

# The Wolverine Whistle



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## Important Dates to Remember:

### CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED

Friday, May 4th 2018

Fri & Mon May 25th & 28th 2018

Wed, Thur, & Fri July 4th, 5th & 6th 2018

Early Release Day Closed

Maintenance & Memorial Day Holiday

Independence Day Recess

March 9	Teacher Workday (No Students)
March 23	Professional Release Day (Full Day/No Students)
March 26 -30	Spring Recess
April 2	No Classes (Preschool, Elementary)
May 4	Half Day Early Release (11:30 am Release)
May 8	Skate City Night (6:00 - 8:00 pm)
May 23	Last Day of Preschool
May 24	Last Day of School
May 25	Teacher Workday (No Classes)
August 9	First Day of School - Grades 1-5
August 13	First Day of School - Kinder

**School Hours 7:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Supervision will not begin until 7:40**

**Early dismissals will not be accepted between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 pm**

## The Leader In Me 7 Habits

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be Proactive</li> <li>• Begin With The End In Mind</li> <li>• Put 1st Things 1st</li> <li>• Think Win-Win</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek First To Understand</li> <li>• Synergize</li> <li>• Sharpen Your Saw</li> </ul> |
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**READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN – Read to your children daily and allow your children to read to you.**

**READERS BECOME LEADERS**



## **Student Drop Off Update:**

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Working in conjunction with the Fire Department and APD we have added cones out in the morning blocking entry to the loop until 7:40. This is because city fire code prohibits cars being parked in the loop at any time and we want to avoid tickets being issued to our families. The cones are removed at 7:40 because at that time we have supervision for students and can create a moving loop. For safety reasons, the Fire Marshal has allowed the one staff car to be parked at the end of the loop.

## **Dismissal During the School Day**

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Students will only be released by Office Staff to a parent, guardian, or other specified persons on emergency contact list, with a valid ID. Office staff will contact the student's teacher to let him/her know that the student is leaving. Anyone coming to pick up a student during school hours must check in at the office not the classroom—for security reasons. Early dismissals will not be accepted between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 pm, except in case of emergency. During this time the students are getting the last instructions of the day and we do not want to interrupt the last few minutes of learning. Please plan accordingly.

## **Arrival/Departure**

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- Supervision prior to the time that adult supervision begins is the responsibility of the parents. Parents whose children arrive too early could be called to return to the school to pick their child up until adult supervision is available.
- The school provides supervision of students 10 minutes after school as the children are leaving the school grounds. Supervision after that time is the responsibility of the parents. When students are excused at the end of the school day, they are to proceed directly home. If parents choose to pick up their child(ren) after school, they must be picked up promptly at dismissal. If students are not picked up promptly after school, the school principal or his/her designee is authorized to surrender the physical custody of the child to the Aurora Police Department.

## **Recess Guidelines**

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It is an expectation that students well enough to be in school are well enough to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. It is suggested that children be dressed for the changeable Colorado weather. Current weather conditions will determine whether or not students are sent outside. Outdoor recess will be held if the temperature, including wind chill, is 20° or above. The decision for recess will also be based on weather conditions at the school site.

## **Parking in the Loops**

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We have two loops at Side Creek. One is for the school buses and daycare vans. Cars should not be parked in this loop at any time. The other loop is a continuous loop that is used to drop off or pick up students before and after school, or during the day. If you are coming to Side Creek we ask that you do not park in the loop. If you are in the loop the driver must remain in the vehicle. The loop is used for dropping off or picking up not for parking. If your vehicle is in the loop parked and unattended you could receive a citation or a ticket.

## **PE News...**

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We were lucky enough in PE class to have Miss Kimbrough with us! Miss Kimbrough completed eight weeks at Side Creek teaching the students various skill and activities with the favorite being a dance from Thriller. We wish her luck as she moves on to do her student teaching at the high school level.

We have been working really hard on eye-hand coordination activities. Students in Grades 1-3 have been working on overhand throw, underhand throw, rolling, and locomotor movements. Locomotor movements are the foundation to movement and these skills include walking, running, skipping, galloping, sliding, jumping, hopping, and leaping. We are now moving on to eye-foot coordination activities which will include dribbling, kicking, punting, and trapping.

