**Friday, December 22, 2107**

Hello MAS Families! Hard to believe this is my last weekly update email to our families for 2017. This has been a FUN and exciting week at MAS. We had a wonderful concert, shopping for family done, pancake full bellies, singing along with Frosty, Yoga relaxing and stretching with Kelly from Breathe Space Yoga, learning reading buddies, and singing carols together. The children are excited for the break and looking forward to holidays!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our results are back from our survey on bell schedule change. 70-% of our families agreed or did not matter to change to 7:50am and 30% said no. (please see attached picture) We are going to move forward with the change as we feel that this is an opportunity to increase instructional time for our students.  We will begin playground duty at **7:50am** **until 8:10am**. Please make every effort possible to arrive on time as bell will ring at 8:10am and instruction will begin at 8:20am. We will also be changing our lunch bell schedule which does not affect parent drop off or pick up. Students will eat from 12:00 to 12:20pm with the option to go outside from 12:15-12:45pm. This will add another ten minutes of instruction time to our day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Home and School members and parent/grandparent volunteers-** A big THANK You to all of you for your help at the shopping spree. I’m sure you enjoyed the experience as much as the children did. They say it takes a village to raise a child...it takes lots of hands to make things happen, so your help was really appreciated!  May you all have a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to many more opportunities to serve with you in the New Year! From Home and School (Helga)

The staff here at MAS would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**! We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

**Important Dates:**

January 8- First day back in 2018!  Look for milk order forms.

January 15- PSSC meeting 6:00pm

January 18- Mad Science Presentation for afterschool program.

January 19- Milk order forms are due. VREDs Northside School Night.

January 29- Mad Science afterschool program starts (Every Monday till March Break)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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If a child can't learn the way you teach, then teach in a way so that the child can learn. ~ Unknown.