



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Friday, January 31, 2020

Video Production Takes on Juul



Inspired by Mears' recent focus on vaping prevention, students in Ms. Tina Arend's Video Production class have filmed a short public service announcement about the health risks of Juul, the popular e-cigarette. The film promotes a strong message of not giving in to peer pressure and concludes with the tag line, "Juuls are for Fuuls!" Thank you to Ms. Arend and all the students who worked on the video. At Mears, we believe that students should be well-informed so they can make good decisions about their health and safety.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HCVg_dT4pc

Visit Mears' Youtube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5-sux2wZIYRT5rUTIPFrA>

Panthers XC Season Begins at Sub-0



Climate and Connectedness



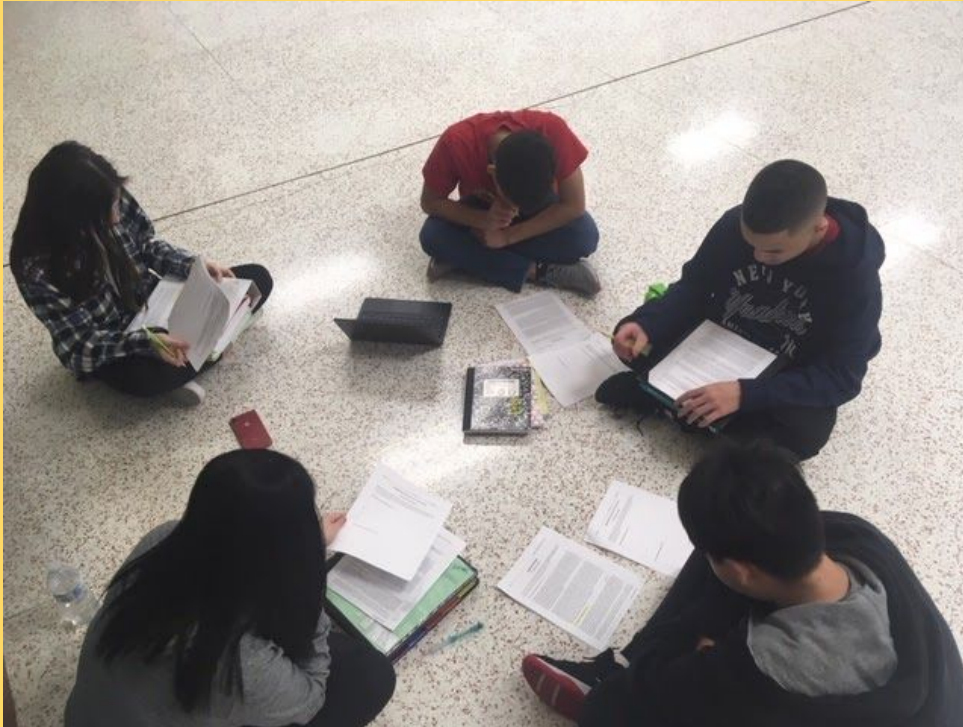
Students throughout Mears have been providing their anonymous feedback on ASD's annual School Climate and Connectedness survey. Students throughout the district are participating in the survey to provide highly valuable input about school culture, safety, and behavior. School staff and parents will take a similar survey.

