Dear Parents/Guardians:

There will be an early dismissal for all students on Friday, August 30th. Elementary schools will dismiss at 12:30. Students will eat lunch before leaving school this day and transportation will pick up students at the early dismissal time and return them to their assigned bus stops. Please note that Kid’s Club, Masters’ before and after school care program, will be open from 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Keyes
Principal

THANK YOU
We extend a special thanks to all the parents who are working with us to make the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up safe for our children. Masters staff members work daily as safety patrols at the crossings surrounding the school to ensure our students are safe. Please remember to always come to a complete stop at posted stop sign areas, adhere to posted “Handicapped Parking” signs and model for your children the correct way to cross at the designated crossing points. These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all our children. Please help us keep your child(ren) safe.

In an effort to allow parents with children at the Lollipop Patch to be able to get in and out of their parking lot and ensure for the safety of their students, the day care has asked that Masters parents not park in their parking lot at dismissal time.

COLLEGE COLORS DAY
Tomorrow (8/30) 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.

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

STRIVE FOR 95
What is Strive For 95?
Strive for 95 is a district-wide focus and effort to increase the number of students reaching 95% attendance or higher (missing 9 days or less throughout the school year).

Research states, students who miss less than 9 days of school each year are more likely to stay engaged, be successful and remain on track for graduation!

Help your child get to school on time daily! Breakfast begins at 8:35. Students need to be in their seats ready to learn by 8:50.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS
We are again participating in Hy-Vee’s “Cash For Students” program this year. Beginning September 1st and continuing through December 31st, we will be collecting Hy-Vee receipts at school. Place your receipts in the basket labeled “Hy-Vee Receipts” in the office. Please talk with your friends and neighbors and have them save their receipts for us. Our school receives $1.00 for every $200.00 spent.

PTO MEETING
The first PTO meeting of the 2019 - 2020 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 5:30 in the library. Please come and meet our PTO Board, learn about upcoming events and get involved. Hope to see you there!

QUARTERLY PROGRESS
Progress Reports will go home with students in grades 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday, September 24th. Please watch for these reports, as they will let you know how your child is doing midway through the first quarter.
SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

As we begin a new school year, it is always a great idea to refresh children’s memories regarding safety rules. Listed below are a few tips for review.

1. Remind your children about strangers.
2. Remind your children to refuse anything from strangers, including money, gifts or rides.
3. Remind your children to keep a safe distance from strangers and not to give strangers directions or help. Adults need to get assistance from other adults.
4. Stress to your children the importance of taking the same route to and from school every day.
5. Always walk in groups. There’s safety in numbers.
6. Be aware of “safe” houses to go to in case of any emergency. Locate several houses along your route that your child could go to if necessary.
7. Teach your children to always report to you or another adult any suspicious or threatening behaviors or actions.
8. Expect your children to keep you informed about where they are at all times.
9. Instruct your children to yell for help if needed. If in distress, they may need to draw attention to themselves.
10. Instruct your child to go to the nearest adult if he/she finds a suspicious object of any kind at home or at school.

Let’s keep our kids safe!

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: Walaa, Emily, Kason, Hadleigh, Lea, Ezequiel, LaVette, Isaiah, Lamar, Alanna, Kadence, Dariah, Adam, Htoora, Danica, Tory, Jordan, Ty’Shawn, Nam, Channing, DeyMari, Bieel, Giovani, Emmalee, Elijah, Car’Mello, Alicia, Kaden, Kynleigh, Ka’Lea, Nathaniel, Adrian, Leonidas, Omirah, Aaliyah, Colton, Adrian, Carter, Corben, Zackary, Madaline, Aja, Hannah, Anthony, Damia, Gio, Evion, Elijah, Sunday, Isabella, Jayden, Gabe and Jaxon. Congratulations to all!

OMAHA EDUCATION WEEK

Omaha Education Week in the Omaha Public Schools is September 16th - 20th. To celebrate, you are invited to visit your child(ren)’s school during Open House. Masters’ Open House for all students is Monday, September 16th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. During this time, parents will have an opportunity to visit their child(ren)’s classroom, meet the teachers, tour the school, visit the PTO, Boy Scout, Good News Club, etc. tables, sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences and much more. Bring the family and see what wonderful things we’ve been doing at Masters! We hope to see you there!

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.myckorerewards.com.
2. Look for codes on specially marked packages of your favorite Coca-Cola products.
3. Enter codes and collect points at myckomerewards.com, then select Masters Elementary to donate your points.

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