Students in Grades 4-5 have been able to work on a three week golf unit which focused on life skills along with putting, short swings, and long swings. CommonGround Golf Course supplied us with golf equipment and one lucky grade will take a field trip to the golf course this spring! Next, we are working on eye-hand coordination activities such as overhand throwing, underhand throwing and rolling.

Lastly, Kindergarten has been working on getting adjusted in the gym with understanding personal space and working on basic movement concepts. We are really focusing on our locomotor skills so we have a foundation and can progress our activities. We usually work through the alphabet and each week we focus on a special letter where all our activities are based on that letter.

Please remember to have your child wear tennis shoes on their PE day! Keep these kids moving at least one hour every day!

Thanks!  
Mrs. Zimmerman

## Side Creek Spirit

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We have Side Creek T-Shirts and Pullovers for both students and parents. We have a variety of sizes available in Purple or White. If you would like to purchase some Side Creek Spirit gear please stop in the front office.

## Nutrition Services Update

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When a student's lunch account reaches \$35 it is now automatically sent to collections. If there are any questions about your bill feel free to stop in the cafeteria, call Nutrition Services or call the collection agency.

## Handicap

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If your vehicle does not have a handicap sign you are asked to not park in the handicap parking spaces. You can get citation or a ticket for this as well. We do have some families that need to use these parking spaces and we need to make sure they are available.

## Technology News

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Kindergarten has been working on creating a book about Shapes using KidPix. This project requires them to word process and insert clipart onto their pages. We are working on using the Shift key to capitalize words.

First Grade is reinforcing their science unit on Matter in Technology Class. They are creating a project about Solids, Liquids, and Gases. This includes word processing and importing clipart into their work.

Second Grade is learning about types of Communities to support their Social Studies Curriculum. They are completing a project using Google Slides.

Third Grade is beginning a project about Careers. They will choose a career they are interested in learning about and use several Internet sites to research that career. Their final project will use Google Slides to present what they have learned about their chosen career.



Fourth Grade has been focusing on Colorado History. They used the Colorado History Museum site to learn about Colorado in the 1800's. They worked on completing Digital

Badges for their knowledge about that time period. They will continue using what they have learned by using their creativity and writing skills to create an historical fiction Journal about their trip from Missouri to Bent's Fort during the 1840's.

Fifth Grade is focusing on American History in their classroom. In support of their learning, they used Kidspiration to create a project about the Revolutionary War. For the next project the students will learn about the Branches of the Government and use Microsoft PowerPoint to create a project.

## Library News

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The Book Fair is coming in April and it's going to be PAWSITIVELY AWESOME!

The Book Fair will be April 6 - April 13! So, put it on your calendar and keep an eye out for more information coming home before Spring Break.

If you would like to volunteer to help us, please contact us at the library.

## Overdue Books

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We recently sent out notices concerning overdue books and fines for lost and damaged books. Please help your child search for these missing materials. If a student has overdue books or owes a fine for a lost or damaged book, they are unable to check out more books until the books are returned or the fine is paid. If your child has a missing book out from a previous school attended, we will be glad to return that book to the school for you. We want our students to be able to check out books each week during their visit to the library. Sometimes books get returned by other students or get returned to the shelf without being checked in. We can help by searching for them here at the library. If you have questions about a notice your child has received, please contact us. Thank you for your support.

## Art News:

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We began the New Year developing our understandings of the Elements and Principles of Art and Design. We will use this learned information to Critique and evaluate artworks. We are now beginning to explore three dimensional art making mediums and sculptural applications when making art.

ATTENTION CLUBHOUSE  
PARENTS

NO BUILDING  
ACCESS

AFTER 3:30PM!!!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN  
THIS MATTER. AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SECURITY DEPARTMENT-(303)341-0911

## 2018 Cmas Assesment Information

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All students in third through fifth grade will participate in the online CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. Testing will be based on the Common Core State Standards for each grade level. The testing window for the assessments will be Monday, March 19-April 27th. Below are two links to help support you and your child:

In addition to being assessed in Literacy and Mathematics, our fifth grade students will be taking the CMAS assessment in Science. The testing window for CMAS-Science is from April 9th – April 27th.