Battle of the Books Moves to Next Level



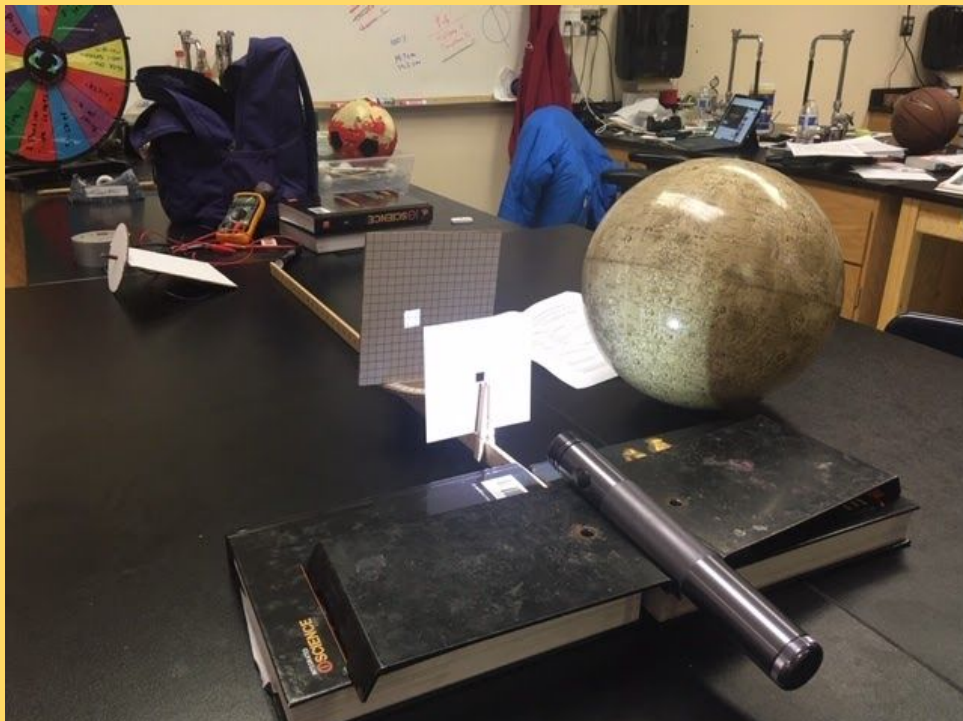
On Tuesday this week, students participating on Mears' Battle of the Books Team competed to determine who will go on to the next round. Congratulations to Andora Ovsepyan, Candence Arima, Paige Hays, and Arianna Dance, who will be representing Mears at the district championship next week. Read Panthers, Read!

Analyzing Orwell



Students in Ms. Jessica Norton's English Language Arts classes are reading George Orwell's classic, *Animal Farm*. They are simultaneously studying the history of the Russian Revolution and the rise of totalitarianism, the inspiration for Orwell's famous work.

Exploring Light's Intensity



Mears science teachers have devised an instrument that allows students an opportunity to demonstrate how the intensity and heat of the sun's light changes with the seasons. Students are considering the influence of the earth's tilt and distance from the sun. The lesson has considerable relevance in the middle of a dark Alaskan winter.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Fri 1/31 - Music Dept Recruiting Field Trip - 8:15am-2:30pm - Area Elem Schools

Wed 2/5 - Collaborative Teams - 7:15am-8:00am - Library

Thurs 2/6 - Staff Meeting - 3:00pm-4:15pm

Mears Parents and Guardians

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Sign Up for Student-Led Conferences February 12 & 13



On February 12 and 13, 2020, Mears Middle School is excited to host student-led conferences. The third quarter of the school year is now well underway and student-led conferences are a great way for parents to hear directly from your student and their teachers about their learning and progress. All parents are strongly encouraged to sign up and attend a conference on February 12 or 13.

The online scheduler for student-led conferences is open. Please use the Anchorage School District homepage at <https://www.asdk12.org/> to access the sign in page. Parents may also go to Mears' school website to sign in: <https://www.asdk12.org/Domain/72>

Parents and guardians should sign up to conference with their child's teacher-team (Surprise/7, Blackstone/7, Eklutna/7, Echo/8, Muir/8, Raven/8).

SPORTS....

NYO - Now accepting paperwork - Practice begins Feb 3.

Note: All after school sports practices begin at 3:00 and all meets will begin at 5:00 pm due to bussing constraints.

February is Visit Our Schools Month



Come see what we're doing

During the month of February, we are opening the doors of every school for guided, public tours.

We welcome everyone to join us by visiting our community's schools, whether you have children in ASD or not.

Every Tuesday

Every school

9:30 a.m.

All February

Evening tour at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 only

www.asdk12.org/visit



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Tell us what your favorite part of your tour was by using the hashtag #MyASDSchoolVisit

Mears, along with schools throughout ASD, is proud to open its doors to visitors every Tuesday at 9:30am during the month of February. All community members are encouraged to join us at Mears for a guided public tour of our exceptional school.

Come see Mears' Panthers in action with teachers, students, and staff at work and play during a regular day of school.

