

It's back to school time at West Middle Community School!

This year, West Middle Elementary School and the Middle Grades Academy at West Middle are officially one school again under the leadership of Principal Lynn Estey. Ms. Estey was the acting principal of the Middle Grades Academy for a number of years, with our middle schoolers soaring to new heights under her leadership. It's exciting to have Ms. Estey now as the official leader of the entire school, kindergarten through 8th grade. We are expecting even greater things!

Among the great things that have already been happening is that West Middle continues to rank as the highest performing non-magnet school in the district. Our school is now competing neck and neck with a couple of magnet schools. Congratulations to West Middle students and staff for this outstanding accomplishment, and keep up the hard work!

On our pathway to excellence, West Middle continues to refine the Integrated Studies instructional model. Integrated Studies blends best practices from STEM and Expeditionary Learning, is fully aligned to Common Core State Standards and is delivered in unit format developed around common themes. This year, West Middle staff will focus on fine tuning STEM strategies within Integrated Studies and extending the model through the elementary grades.

Next year at this time we will be starting school in our brand new facility, now slated for completion by June 2016. It was difficult to see our move date pushed back once again, but the delay will surely make us appreciate our new home that much more once we are finally in!

In preparation for a grand reopening in Asylum Hill next year, members of West Middle's School Governance Council, PTO and the community have been working diligently on a comprehensive strategic plan. This plan will create a blueprint for the continued rise and success of West Middle. Stay tuned for more details over the course of this school year.

We always welcome support and enthusiasm. Contact the school to reach our leaders, including Principal Lynn Estey, School Governance Council Chairperson Doug Glanville, PTO President Tiffany Glanville, and Community School Coordinator Joe Bumpers.

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