



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, September 13, 2019

Students Organize Fire Relief Efforts



Congratulations to the students in Mr. Greg Ross' 5th period Service Learning class. For their first project of the year, students decided to organize and promote a fundraiser to support those impacted by the wildfires in the Talkeetna area. Through the students' efforts, Mears was able to collect boxes of canned food, water, toiletries and other needed goods. The supplies will be shipped north early next week. At Mears, we are proud to have students who commonly demonstrate acts of kindness and good citizenship.

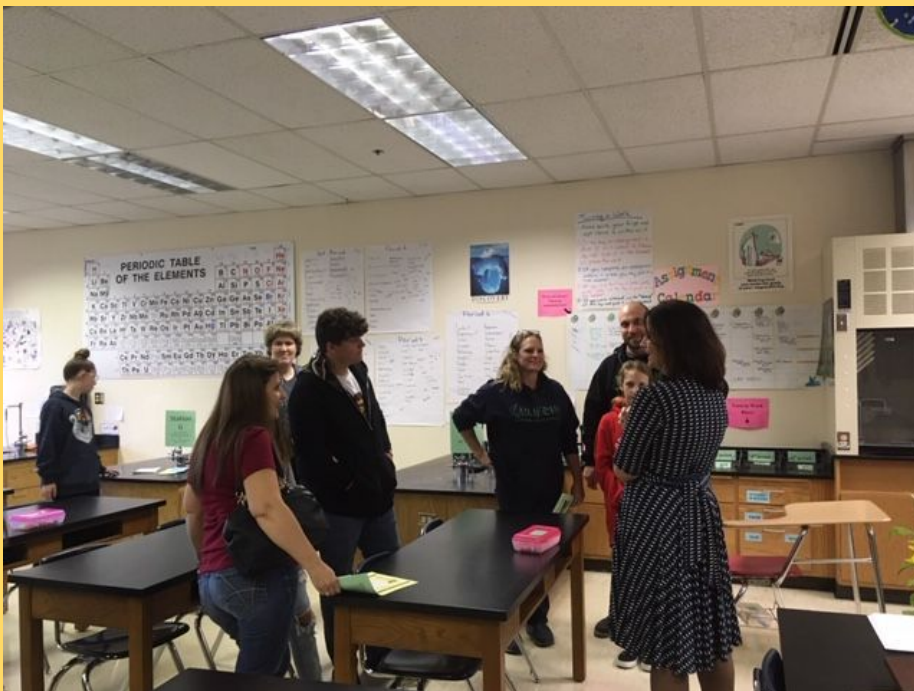
Mears Welcomes the Community



On Thursday, Sept. 5, Mears Middle School hosted its annual Open House, an evening to welcome parents and family members to the new school year. An estimated 450 people attended the upbeat event, with families visiting classrooms, meeting teachers and touring the campus. The evening began with a fantastic performance by Mears Advanced Jazz Band. Special thanks to

Jazz Band Instructor, Mr. Rick Zelinsky, for his inspiration and great instruction.

Mears Teachers Shine



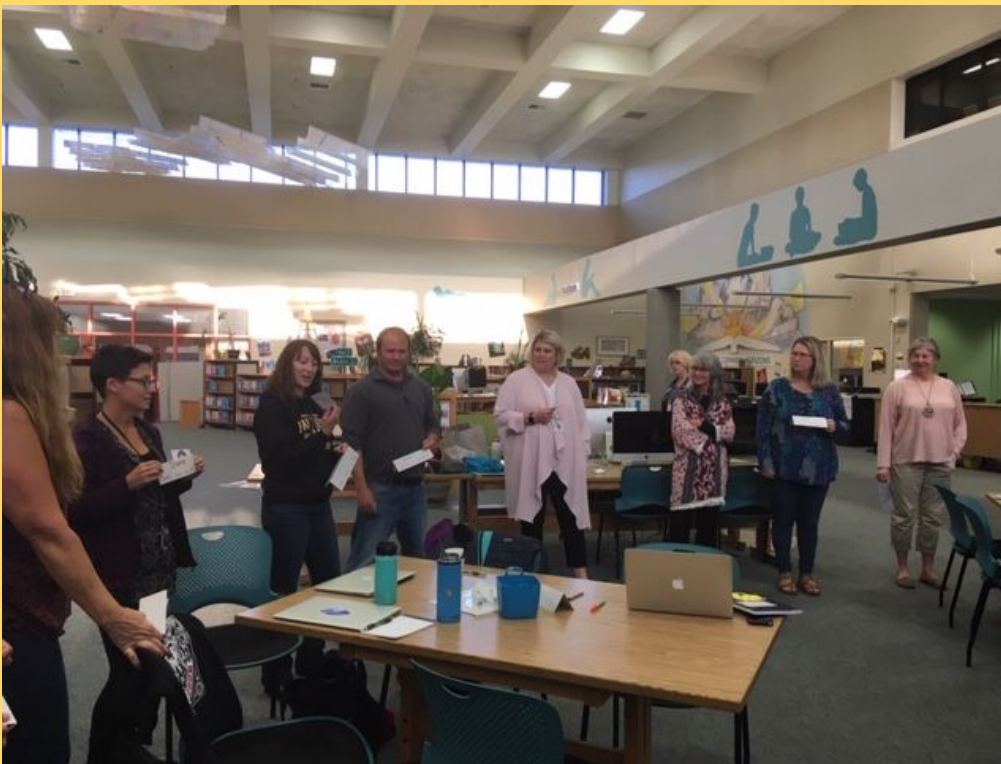
At Open House last week, Mears teachers invited parents and community members into their classrooms to share exciting information about the classes they teach. Here is Ms. Christa Brown speaking with a group of interested parents while visiting her 7th grade science classroom.

