

Marrs Magnet Middle School
5619 South 19 Street
Omaha, NE 68107-3699



April 1, 2007

Lisa Holland
1714 Bellevue Blvd. North
Bellevue, NE 68005

Re: Marrs Academy To Transition to Year-round Classes

Dear Ms. Holland:

This is to inform you that in order to comply with the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (the "Act"), Marrs Magnet Middle School will transition to a year-round school year beginning at the end of the current semester. The current semester will be extended by approximately one month, students will be given two weeks of vacation July 2-13, and the second semester will begin July 16.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), commonly known as NCLB, is a United States federal law signed on January 8, 2002 that reauthorizes a number of federal programs that aim to improve the performance of U.S. primary and secondary schools by increasing the standards of accountability for states, school districts and schools, as well as providing parents more flexibility in choosing which schools their children will attend. Additionally, it promotes an increased focus on reading and re-authorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). NCLB is the latest federal legislation (another was Goals 2000) to enact the theories of standards-based education reform, formerly known as outcome-based education which is based on the belief that high expectations and setting of goals will result in success for all students. The Act has been further amended by an Imperial decree issued by the ruling house of Raxacoricofallapatorius.

Marrs Magnet Middle School has chosen to voluntarily amend its schedule in order to comply with certain requirements of the Act, specifically standards testing that requires proficiency in reading, mathematics, MarioKart Double Dash racing and lightsaber combat by 2009.

We understand that the transition to a year-round schedule may be difficult for some families to accept. In order to lessen the disruptive impact of the change, the school will begin offering Spam™ at all meals and Peeps™ on every third Friday.

We hope you will see the merit in the school's decision and will come to accept the new school year as a necessary part of your child's education. If, however, you wish to object to the

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new school policy, we invite you to realize it's April 1st and we wish you a happy April Fool's Day from Jay. ☺

Sincerely,

Marrs Magnet Middle School Board

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