



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Friday, February 21, 2020

Thank you, Supporters of Mears Music



Congratulations to Mears' amazing student-musicians and their teachers for their incredible performance earlier this week. The annual music fundraiser concert drew hundreds of family members, who came together to raise thousands of dollars to support all the music programs at Mears, including jazz, orchestra, choir, and band. Pictured here is Mr. Zelinsky leading Mears jazz ensemble.

Generous Community Support



A very special thank you goes out to all the family members and community supporters who generously donated to Mears music programs at the cake auction this week. This garden cake inspired a donation of \$780!

Thanks to all the PTSA volunteers and parents who supported the event.

Dimond Students Co-Teach at Mears



A great group of Dimond High School students came to school this week to work with and mentor students in Mears Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Design & Modeling and Animation and Robotics. The Dimond visit is a good example of the growing collaboration between our two schools.

Family Dance Fun



Mears families and faculty members had a great time at the annual Family Dance on Wednesday evening. A special thanks goes out to all the Student Advisory Board members who helped with planning, set up, and take down.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

2/24 - Dimond Counselors visit 8th graders - 8:15am-2:30pm

2/25 - 7th grade Orientation 6:30-8pm

2/26 - Spelling Bee - 8:15am

2/27 - Pizza w/SRO - Library - 11:30am-12:30pm

2/27 - NJHS Induction Ceremony - 6:30pm

2/28 - 8th grade Assembly - 10am; 7th grade Assembly - 2pm

Mears Parents and Guardians

2/24 - Dimond Counselors visit 8th graders - 8:15am-2:30pm

2/25 - CC Ski Championships @ Kincaid 5:30pm

2/25 - Bball Tournament - C4 @ Goldenview 5pm; JV @ Wendler 6pm; V @ Hanshew 6pm

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Family Climate and Connectedness Survey


The Anchorage School District is partnering with the Association of Alaska School Boards to conduct the **School Climate and Connectedness Survey®**, a state-wide survey for students, staff, and families. This survey, which is conducted annually, measures the perceptions of each school's climate, including the engagement of students, staff, and families.

All Mears families are strongly encouraged to take the survey. Your feedback will help us create the safest and healthiest school climate possible.

Link: surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb

Access Code: mearsfamily

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.

Go to: www.asdk12.org/visit



ATTENTION 8th Grade Families

These two years at Mears have gone by quickly! Middle school is a short, but important stepping stone between elementary and high school. Soon, our students will be touring Dimond and thinking about classes for next year and the transition to high school.

Mears has a tradition of sending off our 8th graders with a special celebration, the *8th Grade Bash*. It is a fun afternoon, filled with activities outside, a barbecue lunch and other special treats. The Mears PTSA sponsors this event, and we couldn't do it without our wonderful family volunteers!

Are you available to help plan this fun event? We are looking to form a committee - many hands make light work! If so, [click here to volunteer](#) - **PTSA members that have selected this event as an interest in volunteering, will be contacted shortly to see if there is still interest.*

Thank you!

Great benefit of being part of the PTA network. Thank you National PTA and Bark for teaming up and offering this great product to our families.

Go to <https://www.bark.us/protects/mearsptsa> to learn more about bark and to sign up. As a benefit to you, enjoy Bark family memberships at the preferred pricing rate of \$8.10/mo or choose the annual plan for just \$89.10.

Memory Books online ordering www.ybpay.com \$35

Order today. Don't delay and be the parent that your student didn't get a memory book. NEW this year - you can personalize the memory book with your student's name. Its an additional \$5. Order online and receive a free wall calendar or easel from Shutterfly.

Personalization deadline is April 6. Pre Orders without personalization are due May 15th. We will only have 400 books for sale. This includes the presales. Currently, we have sold 120 books.

Make checks payable to Mears PTSA or pay with a credit card online www.ybpay.com

Rate your meal on the ASD app - we will listen!

Do you have a favorite hot lunch or breakfast item and wish you could see it on the menu more often? Let us know! Not only can you view upcoming lunch menus on the new app, but you can also get nutrition information and tell us how you feel about your meal. If you love it or don't care for it, let us know - the power is in your hands to influence what's for lunch!

Step 1 Find your School Menu

- Download and open the ASD app



- Trouble downloading? [Click here](#)
- Swipe to Web Menus and select
- Enter the name of your school, search and select

Step 2 Locate the Item

- Select the date you want to view
- Select the menu item
- Review the nutrition Information
- Scroll to the bottom

Step 3 Rate your Item!

- Scroll all the way to the bottom
 - You will see 5 stars
 - Select the stars to rate your item
 - 1 Star = I don't care for this item
 - 5 Stars = I love this item
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Ways to support Mears without spending any additional money.

Shutterfly - <http://mearsptsa.shutterflystorefront.com/>

Amazon- <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0138999>

Fred Meyers- <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> **Mears Code**
We currently have 18 family members participating. Thank you to those that have selected Mears to be your organization of choice.

It's never too late to become a PTSA Supporting Member. Do you support the events PTSA sponsors? Does your child shop at the school store or cafe? Are you aware that the PTSA has given over \$25,000 in grants just this year? We couldn't do all that without the support of the many Mears families and students.

Visit our website www.MearsPTSA.com to become a supporting member.

Did you know that being a PTA member gets your benefits to all at all of these businesses?



For more information about Mears PTSA visit:

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

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](#)