Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Valentine’s Day parties for K through 5th grade will be held on Friday, February 14th, and will include a Sock Hop. K-2 students will participate from 2:10 - 2:55 p.m. and 3 - 5 students will participate from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. If your child is preparing valentines for his/her classmates, a valentine must be prepared for each child in the room so that all students feel special.

For your planning, there will be no school on Monday, February 17th, due to Presidents’ Day.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

PROGRESS REPORTS
Progress reports will go home with students in grades K - 5 on Friday, January 31st. Please watch for these reports as they will let you know how your child is doing midway through the third quarter.

NATIONAL COUNSELORS’ WEEK
Masters is so fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard-working staff. Please join me in honoring our new school counselor, Miss Kuxhausen, and our former counselor, Mrs. Hervert, during National Counselors’ Week, February 3rd - February 7th. A big thank you to Mrs. Hervert for all she has done for our students and families and to Miss Kuxhausen for all she will do.

SMENCILS
Masters’ Student Council will be selling Smalentine Smencils with Heart-Shaped Toppers for Valentine’s Day. Smalentine Smencils are gourmet-scented pencils. The cost of a Smalentine Smencil is $1.50 per pencil. Pencils will be delivered to your child’s classroom before Valentine’s Day. We are limiting orders to three pencils per student. The Student Council is requesting exact change be sent with orders. The orders are due by Wednesday, February 12th. Order forms are going home with students in today’s Thursday Folder.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE
In recognition of National Heart Month in February, Masters students will participate in a Kids Heart Challenge event complete with a variety of cardio activities, music and snacks during regular P.E. classes February 12th - 26th. This heart challenge will help students learn how nutrition and being active can help us live longer, healthier lives and develop habits to help keep our hearts healthy. An informational/fundraiser packet will be sent home with students in next Thursday’s Thursday Folder. An online option is available and simple to use. Details are included in the fundraiser packet. With the money we raise as a school, a percentage is used to purchase P.E. equipment. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, there will be a silly string celebration for students if we meet our goal of having 50% or more register online for the challenge.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Peyton, Dani and Lea, January’s Students of the Month. Peyton, Dani and Lea were selected for consistently displaying Model Monarch behavior and being a good role model to their peers. Way to go Monarchs!

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 week are: Grayson Bittner, Esme Boyer, Toryn Thiessen, Azaina Archie, Kaden Goynes, Payton Martin, Mathias Steinhilber, Cambria Dollar, Marisol Abarca-Roman, Zuri Smith, Lamar Fearis, Jennifer Allen, Maliha Standlee, Corben Kudlacz, Cyriah Relford, Priscilla Kloh, Kirsten Strong, Hannah Ku, Petunia Kloh, Cecelia Covarrubias Gutierrez, Evion Walker, Kale Naser, Alexis Covarrubias Gutierrez and Ivana Atohoun. Congratulations to all!

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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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