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PTSA



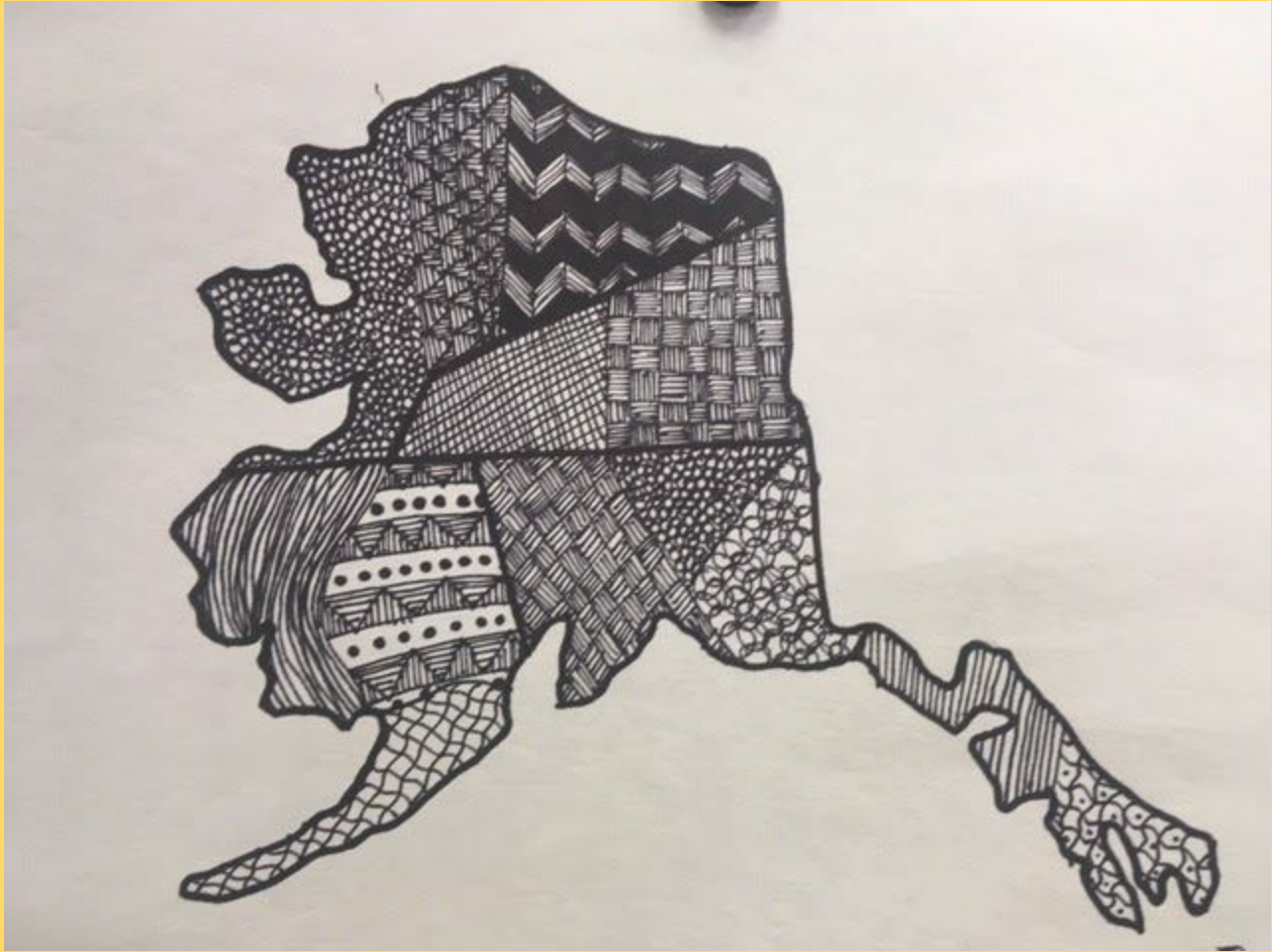
Ways to support Mears without spending any additional money.

Fred Meyers- <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> Mears Code

For more information about Mears PTSA visit:

<https://mearsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

Celebrating Alaska's Geography



Congratulations to Kennedy Thimsen, 8th grade, whose artwork was publicly displayed this week in Ms. Kat Yackel's art classes. Students in the class are learning through their artwork about the five regions of the State of Alaska.

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](#)