Dear Parents/Guardians:

The annual Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, October 31st, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Nelson’s kindergarten class will lead the parade by grade level. The parade will start at the front doors and then travel north down the sidewalk to Ellison Street and then turn back south on 97th Street to order and circle the school blacktop for an all student viewing. In the event of inclement weather, students will parade through the hallways and end in the gym where parents and friends may view the parade.

Room parents are asked to wait until 2:30 p.m. to begin setting up for classroom parties, as instruction will continue until this time. Classroom parties will begin after the 3:00 p.m. all school parade. Costumes should be brought to school, not worn, and should be friendly in nature. Please also refrain from sending your child(ren) to school wearing face paint. Weapons, costumes with blood, scary clown costumes, etc. should be left at home. Alternate activities with specialists will be provided for students not participating.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the United Way Campaign. Your support of this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated.

PATT SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

The PATT (Parents and Teachers Together) sponsored fundraiser concludes on Monday, October 14th. Please return your child(ren)’s order form(s) as soon as possible. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, November 14th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

BOOK FAIR

PATT is sponsoring the Book Fair on Wednesday, October 23rd, from 4:15 - 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 24th, from 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. The Book Fair will be held in the front hallway across from the office and will include fun and interesting books for the entire family. Hope to see you there!

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Thursday, October 24th, and Friday, October 25th. Thursday is conferences and Friday is a teacher planning day. Enjoy the time off with your child(ren)!

SCHOOL HOURS

The 2019 - 2020 school hours are 8:50 a.m. - 4:05 p.m. A complimentary breakfast is served daily beginning at 8:35 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:35 a.m. unless they are participating in Kids Club as there is no staff supervision prior to this time. Weather permitting, students will wait outside until the 8:35 bell rings.

ATTENDANCE

What can you do to assist your child in getting to school each and every day?

- Establish a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Prepare materials and clothing the evening before.
- Do not let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick.
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
ALICE BUFFETT OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes the achievements of skilled and dedicated educators in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). Given to 15 teachers annually, the Award has recognized and rewarded nearly 300 teachers over the past two decades. Any Omaha Public Schools teacher or counselor (Pre-K through Grade 12), with a minimum of two years experience, is eligible for nomination.

Submit a nomination today! Nominations are due by January 15th, 2020 and may be submitted by students (current and former), parents, other teachers, administrators, and the general public. The online form is available at www.BuffettOutstandingTeachers.org.

MODEL MONARCHS

As part of our MTSS-B plan, Model Monarch tickets are given out to students who display respect, responsibility and learning behaviors throughout the school day. When students are recognized for Model Monarch behavior in the classroom or receive a Model Monarch ticket in the common areas, they get to put their ticket into a weekly Friday drawing to receive a prize. Model Monarchs for the last two weeks are: Sunday, Tenille, Evan, Jeremy, Anthony, Kaniya, Angela, Brendon, Taniyah, Anthonee, Pedro, Nate, Peyton, Carter, Marisol, Colton, Omirah, Avary, Payton, Marvin, Skye, Brielle, Marissa, Riley, Alexis, Grace, Tayten, Christina, Car’Mello, Carter, Alaysia, Cambria, Zuri, Johanna, Cyrus, Isabella, Andres, Allah, Devin, Moo, Hannah, Petunia, Abdullah, Jamerson, Brenton, Sophie, Dehvyona, Cathlyn, John, and Gianna. Congratulations to all!

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

The Hy-Vee “Cash For Students” program is off to a good start this school year. Please talk with your friends and neighbors and have them save their receipts for us. And remember to place your grocery and gas receipts in the “Hy-Vee Receipts” envelopes located in your child(ren)’s classroom. Our school receives $1.00 for every $200.00 spent between September 1st and December 31st, and the classroom with the highest overall receipt total will earn a pizza party for the classroom.

COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

My Coke Rewards is a program in which schools can collect points for cash. Points are earned by entering codes found on packages from any participating Coca-Cola product. To donate:

1. Register to become a member at www.mycokerewards.com.

2. Look for codes on specially marked packages of your favorite Coca-Cola products.

3. Enter codes and collect points at mycokerewards.com, then select Masters Elementary to donate your points.

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