Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, we also begin a new semester. As you talk with your family about resolutions for 2020, don’t forget to include a goal that involves your child and his/her school. There is plenty of time in the second semester to make a difference in your child’s education. Be sure to ask your child for his/her ideas, too. You might consider one or more of the following:

- Resolve to stay informed regarding school activities.
- Resolve to be sure your child is in school on time each day.
- Resolve to participate in school activities.
- Resolve to ask questions and communicate with your child’s teacher.
- Resolve to be sure that your child is doing homework on a daily basis.
- Resolve to spend time reading every night.

The resolutions listed above will help to ensure a positive educational experience for your child. Let’s make this the best semester yet!

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

THANK YOU

Thank you to Scholastic for the generous donation of the book *Jake Drake Know-It All* to all our third grade students. This book was given to students by a special guest reader as they kicked off the district-wide Readers Become Leaders campaign.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school for all students on Monday, January 20th, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend with your child(ren)!

OPS SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATIONS 2020-2021

School Choice Application forms were sent home today with fifth grade students. **Fifth grade students must return this form by Tuesday, January 28th.** Please feel free to call the school office at (531) 299-1800 if you have any questions.

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.

WILSON FOCUS SCHOOL

Wilson Focus School is in the process of filling sixty 3rd grade slots for the 2020-2021 school year. This school offers a unique opportunity for students that want a “hands-on approach” to leadership, technology, and communication. Wilson Focus School serves grade levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 and offers an extended day, extended calendar and enrichment classes. Please see the third grade Wilson Focus School Application form that went home with current second grade students in today’s Thursday Folder (1/16) or visit wilsonfocus.ops.org for more information.

CALANDER

1/20 No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/28 100th Day of School
1/28 Kindergarten Round-Up
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
2/3 - National School
2/7 Counseling Week
2/6 PATT Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
2/14 Valentine’s Day Parties
Kdg - 2 - 2:10 - 2:55 p.m.
          3 - 5 - 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

SAFETY RESOURCE

Safety is our priority. Omaha Public Schools continues its partnership with local law enforcement and the Boys Town National Hotline through the Safe2HelpNE mobile app, website and hotline. Safe2HelpNE allows students and families to share concerns with trained counselors by phone, chat or anonymously. Visit **www.Safe2HelpNE.org** to learn more or download the free mobile app in the Apple or Google Play stores.

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.
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: Isaiah, Cooper, Tayten, Christina, Emmalee, Markus, My’Riah, Graelynn, Skye, Anthoniee, Lea, Ca’Lazion, Abdi, Alaysia, Myka, Kynleigh, Avary, Isaiah, Marisol, Cyrus, Adric, Clayton, Lamar, A’Yaan, Fatima, Jayvion, Taniyah, Zackary, Kurtis, Jayden, Angela, Isaiah, Damia, Terrell, Jordan, Nate, Percelis, KayaMarie, Channing, Dehvyona, Zion, Sunday, Sa’Mariyah and Dean. Congratulations to all!

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

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

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Committee would like to remind all parents and guardians to send pictures taken during the school year of Masters events to Janelle.Sollenberger@ops.org so they may be used in the Masters yearbook. Pictures of classroom field trips, the Halloween parade and parties, spirit days, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

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