



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Happy Thanksgiving, Mears!



Thanks to all that helped Mr. Ross' Service Learning class provide for others this Thanksgiving!

Celebrate Acts of Respect



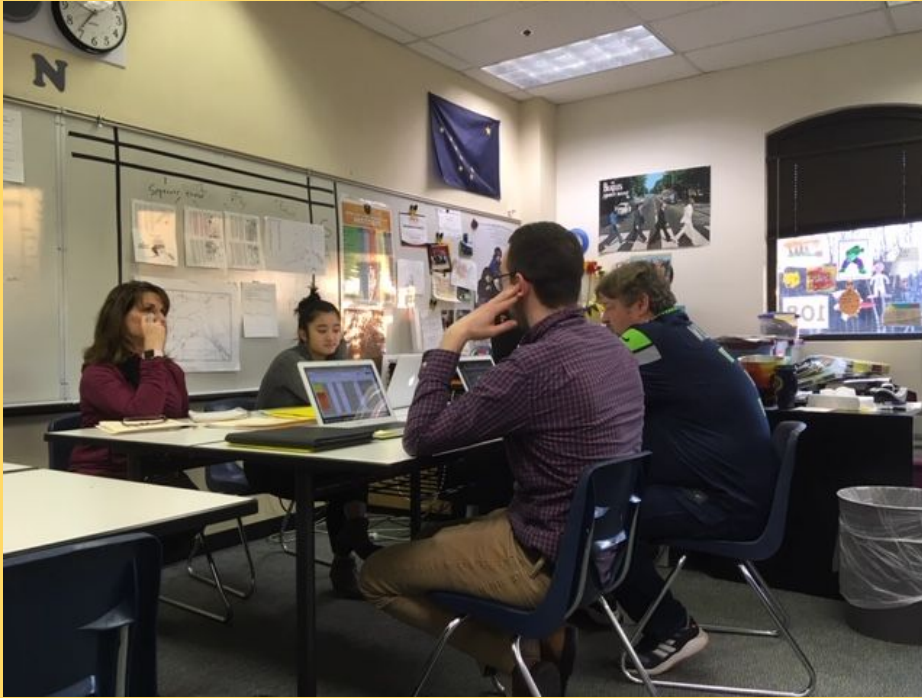
This week, Mears' counselors delivered a series of lessons on bullying prevention. The activity includes an invitation for students to recognize other members of the community for an Act of Respect. Orange RESPECT boxes have been placed around campus for students and staff to place their recognition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

ASD Strategic Planning Meeting



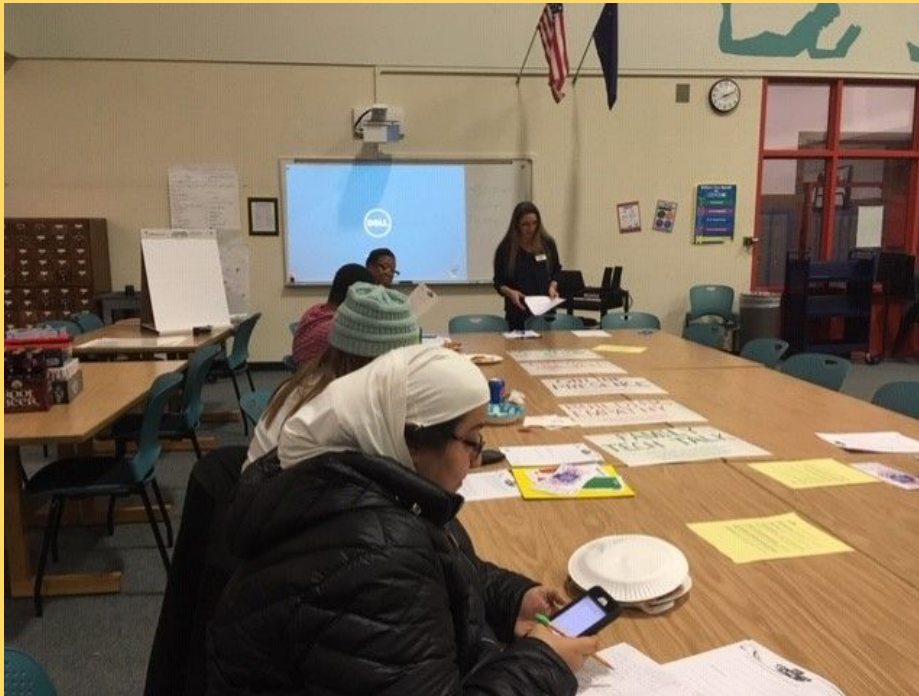
On Thursday, November 21, Mears/Diamond-area families gathered at Mears Middle School for an evening focused on the direction of ASD. Hosted by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mark Stock, the event provided an opportunity for community members to brainstorm and voice their views; this collaborative approach seeks to help ASD leadership chart a course beneficial to all students. It was an enjoyable evening, filled with thoughtful conversations.

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.

PTSA Digital Safety Night



In support of students making positive choices online, the Mears PTSA held a digital safety night on Thursday, November 21st. Participants learned about strategies to help students use their electronic devices wisely. The conversation and collaborative work was impressive, and Mears thanks the PTSA for sharing this positive message.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Parents and Guardians

NO SCHOOL: Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th

Monday, Dec. 2 - Volleyball games - JV1, JV3, C1, C3 @ Goldenview - 5:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - Volleyball games - JV1, JV3, C1, C3 @ Mears - 5:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - Wrestling Meet: City JV Tourney @ Goldenview - 1:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Wrestling Meet: City Varsity Tourney @ Goldenview - 1:30 pm

Sign ups for Cross-Country Skiing, Boys Basketball, and Archery 2 began 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 school-sport events/games 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 upon available space and principal permission.

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

- 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)

- December 14---Education Center Learning Lab
- January 25---Education Learning Lab



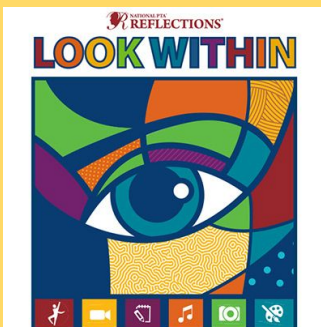
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PTSA

Looking for stocking stuffer ideas? Visit our [online store](#) to purchase some of our new items: Water bottles, phone stands, 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 goes 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 student's name. It's 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

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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