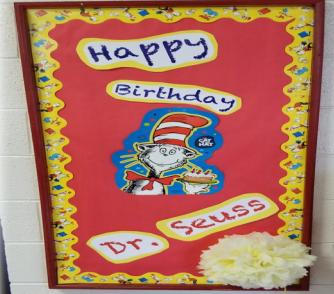
Thank you to everyone that participated and helped make this year's Jump for Sterchi event such a great success. We were able to raise over \$ 4,000 that will be used to enhance and maintain our two school playgrounds.



Read Across America Week

Happy birthday Dr. Seuss. Thank you to all of our guest readers: our school board representative - Ms. Jennifer Owen [@Owen4Schools](https://www.instagram.com/Owen4Schools), WATE TV6's Trent McGill [@TrentMWeather](https://www.instagram.com/TrentMWeather), Mr. Joe Walsh, and WVLT TV8's Whitney Kent [@WVLTWhitney](https://www.instagram.com/WVLTWhitney) for visiting Sterchi and helping enrich the love of reading in our students.





Hamilton's Hero

During the Hamilton Hero presentation, a Safety Patrol student was awarded with a scholarship for the Washington D.C. trip. This presentation was made in loving memory of a beloved former Sterchi teacher, Kay Hamilton. Congratulations to our Hamilton Hero essay winner and scholarship winner Abrile Nichols.



Dogwood Arts Synergy Art Exhibition

Sterchi was well represented at the Dogwood Arts Synergy Art Exhibition. Mrs. Snead and two students, Taylor Gaboda and Madelein Duron-Sanchez, showed off their fantastic artistic abilities.



SchoolMessenger

If you are not getting the weekly Sterchi phone call and email from Mrs. White or the calls and emails 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!

STERCHI EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Rusty Loveday, Second Grade

Mr. Loveday attended Carson Newman University. He has taught for 8 years at Sterchi. He and his wife, Sharon, have a daughter, Gabi. His favorite teacher was Mrs. Blackner, his 3rd grade teacher. Mrs. Blackner was his favorite teacher because she was like a mother to him, and she was also very supportive.

3 Interesting facts:

Mr. Loveday loves super hero cartoons and movies.
Mr. Loveday collects stuffed moose and children's books.
Mr. Loveday would want to be a personal assistant to the stars or own a bed & breakfast if he were not an educator.

Amy Treece, Fourth Grade

Mrs. Treece attended Arkansas State University and Kentucky Christian University. She has taught at Sterchi for 11 years. She and her husband, Dusty, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary this past December. She and her husband have a two-year-old daughter, Violet. Her favorite teacher was her 4th grade teacher, Ms. Garrison. She was her favorite teacher because she made a very shy and quiet girl feel comfortable in her class.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Treece has been on mission trips to Haiti and to the Dominican Republic.
Mrs. Treece collects Christmas ornaments and Willow Tree figurines.
Mrs. Treece has known Mrs. Tanzi since 6th grade.

Linda Shanton, Fourth Grade

Mrs. Shanton attended Carson Newman University. She has taught at Sterchi for 17 years. She and her husband, Richard, have two children, Richard and Rachel. They also have a grand dog, Vol. Her favorite teacher was her 11th grade teacher, Mr. Roman. He made history come alive and gave Mrs. Shanton her love of history.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Shanton worked in accounting for 10 years.
Mrs. Shanton grew up in Michigan.
Mrs. Shanton collects salt and pepper shakers.

Jill Walker, Fourth Grade

Mrs. Walker attended The University of Tennessee. She has taught for 10 years at Sterchi. She and her husband, Mark, have two children, Emma and Evan. Her favorite teacher was her Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Causey. She was her favorite because she inspired her and she was very caring.

3 Interesting facts:

Mrs. Walker is from California.
Mrs. Walker went to five different elementary schools.
Mrs. Walker would want to be a nurse if she were not an educator.

Morgan Farner, Fourth Grade

Ms. Farner attended Carson Newman University. She has taught for 3 years at Sterchi. She has three younger brothers. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Arrington, one of her college professors. She was her favorite because she had clear and high expectations and stuck to them, but she was also kind, compassionate, and caring.

3 Interesting facts:

Ms. Farner taught herself how to sew over Christmas break.
Ms. Farner would want to flip houses if she were not an educator.
Ms. Farner collects anything with a flamingo theme.

