

Middle School Students & Families,

We hope this message finds you well and thriving as we embrace another exciting school year. Your support and involvement in our classrooms and community make a significant difference in our student's lives, and we are genuinely grateful for your partnership. This letter contains information about our monthly character traits, reward days, and WAMS program.

- **Monthly Character Traits:** Each month we will emphasize the importance of our school's **Pillars of Character**. We encourage families to discuss these values at home.

September Respect	December Hard Work	March Critical Thinking
October Responsibility	January Integrity	April Acceptance of All
November Teamwork	February Leadership	May Edgar Excellence

- Students who have displayed the character trait will be recognized at the monthly assembly and receive a certificate for displaying the Wildcat Way!
- Monthly assemblies will also recognize current club/activity participants, sports participants, and students who have impressed a teacher in any of the content areas.
 - Students who have done an outstanding job in the school environment by completing an amazing project, being a positive role model, showing growth in a skill, or any other Edgar Excellence behavior a teacher would like to recognize can be selected.
- **Reward Days:** We will have special Reward Days for students who consistently demonstrate our character pillar traits and are academically successful. Rewards will occur in 5 different periods throughout the school year and are planned for November 1, December 20, February 14, April 16, and May 30 (due to events these dates may change during the school year). To qualify for reward day activities students will need to meet the following criteria:
 - No Majors (behavior write-up)
 - Two or less Minors (behavior write-up)
 - No Failing grades
 - Three or less missing assignments
 - To qualify for the May 30th reward day students must qualify for 3 of the 4 school year rewards.
 - Updates about these dates and eligibility will be available in the future.

- **WAMS and WAMS Store:**

- Students earn WAMS tickets in the classroom for positive choices, excellent behaviors, involvement, asking great questions, and high scores on various activities. WAMS tickets are collected by students and spent at our Edgar Middle School WAMS Store at the beginning of each month.
- What is available in the WAMS Store? The WAMS Store offers school supplies, apparel, and snacks in exchange for the tickets. Students practice budgeting skills by saving or spending WAMS. Many items in the store cost only a few WAMS, but larger items like having the principal's chair for the day or going to McDonald's for lunch will cost more!

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a positive learning environment. We look forward to continuing this partnership throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Edgar Middle School Teacher Team