



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, October 11, 2019

Panther Basketball Triumphs



Congratulations to the Mears Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Teams, along with all the student-athletes who have completed this exciting season. Girls basketball had an exceptional season overall with winning records and outstanding displays of sportsmanship, hard work, competitive play and great attitudes. Special thanks to Coach MacDonald and Coach Spann for their guidance, mentorship, and ongoing support for our student-athletes.

Pizza Party! CC Celebrates Fantastic Season



Congratulations to all of the amazing Mears' Cross Country Running Panthers for their outstanding season. Mears' runners were strong and fierce competitors, many of whom set personal best records. The Panthers worked hard, were fantastic competitors, and consistently showed great sportsmanship. Throughout the season, they were model representatives of Mears Middle School. Special thanks to Coaches Holly Roberts, Dennis Sorenson, and Bronwyn Haynes for their inspirational leadership and commitment to all of Mears' runners.

SAB Plans Dance



Assistant Principal, Mr. Mike Scott, led the Student Advisory Board dance planning session this week. The dance is Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 3:00-4:30pm in Mears' Multi-use Room. This group of student leaders are also beginning to work on plans for school improvement and community-building.

Students Promote Message of HOPE



Students in Ms. Callie Wilder's Health classes have been researching various mental health conditions, including anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, eating disorders and others. Student reports on these important issues has been turned into a message of HOPE.

Students Capture Zombies



Students in Ms. Lauren Hundrup's pre-algebra class have been highly engaged in zombie capturing! The activity challenges students with a series of equations. Once solved correctly, student groups capture scary zombies.

Photoshop Self-Portraits



Students in Ms. Tina Arend's Digital Media classes have created incredible self-portraits. Using a variety of Photoshop tools, students have learned to edit and manipulate photos to create highly original works of art. This amazing self-portrait is by Kaylee Rickard-Ramos, who completed the work last year when she was in 7th grade. Included are the three separate photos that she used to complete the final portrait.



Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Tuesday, Oct 15 - Mears Leadership Team, 7:15-8:00am Library

Thursday Oct 17 - Staff Meeting - 3pm

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Mears Community Clean Up, 9:00am - noon

Mears Parents and Guardians

Friday, Oct. 11 - Wrestling starts today. Final deadline to sign up is Oct. 17

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Mears Community Clean Up, 9:00am - noon

Saturday, Oct 12 - Tomo No Kai Fall Family Dinner - 6:30pm Mears MPR (See Information Below)

Monday, Oct 14 - Volleyball BEGINS 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday, Oct 16 - Bring Your Parents to Lunch Day -- In celebration of National School Lunch Week, come join your student for lunch and have a complimentary meal on us! Please contact Mears Main Office at 742-6400 to find out what time your child has lunch.

Wednesday, Oct 16 - School Dance - 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, Oct 17 - Picture Retakes - PTSA Mtg 6:30pm

Friday, Oct 18 - NO SCHOOL - Inservice

Note: All after school sports will begin at 5:00 pm due to bussing constraints.

Come One, Come All: Community Clean Up Day Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:00am-12:00pm



Students in Mears' Service Learning class are hosting a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:00am-noon. Come join us and help clean up the Mears neighborhood and build community. Alaska Waste, along with other local organizations are donating supplies necessary for a safe and fun clean up operation. We will be serving hot beverages in the morning and will provide all participants with a pizza lunch at the end of the event!

Special thanks to Jim Cutshall of Great Alaska Pizza Co., Mears PTSA, Kaladi Coffee, Alaska Waste, and the Alaska Youth Military for all of your support! --Eric

2019 TNK Fall Dinner is Saturday, Oct. 12



Come join Mears' incredible Japanese Immersion students and their teachers, Ms. Hiromi Chambers and Ms. Kiyoko Loer, for an evening of education, celebration and entertainment.

Fall Dinner is coming on October 12th and it is time to order meal tickets. YUM!

Meals are only sold online through pre-order. You can use the link below, or go to Tomonokai.org and click on Fall Dinner. Ordering is quick and easy!

The deadline to order is Tuesday, October 8th.

Meal options include: Vegetable Udon Noodle Soup, Teriyaki Chicken Bento, Teriyaki Salmon Bento, or California roll. See the website for details on each option.

[Purchase TNK Fall Dinner Tickets](#)

Mears National Junior Honor Society Announcement



A message for parents of 8th graders:

Mears' National Junior Honor Society is now accepting applications for membership. NJHS is a great organization that promotes the five pillars of academic scholarship, community service, leadership, character development, and active citizenship. Mears' NJHS is looking for a strong group of students committed to representing our fine school. If your 8th grader is interested in joining, please encourage them to talk to Ms. Lambert or Ms. Klueber. Applications are available in the Main Office.



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

The next event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30pm and will focus on Anti-Bullying. Please mark your calendars for this important community gathering.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you're interested email us volunteercoordinator@mearsptsa.com

4th Annual Holiday Bazaar is November 2.

Do you, your spouse or your child have a business and would like to reserve a booth? To reserve a spot visit www.mearsptsa.com (click on the Holiday Bazaar image). We would love to see food trucks, games, student entrepreneurs, hand crafted items, musical performances, dance performances, Santa Claus, Photo Booth. Does this sound like something you would like to do?

Mears students need your support. Here's how you can help improve student and pedestrian safety at the 100th and Victor intersection.

For the last several years I have been in meetings with ASD and MOA about the 100th and Victor Intersection. I have approached them to add a pedestrian activated crosswalk or traffic light active during the busy hours (before and after school and rush hour). I am now being told that I need community support. If you could please take this survey I would greatly appreciate it. Within the last 3 YEARS 4 Mears Students have been hit trying to cross this intersection.

<https://forms.gle/pDg9Jm3LR7gA9dQaA>



KTUU has also came and reported a news story on this issue as well:

<https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Anchorage-mother-calling-for-safer-student-walking-routes-560936091.html?fbclid=IwAR37JzE1oPIdJH7Q4IwV-rJMjKIHMcbELvWfu6HSubRDGnMooCDbNdD7r1M>

Facebook group for this intersection is:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/848171765540783/?ref=br_rs&fb_dtsg_ag=AQxhIkJ_rN2V-pyc9iwOalvY4CiOyMs2d9QTSrHT5pw4gQ%3AAQzyUXQbmLz34Gklv94TqnFF0K0ZmSGWMMEVkTGCwflsuA&jazoest=28028

If you would like to write a letter in support of a traffic light. Please include Name, Address (showing which community you reside in), Phone or email and what you support. You can drop the letter off at Mears or mail it to the school 2700 w 100th Ave Anchorage, AK 99515 address it to April Eide- PTSA

Watch Out for Zombies in Ms. Hundrup's class!!!



Mears Middle School Mission

Through teamwork and cooperation, all students become partners in their own educational progress, fostering self-respect, responsibility and integrity.

[Mears Middle School Website](#)