



# MASTERS NEWS

## MASTERS ELEMENTARY

### LYNNETTE KEYES, PRINCIPAL



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year. We are off to a great start and are settling in with 274 kindergarten - fifth grade students. Thank you for your help! The Masters staff is excited and pleased to work with you and your child(ren) this year. We encourage you to participate in the school's activities, your child's education and to stop in and visit us. Strong support and involvement of our parents will help ensure the success of our students. Please feel free to contact the school at (402) 572 - 1027 if you have any questions. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Together we will have a terrific year!

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes  
Principal

## WELCOME

As we begin this new school year, we would like to welcome several new staff members to our Masters family. **Sara Perazzo, Heather Riblett, Teri Rosso, Lorraine Dostal, Charlie Rabideaux, Johnnie Smith, Suzi Averill, Nestor Herszbaum, Jacob Wheeler and Dana Czapl**a have joined us as Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 3, BSP, Resource, Band, Strings and P.E. teachers respectively. Welcome to everyone and best wishes for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Welcome to Masters' 2019 - 2020 PTO board members: Carlotta Vaughn, President, Nina Smith, Secretary and Tracy and Harold Ebner, Co-Treasurers.

## 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 not eating breakfast should not arrive at school prior to 8:40 a.m. unless they are participating in Kids Club.** Weather permitting, students will wait outside in front of the main doors until the 8:35 bell rings.



## MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT BEHAVIOR (MTSS-B)

With the start of the 2018 - 2019 school year, Masters Elementary began the implementation of a district-wide initiative, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Behavior (MTSS-B).

MTSS-B is a framework for creating safer and more effective schools by structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. The process supports the adoption and long-term implementation of efficient and effective discipline throughout the school environment.

Masters' focus this school year will be as follows:

**Respect  
Responsibility  
Learning**

Please see the school-wide behavior matrix in today's Thursday Folder for a more detailed list of behavioral expectations.

## COLLEGE COLORS DAY

Friday, August 30th is National College Colors Day. Please join students, parents, family, fans and alumni nation-wide in showing college team spirit by wearing your favorite college team's colors and apparel.

## CALENDAR

- 8/28 Boy Scouts Meeting  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Masters Cafeteria
- 8/30 Early Dismissal  
12:30 p.m.
- 8/30 College Colors Day
- 9/2 No School  
Labor Day
- 9/3 PTO Meeting  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/16 NED Mindset Mission  
Assembly
- 9/16 Open House  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 9/20 No School  
Curriculum Day
- 9/23 No School  
Professional Development/  
Teacher Planning Day
- 9/25 Picture Day



## EARLY DISMISSAL

There will be an early dismissal for all students on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Elementary schools will dismiss at 12:30. Students will eat lunch before leaving school this day.

## NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to Labor Day. Enjoy the time off with your child(ren)!

## LUNCH SCHEDULE

11:40-12:10	Miss Perazzo, Mrs. Nelson
11:45-12:15	Mrs. Riblett, Mrs. Hansen
11:50-12:20	Ms. Rosso, Mrs. Dostal
11:55-12:25	Mx. Rabideaux, Ms. Smith
12:00-12:30	Mrs. Rinehart, Miss Larsen
12:10-12:40	Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Steiner
12:15-12:45	Mrs. Baker, Mr. Wilson

Parents/guardians are welcome to join their child(ren) for lunch. We do ask that when eating in the cafeteria, you either purchase a school lunch (\$3.65) or bring a cold lunch from home; fast food is not allowed in the cafeteria. If possible, small bills or exact change is helpful. Parents are not allowed to use student accounts to purchase lunches. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Meal Prices for the 2019-2020 School Year:

OPS Free Students:	No Cost
OPS Reduced Students:	\$.40
OPS Paid Students:	
Elementary Students	\$1.45
Secondary Students	\$1.75
Adults/Visitors	\$3.65



## REMINDERS

**Attendance:** Masters has an automated attendance calling system. This system generates automated phone calls to parents to verify a student's absence. Parents are encouraged to call the school office at (402) 572-1027 by 9:30 a.m. to report a student's absence as it will eliminate the automated call. If a phone call is not received prior to 9:30, please call the school after receiving the automated call. Students not being verified as absent after this call will be marked unexcused.

**Sign In:** Please remember to always sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge when visiting the school, even if your visit will only be for a minute or two. Please help us keep our children safe!

**Birthday Treats:** In an effort to be sensitive to our students with food allergies, we ask that non-consumable birthday treats such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. be considered and given in honor of a birthday.

**Dismissal Arrangements:** Please make dismissal arrangements with your child prior to arriving at school each morning. Any communication from home is necessary when your normal routine is altered. End of the day messages are difficult to relay and may sometimes be impossible if a classroom has already dismissed for the day. Verbal communication from a student will not be accepted.

**Pets:** When dropping off or picking up students, we ask that no pets be brought onto school property, as some students may be frightened of certain types of animals.

## PARKING PROCEDURES

With the start of the new school year come traffic and parking lot challenges at arrival and dismissal. As a reminder, the curb lane is for loading and unloading ONLY in the morning. There must be a driver in the car in the curb lane. In the afternoons, please pull all the way forward when picking up your child. This allows traffic to keep moving. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IF IT IS NOT PARKED IN A PARKING STALL AND PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED "NO PARKING" AREAS OR BUS LOADING ZONES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING. With your cooperation, we can more efficiently move traffic along. Thank you for your patience!



## 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](http://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](http://mycokerewards.com), then select Masters Elementary to donate your points.



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