Dear Parents/Guardians:

Mark your calendars! Masters’ annual Holiday Program is scheduled for Friday, December 13th. This year’s program will be performed at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Both performances will be the same.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair on October 23rd and 24th and to all our volunteers. Your support of the PATT is greatly appreciated!

A big thank you to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. Missed conferences are currently being rescheduled. Thank you also, PATT, for the wonderful dinner provided to staff during Thursday night’s conferences. It was delicious and very much appreciated!

Thank you also to Hy-Vee on 10th & Fort for so generously providing cookies and water bottles for our Halloween parties. The cookies were wonderful! A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and/or donated items for the Halloween parties, making it a fun time for all.

WELCOME

A warm Masters welcome to Barb Wild, part-time Administrative Support. Mrs. Wild replaced Mr. Anderson who was moved to another building. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Wild to the building.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Teagan and Anthony, September’s Students of the Month, and Ezequiel and Damia, October’s Students of the Month. Teagan, Anthony, Ezequiel, and Damia were selected for consistently displaying Model Monarch behavior and being a good role model to their peers. Way to go Monarchs!

PICTURE RETAKES

School pictures went home with students previously. Picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 13th. This is an opportunity for students who were absent, students whose pictures did not turn out, or students who are new to Masters to have their pictures taken. Please contact Mrs. Gardner, school secretary, at (531) 299-1800 if you have any questions.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK

November 11th - 15th has been designated as School Psychology Awareness Week. Consistent with trends within the profession, school psychologists working in Omaha Public Schools perform a variety of duties. Responsibilities include consultation with principals, teachers, counselors, and other staff regarding learning, behavioral, or mental health issues that may be affecting a student’s success in school. School psychologists also work closely with parents/guardians, community, and social service agencies to address concerns regarding students. A big thank you to Ms. Lauren Drelicharz, Masters’ school psychologist, for all she does for our students.

NEW SCHOOL NUMBER

The phone system for Masters Elementary was recently upgraded to Cisco phone systems, the district standard. Due to this up upgrade, our new school number is (531) 299-1800 and our new fax numbers are (531) 299-1819 (Office) and (531) 299-1818 (Health Office & School Counselor). Phones were also added to classrooms.
**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](http://www.BuffettOutstandingTeachers.org).

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**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: DeAylah, Athena, Brielle, Bowen, Mya, Klo, Ryder, Kiera, Nyayul, Ariyana, Alanna, Ellah, Andres, Preston, Cyria, Calarra, Angela, Jayden, Deron, Kaniya, Joe Joe, Khloe, Cathlyn, Alexis, Naomi, Isaiah, My’Riah, Lorelei, Jeremy, Seng, Erabella Replogle, Skye, My’Niah, Jaxson, Piper, Caleb, Aaliyah, August, Nate, Aliah, Corben, Sarah, Qeyon, Htoo, Brendan, Jordan, Anthony, Adrian, Elijah, Ariel, Evion, and Ja’Laya. Congratulations to all!

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**WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**

**Send me to school if…**
I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
I haven’t taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven’t had a fever during that time.
I haven’t thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

**Keep me at home if…**
I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees.
I’m throwing up or have diarrhea.
My eyes are pink and crusty.

**Call the doctor if…**
I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
I’ve been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
I’ve had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren’t getting better.
I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I’m having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

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