



MASTERS NEWS

MASTERS ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Tomorrow is the last student day in 2019. School will be closed for Winter Recess December 23rd - January 3rd, and Semester Break Day/Teacher Planning Day on January 6th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020. I hope all of you enjoy the time with your child(ren) and families and have a great Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

CALENDAR

- 12/20 Pajama Day/BINGO
K - 5
- 12/23 -
1/3/20 Winter Recess
- 1/6 No School
Teacher Planning Day
- 1/9 PATT Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
- 1/20 No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/28 Kindergarten Round-Up
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- 2/3 - National Counselors' Week
2/7

THANK YOU

Thank you to our vocal music teacher, Mrs. Graham, our strings teacher, Mr. Wheeler, and our band teacher, Mr. Herszbaum, for preparing our students for a wonderful holiday program. We also appreciate the work of our classroom teachers, for the beautiful artwork displayed around the gym and to our staff that helped with practices. Finally, thank you to all the parents/guardians, friends and families who were able to join us. The students did an outstanding job!

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or supported the PATT sponsored Bake Sale last Friday. There was a good variety with tasty treats for everyone.

A big thank you to the Hy-Vee on 108th & Fort and the Irvington Wal-Mart for so generously donating Box Tops bonus certificates to our school.

PAJAMA DAY

In celebration of the upcoming holidays, we will ease into our long winter break by having Pajama Day tomorrow (12/20). Pajamas should be warm and appropriate and should be worn with tennis shoes if it is your student's P.E. day. During the day, we will enjoy playing BINGO and sipping hot chocolate.



REPORT CARDS

The second quarter/first semester ends tomorrow. Report cards will be sent home with students then. Please check your child's backpack for this important information.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

We will continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts for the "Cash For Students" program through December 31st. Place your Hy-Vee receipts in the "Hy-Vee Receipts" envelopes located in your child(ren)'s classroom. Please talk this up with your friends and neighbors and have them save their receipts for us. Our school receives \$1.00 for every \$200.00 spent and the classroom with the highest overall receipt total will earn a pizza party for the classroom.

WELCOME

As we begin second semester, we would like to welcome several new staff members to our Masters family. Carlye Kuxhausen, Eryn Thomas and Alexis East have joined us as School Counselor, Teacher Associate and Primary BSP Teachers respectively. In addition, Mrs. Hervert, current School Counselor, will become our new Instructional Facilitator. Welcome to everyone and best wishes for second semester.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten Round-up at Masters Elementary is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. If you have a child who will be five years of age on or before July 31, 2020, and are planning on sending him/her to kindergarten for the 2020 - 2021 school year, please call Mrs. Gardner, our school secretary, at (531) 299-1800 to put your child's name on our mailing list. Please share this information with friends and neighbors in our community that may not have access to our school newsletter.

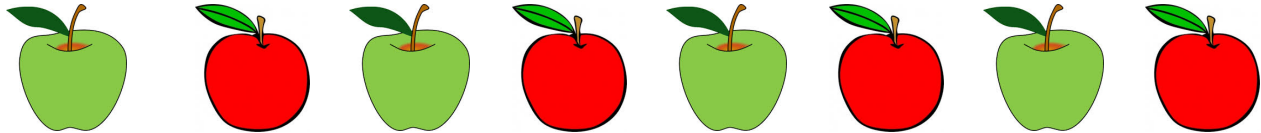
LOST AND FOUND

Please have your child check our lost and found box on a regular basis. Many, many new items show up daily. With winter upon us, everyone needs their coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Let's keep our students healthy and warm.

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 week are: Giovanni, Joshua, Riley, Alisha, Jaxon, Carter, Marvin, Alekzander, Elliott, Isaiah, Evelyn, Lamar, Adrian, Maliha, Jocelynn, Madaline, Keaton, Kurtis, Jayden, Abdullah, Damia, TyShawn, Xavier, Gabriel, Dean, Grace, Joe Joe and Nathan. Congratulations to all!



OMAHA VIRTUAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Omahavirtualschool.org
Grades K-12
(12th beginning 2020-2021
school year)

An option for:

- Independent, motivated students who want to take charge of their education
- Parents who want to be more involved in their student's education

Call OPS Student Placement at (531) 299-0302 to see if your student is eligible.

OPS TAC Building, 3215 Cuming Street, 4th floor

Open House for Middle School and High School:
Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

An informational flyer regarding School Choice for the 2020 - 2021 school year is available online at www.ops.org/elementary/masters under our newsletter or if you have any questions regarding the Omaha Public Schools' Student Assignment Plan or the School Selection process, please contact the Student Placement Office at (531) 299-0302.