### Grade-Level Testing Schedule

\*\*Please try to plan any appointments during non-testing time or days.

3rd Grade Testing Dates	4th Grade Testing Dates	5th Grade Testing Dates
Math (8:15-9:45 am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 19</li><li>• March 20</li><li>• March 21</li></ul> Literacy (8:15-10:15 am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 10</li><li>• April 11</li><li>• April 12</li></ul>	Literacy (9:00-11:00 am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 4</li><li>• April 5</li><li>• April 6</li></ul> Math (9:00-10:30 am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 17</li><li>• April 18</li><li>• April 20</li></ul> Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Side Creek was not selected to test our 4th graders this year in Social Studies</li></ul>	Literacy (10:00-12:00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 19</li><li>• March 20</li><li>• March 21</li></ul> Science (10:45-12:05 pm*) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 10</li><li>• April 11</li><li>• April 12</li></ul> Math (10:45-12:15 pm*) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 17</li><li>• April 18</li><li>• April 1</li></ul>

\*lunch/recess on Math/Science test days will begin at 12:20-1:00 (instead of regularly scheduled 12:10-12:50).

## Vision Statement

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“Our vision is to create a community of leaders who use the 7 Habits as a compass to guide our decisions for positive change. We recognize genius in ourselves and others, and influence our community for the better through our voice and actions.”

## Our Mission

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“We lead by example; Change starts with me.”

## CMAS Parent Guide:

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### How to Help Prepare Your Child for Testing

Here are some tips for parents to help their students do their best every day and especially during the testing periods. We ask parents to plan in advance for this important testing time and to begin discussing this test with your student. Please help your child prepare by doing the following:

- Get a good night's sleep (at least 8 - 10 hours)
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Plan ahead to ensure that your child is present and on time for all tests (please reschedule any appointments before or after the testing window if possible)
- Provide daily encouragement and remind students to persevere and do their best!

### What are some test taking tips to help my child?

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Remind your child to:

- Read the test directions carefully
- Read the questions carefully and be sure to read all of the answer choices before responding
- If you don't know an answer to a question, skip it and go on to the next question
- If there is time at the end of the test, then return to the unanswered question
- Eliminate any answers that you know are wrong, and then consider only those that might be right.
- If you finish early, check your answers

We know that as a partner in your child's education, you will do all you can to help ensure your child's success and we greatly appreciate your support.

## Museums and Performing Arts

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Denver Zoo  
2300 Steele St., 720-337-1400  
Jan. 11, 19 and 20, Feb. 4-5, Nov. 9 and 12.

Denver Art Museum  
100 W. 14th Ave Parkway, 720-865-5000  
Feb. 3, March 4, April 7, April 29, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1.  
Note: General museum admission is free for kids 18 and younger every day.

Denver Botanic Gardens  
1007 York St., 720-865-3501  
York Street: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 22, April 8, June 5, July 19, Aug. 29, Nov. 3. Chatfield Farms: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Nov. 6, Dec. 14.  
Plains Conservation Center: Feb. 18, March 19, June 13, July 14, Aug. 7, Nov. 8.

Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus  
2121 Children's Museum Dr., 303-433-7444  
Free nights 4-8 p.m. include March 6, April 3, May 1,

Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
2001 Colorado Blvd., 303-370-6000  
Jan. 28, Feb. 12, April 9, April 29, June 3, July 5, Aug. 13, Sept. 12, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Dec. 9.

Museo de las Americas  
861 Santa Fe Dr., 303-571-4401  
First Fridays free from 5-9 p.m. on Feb. 2, March 2, May 4, May 6 (general free day), June 1, July 4 (general), July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Sept. 15 (teen day), Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Nov. 10 (general), Dec. 7.

Molly Brown House Museum  
1340 Pennsylvania St., 303-832-4092  
Jan. 27, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 9.

Colorado Railroad Museum  
17155 W. 44th Ave. in Golden, 303-279-4591  
March 8, April 12, Oct. 11.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts  
1101 13th St., 303-893-4100  
Discounts: \$10 tickets to all locally produced Theatre Company productions on select dates, plus occasional discounts to Broadway and Cabaret shows. Visit [denvercenter.org/dcpaccess](http://denvercenter.org/dcpaccess) for details.