



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mears Honors Veterans



On Friday, November 8, Mears Middle School hosted its annual Veteran's Day Assembly. Keynote speaker, Major (Retired) Sidney J. Topf, addressed the Mears school community, including all students, staff and a number of families and community members. Major Topf stressed the importance of service to others and to be grateful to our veterans. Many students were joined by family members who are veterans or currently serving. Mears has established a long-standing tradition of honoring veterans, especially those who have direct connections to the Mears family.

Going Above and Beyond



Special thanks goes out to Ms. Tina Arend and Mr. Greg Ross, along with all the other faculty who assisted with the Veteran's Day Assembly. The event was a wonderful success and would not have been possible without the hard work and selfless giving of Mears incredible faculty.



Check out the video:
[Mears Thanks Veterans, 2019](#)

Mears/Dimond Family Connections



Celebrate Acts of Respect



This week, Mears' counselors delivered a series of lessons on bullying prevention. The activity includes an invitation for students to recognize other members of the community for an Act of Respect. Orange RESPECT boxes have been placed around campus for students and staff to place their recognition forms. Let's all be sure to celebrate acts of respect.

Focus on Impactful Practices



On Monday, November 11, secondary teachers throughout the district gathered at West High School for a day of professional development activities. The morning began with Dr. Kersten Johnson, Director of Secondary Education, who gave a presentation on John Hattie's meta analysis of best instructional practices.

Teams Enhance Support



Mears Collaborative Teams continue their work to support student success. Pictured here are the teachers in Team Muir, reviewing student grades and attendance records to identify those students who may need extra help. Teams are also identifying students who are being successful and showing improvement. Students of the Month are selected and celebrated by each team.

Aqutak Competition



In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Mears' Indian Education Program hosted an aqutak making competition. This great community-building activity was enjoyed by all.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Friday, Nov 15 - Mears Collaborative Teams will host Hanshew and Central for PD Day

Monday, Nov 18 - Volleyball games - JV1, JV3, C1, C3 @ Romig - 5:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 20 - Volleyball games - V, JV2, C2, C4 @ Mears - 5:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 20 - Wrestling Meet @ Dimond High School - 5:00pm

Mears Parents and Guardians

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Thursday, Nov 21 - PTSA/Parents Meeting - Digital Safety Night - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Sign ups for Cross Country Skiing, Boys Basketball, and Archery 2 will begin on Monday, November 25th.

See Ms. Megan Perkins if you have any questions about skiing, Mr. Jason MacDonald with questions about basketball, and Ms. Heather Fleming with questions about archery.

See Mrs. Daniels in the office if you have any questions regarding paperwork and/or payment.

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

Important Notice for Mears' Certificated Staff:

To meet the mental health needs of students, one of the elements of this year's initiative is to train all staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Dimond is scheduled to be trained with Mears. Please select one of the all-day trainings on MLP. Classified staff may attend depending on available space and principal permission.

Group 2 Dimond HS, Mears MS; All Times 8:00 am- 3:30 pm

November 14---- Education Center Learning Lab

November 21----Education Center Red Room

December 3----Education Center Lime Room

December 5----Education Center Learning Lab

December 10---Education Center Lime Room

December 12---Education Center Learning Lab

Saturday Sessions; paid

October 12---Education Center Learning Lab

December 14---Education Center Learning Lab

January 25---Education Learning Lab



Anchorage School Board
**Strategic Planning
Community Forums**

The Anchorage School Board invites anyone with a stake in the educational success of our children to participate in one of four community forums about the future goals and direction of the Anchorage School District.

Community involvement and feedback in the School Board's strategic planning process will contribute to a new set of Districtwide goals to be introduced next fall.