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SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

January 2020, starts the annual school choice application process for the 2020-21 school year. Students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), will receive a school choice application.

The Omaha Public School's Student Assignment Plan for elementary and middle school students called the Partner Plan (grades K-8) consists of eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the district. Your residential address and corresponding neighborhood school determine your partner zone. A student's residence and distance to school determines transportation eligibility. **If you have had a change of address, please contact your child's school immediately as this could impact your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.**

Elementary Partner Zone 1	Elementary Partner Zone 2	Elementary Partner Zone 3	Elementary Partner Zone 4
Belvedere PK-5 Florence K-5 Fullerton PK-4 Masters K-5 Prairie Wind K-5 Saddlebrook PK-5 Wakonda PK-5	Boyd PK-5 Lothrop PK-4 Miller Park PK-5 Minne Lusa PK-5 Pinewood PK-5 Ponca K-5 Sherman PK-5 Springville K-5	Benson West K-5 Central Park PK-5 Dodge PK-5 Hartman PK-5 Mount View PK-5 Rose Hill K-5 Western Hills K-6	Adams K-5 Druid Hill PK-5 Fontenelle PK-5 King PK-5 Picotte PK-4 Skinner PK-5 Standing Bear PK-4 Sunny Slope PK-5
<i>Wilson Focus will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. Applications available through the website at wilsonfocus.ops.org or by calling the school at 531-299-2260.</i>			
Elementary Partner Zone 5	Elementary Partner Zone 6	Elementary Partner Zone 7	Elementary Partner Zone 8
Belle Ryan PK-6 Catlin K-5 Dundee K-6 Field Club PK-5 Jackson PK-6 Liberty PK-6 Walnut Hill PK-6 Washington PK-6	Conestoga PK-6 Edison PK-5 Franklin PK-6 Gifford Park K-6 Harrison PK-6 Joslyn PK-5 Kellom PK-6 Kennedy PK-5	Ashland Park/Robbins PK-6 Beals PK-6 Crestridge K-5 Gateway PK-6 Highland PK-6 Indian Hill PK-6 Jefferson K-6 Oak Valley PK-5	Bancroft PK-6 Castelar PK-5 Chandler View PK-6 Columbian PK-5 Gilder K-6 Gomez Heritage PK-4 Pawnee PK-6 Spring Lake PK-4

Middle School Partner Zones

Zone 1: Davis (6-8), Hale (6-8), King Science* (5-8), McMillan (6-8)

Zone 2: Alice Buffett (5-8), King Science* (5-8), Monroe (6-8), Morton (6-8)

Zone 3: Beveridge^ (6-8), King Science* (5-8), Lewis & Clark (6-8), Norris (6-8)

Zone 4: Beveridge^ (6-8), Bryan (7-8), King Science* (5-8), Marrs (5-8)

***King Science** is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King Science neighborhood are in partner Zone 2 and only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

^**Beveridge** is a shared partner school in zones 3 & 4; however, students who live in the Beveridge neighborhood are in partner zone 3 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

Visit: sap.ops.org to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

SCHOOL CHOICE UNDER THE PARTNER PLAN

Families may apply for their child to attend any OPS school. *Approval* of a request depends on *the availability of space* at the student's grade level in the requested school *and these priorities*:

1. Neighborhood school (guaranteed placement).
2. Siblings residing within the Partner Zone are selected first, followed by siblings residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation).
3. Students residing in the Partner Zone. OPS remains committed to diversity in our schools. Applications are prioritized within the Partner Zone between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.
4. Students residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation). Applications are prioritized for any remaining space between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.

TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY (The school choice application must be received by January 29, 2020)

- Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend their neighborhood school and reside more than 1.0 mile from their elementary school or more than 1.5 miles from their middle school.
- Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their Partner Zone schools and reside more than 1.0 mile from the elementary school or 1.5 miles from the middle school.
- Students are NOT eligible for transportation IF they attend any school outside of their Partner Zone.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION

If your child is currently enrolled in an early childhood program and will be age-eligible for kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year, she/he will be enrolled at the neighborhood school. If you would like to be considered for placement at a non-neighborhood school, you must complete the school choice application that will be provided by your child's current school.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS will be held in January 2020. **Please attend Round-Up at your neighborhood school based on your residential address.** School Choice Applications will be available at Round-Up and throughout the month of January for families who wish to request a non-neighborhood school(s). Round-Up dates will be posted on the OPS Web page or check the date with your neighborhood school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT LETTERS will be mailed in December to families of students currently in the last grade level of their school. The purpose of the letter is to provide information about middle schools and their respective Open House dates.

If you have questions about the Omaha Public Schools Partner Plan or the School Choice process, please contact the Student Placement Office at (531) 299-0302.