Students Express Individualism



Eighth grade students in Ms. Sally Pak's Language Arts class recently addressed the question, "What word best describes you?" This wonderful collage of student artwork is representative of Mears' diverse student body and now decorates the first floor hallway.

Collaborative Team Leadership



Teacher leaders from Mears were joined by ASD district leaders for a highly productive professional development day, which was focused on developing a collaborative, systems-approach to supporting struggling students. The practice will be implemented school-wide in coming months.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Friday, Sept. 20 - PTSA Teacher Grant Applications Due 3pm

Friday, Sept. 20 - Staff/Parents vs. Student Soccer game - 3:15pm-4pm - Cheerleaders welcome!!

Mears Parents and Guardians

Monday, Sept 16 - Archery I BEGINS - 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, Sept 19 - Cross Country Running Meet @ Chugiak HS - 5:15 pm

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Tuesday, Sep 24 - PTSA Digital Citizen Event - 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 25 - Cross Country Running Meet @ Mirror Lake - 5:00pm

Note: Cross Country meets will begin at around 5:00 pm due to bussing constraints.



Mears PTSA is sponsoring a Membership Drive! Each team will be competing for prizes, based on the team with the highest enrollment in our PTSA.

Parents and teachers, please consider joining Mears' nationally recognized PTSA organization. Your membership will directly support school improvement efforts in and outside the classroom.

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Mears PTSA Membership Drive

Help your student's team win either a Popcorn or Ice Cream Party. This is a competition between teams. Top team will win an Ice Cream Party.

Parent Name: _____

Team Name: _____

I am interested in volunteering: YES NO

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Add student as a member: YES NO Add additional parent as member: YES NO

Add'l. Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Membership Type: Single - \$10 _____ 2 Member - \$20 _____ Family of 3- \$25 _____

Pay online at www.MearsPTSA.com or by paper. Return to the School Store by **Sept. 19.**

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

10 Myths About Joining the PTA



#1 Only moms and teachers need to join the PTA.

FALSE! A strong PTA needs the support of parents, family members, teachers, school staff, and community members. *Anyone who cares about children belongs in the PTA!*

#2 Joining the PTA means I have to volunteer.

FALSE! The PTA appreciates everyone's membership, whether or not a member volunteers. *You will not be sucked in to a black hole of volunteering!*

#3 The PTA is only for stay-at-home parents with nothing else to do.

FALSE! Your fellow PTA members are family and community members who want to support the kids and the school. *Most members are juggling work, bills, household chores, kids, sports, and homework, just like you!*

#4 I was a PTA member last year, I only have to join once.

FALSE! With each new school year, a new PTA membership year begins. *Your PTA membership will be good for this entire school year!*

#5 I don't have the time to join the PTA.

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider becoming a member of the PTA and give your financial support. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your support helps fund events and activities for the children throughout the school year!

#6 I have to be a board member or chair a committee to join the PTA.

FALSE! You do not have to serve on the PTA Board or chair a committee to join the PTA. *Your beautiful smile and wonderful support will suffice!*

#7 I'll get roped into volunteering if I attend a PTA meeting.

FALSE! There will be opportunities to get involved, but no pressure. Just pass by the signup sheets if you are unable to participate. *No judgment here!*

#8 My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTA.

FALSE! Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and teachers, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

#9 The PTA has all the help they need.

FALSE! The PTA always wants and always needs volunteers! *If you choose to volunteer, you decide your time commitment.*

#10 I have an idea but the PTA isn't interested.

FALSE! *New ideas are always welcome! We look forward to hearing them!*

Mears Displays Team Spirit



The Mears' Cross Country Team demonstrated great team spirit at yesterday's race at Service High School. Team members lined up together, cheered and rang cow bells for all the 7th grade runners as they started their race. **Go Panthers!**

Mears Middle School Mission

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

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