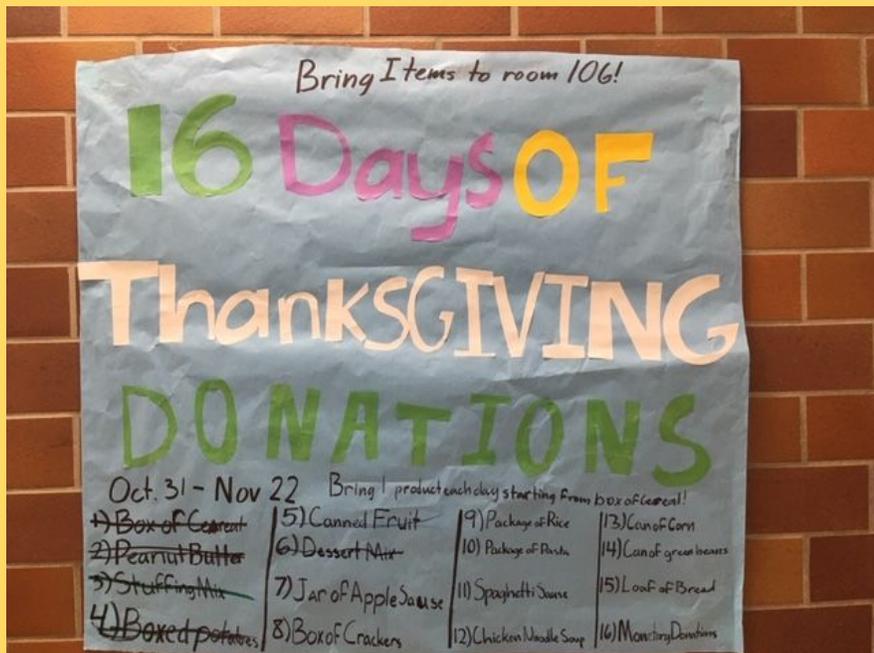
Please join us in this community-wide process focused on educating all students for success in life.

Service/South Region Thursday, Nov. 7 6 -7:30 p.m. Goldenview Middle School 15800 Golden View Drive Anchorage, AK 99516	Bartlett/East Region Tuesday, Nov. 12 6 -7:30 p.m. Begich Middle School 7440 Creekside Center Drive Anchorage, AK 99504	Resources: Goal Setting Timeline Proposed ASD Strategic Planning
Chugiak/Eagle River Region Wednesday, Nov. 13 6 -7:30 p.m. Mirror Lake Middle School 22901 Lake Hill Drive Chugiak, AK 99567	Dimond/West Region Thursday, Nov. 21 6 -7:30 p.m. Mears Middle School 2700 W 100th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99515	

For more information about the upcoming community forums, please visit:

<https://www.asdk12.org/communityforum>

Mears Service Learning Students Organize Thanksgiving Drive



Mears Families,
Please join us in our effort to collect non-perishable food items for those in need this Thanksgiving. When you go shopping, please consider picking up a few of the items listed above and bring them in to Room 106. Mears students will be organizing donated goods into Thanksgiving gift baskets. Thank you for your generosity. --Eric



NOVEMBER 21st. 6:30 PM
Family Digital Awareness Night.

Information provided by **FACEBOOK**. Please RSVP [HERE](#).

Dinner will be provided.

Our school won this grant last year and has received another grant to host this event again this year. Because of our successful event last year our PTSA President April Eide spoke with Facebook on stage about our event at the National PTA Convention in June. Facebook is planning on sending a videographer to our event.

Texas Roadhouse Dinner Rolls w/Cinnamon Butter \$8/ dozen

Click [HERE](#) to order. Once you order you will need to pick up your ticket to pick them up from Texas Roadhouse. Order by November 20. Pick up between 22-27.

Looking for stocking stuffer ideas? Visit our [online store](#) to purchase some of our new items. Water bottle, phone stand, chapstick/mints combo, metal straws and gift cards.

Holiday shopping is upon us, so while you're shopping at any of the places listed below, considering using these links. A portion of each sale these stores gives back to the school.

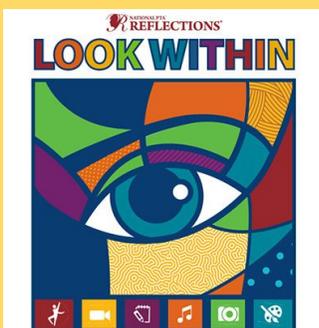
Shutterfly - <http://mearsptsa.shutterflystorefront.com/> Coupon books have been given to all students and extras can be found in the main office.

Amazon- <https://smile.amazon.com>

Fred Meyers- <https://www.fredmeyer.com> Login > community rewards >select Mears PTSA as your organization. We currently have 8 family members participating.

Memory Book online ordering www.ybpay.com

Order today and save \$5. Prices go up January 1st. NEW this year you can personalize the memory book with your students name. Its an additional \$5.



Reflections Art Contest has begun.

For more information and student entry forms visit www.MearsPTSA.com

Categories include: Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Photography and Special Artist

Students Reach Out to Support Vets



Students in social studies classes designed thank you cards to send to US veterans who are serving abroad.

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](#)