



**ESTMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Parent Newsletter**



**From the Desk of Ms. Wesolowski:**

**Happy New Year Wildcat Families**

Westmar Middle School would like to welcome everyone back from the winter break and hope that all were able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in some memorable activities with family and friends. Our mission to help each student achieve at higher levels continues to be our priority focus at Westmar. The staff takes seriously the power we have to impact the lives of those with whom we work each day. In our return to school, I would like to ask our families to be mindful of re-establishing the necessary routines to ensure that your students are in attendance and on-time each morning to help each school day off to a successful beginning. Thank you once again for all you do to help make Westmar Middle School the best place for children. As we all pledge to make 2017 the very best year, the staff and I look forward to our continued partnership

*Stephanie Wesolowski, Principal*

**First Semester Almost Complete**

January 17th will mark the final day of the first semester for our students. Teachers will be working on final grades on January 18th, a 3-hour early dismissal day, and report cards will be handed to students on January 27th. First semester grades do become part of a student's permanent school record, so it is imperative that students work hard the last 10 days of the semester. Second semester schedules change for students enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade science and social studies as well as creative arts for students in grades 6-8. Most of our classes are year-long classes so they continue second semester, but all classes start over with new grades.



During the month of January we will promote and recognize students who demonstrate the character trait- Cooperation. An act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit; joint action. This is certainly a "must do" to promote civility and it will be necessary to carry us through testing, winter blues, and the semester change!

**Inclement Weather and School Closing**

As we move into the winter months, with the potential for inclement weather and slippery roads, school schedules may be altered according to road conditions. Announcements concerning delays or closures will be posted on the school system's website, [www.acpsmd.org](http://www.acpsmd.org), no later than 5:30 a.m. Following the website update, in this order, will be updates via School Messenger (all local media outlets receive the announcement via School Messenger), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com), Schoolsout.com, 9 News Now, Fox 5, WHAG TV, and ABC 7 and News Channel 8. Announcements to close schools during an initial two or three-hour delay will be made no later than 8 a.m. Early dismissal announcements will be made no later than 11 a.m. Parents are reminded that they must fulfill the opt-in requirement to continue receiving notifications via School Messenger. It is imperative that the school has accurate emergency contact numbers and email addresses in Aspen. Please double check your contact information and notify the main office of any necessary changes.

**JANUARY**  
**EVENTS**

- January 2**  
- Schools Closed For Winter Break
- January 3**  
-Schools Re-opened
- January 16**  
-Schools Closed  
Martin Luther King
- January 17**  
-Close of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- January 18**  
-3 Hour Early Dismissal
- January 25**  
-Schools Closed  
Staff Development
- January 27**  
-Second Quarter  
Report Cards  
Distributed

