



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, November 8, 2019

State Senator Honors Mears Alumni



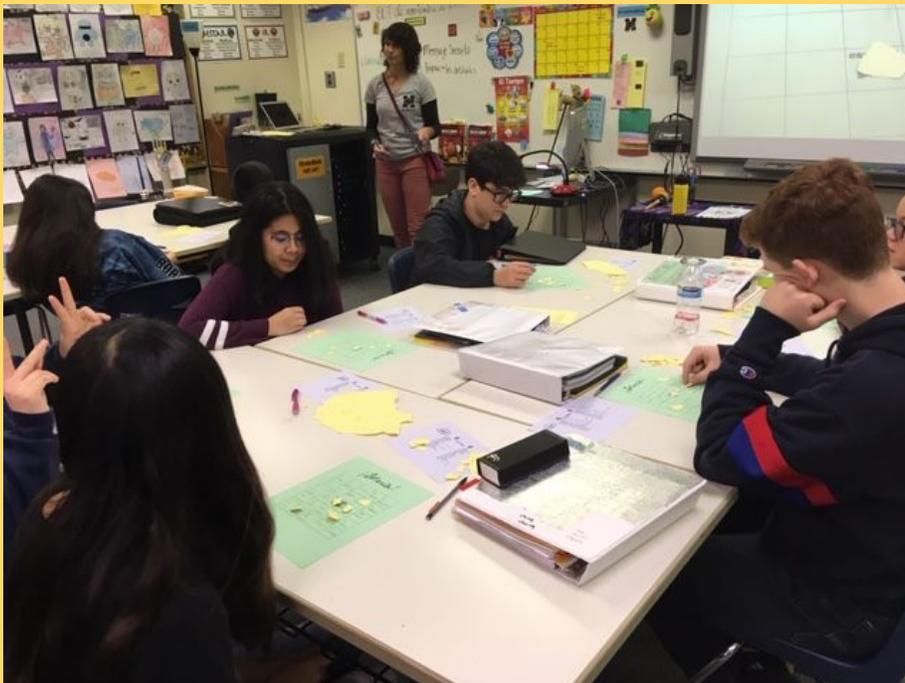
On Friday, November 1, 2019, Alaska Senator, Mr. Dan Sullivan awarded Mears alumni, Ashley Perry (2018-19), with the Daily [Points of Light Award](#) for her creation and promotion of Blessing Boxes throughout Anchorage. The boxes are placed in different locations around town to provide those in need with non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and clothing. Ashley is currently working on a new Animal Shelter Reading Program to support reluctant young readers. Ashley is a tremendous young leader, who is an inspiration to us all. Special thanks goes out to former Mears principal, Mr. Mike Perkins, who nominated Ashley for this prestigious award last year.

Rules for Governance



Students in Mr. Greg Ross' social studies classes are learning about the origins of democracy. They spent the class period today working in small collaborative groups to identify rules of governance for imaginary towns. Students discussed leadership, voting rights, the rule of the courts, and what to do about those who break the rules.

Bingo en Español



Students in Ms. Bronwyn Haynes Spanish classes enjoyed an interactive game of bingo on Thursday morning. The activity offered students a fun and competitive way to review new vocabulary.

International Bird Sculptures



Adrian Romo-Guzman, 7th grader, proudly shared his new bird sculpture on Thursday. The bird is adorned with a map of Mexico, which Adrian chose to celebrate his family's heritage. Congratulations to Ms. Kat Yackel, who consistently offers students truly meaningful art projects that build skills while giving them the opportunity to explore themes of personal identity.

Learning Scroll Saw Skills



Ms. Diane McLaughlin reviews techniques and safety rules as students prepare to use scroll saws in Mears' Design and Engineering classroom. Students used scroll saws to cut the initials of their names out of wooden blocks.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Monday, Nov 11 - Inservice - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Nov 12 - Team Leadership Mtg - Site visits - 8am-2pm

Wednesday, Nov 13 - Wrestling Match @ DHS - 5pm

Thursday, Nov 14 - Staff Mtg - 3pm

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

Monday, Nov 18 - Volleyball games - JV1, JV3, C1, C3 @ Romig - 5:15pm

Mears Parents and Guardians

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

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

⇐ Backman Recommends ⇒

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

How Parents Can Help Their Kids With Studying

Advice that teachers can share with the parents of middle and high school students about how to get the most out of time spent studying.

By **Blake Harvard**

October 31, 2019



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Mears Families,

Students have recently received their grades for the first quarter. Though many students are doing exceptionally well, a number show real room for improvement academically. With the increased workload and multiple classes that middle school offers, one of the biggest challenges for students in 7th and 8th grade is learning how to complete homework and to study effectively for tests and quizzes. Parents can play an important role in supporting students as they develop these vital skills. Edutopia offers some helpful strategies for parents looking to support students' study habits. --Eric

[How Parents Can Help Their Kids Study/Edutopia](#)



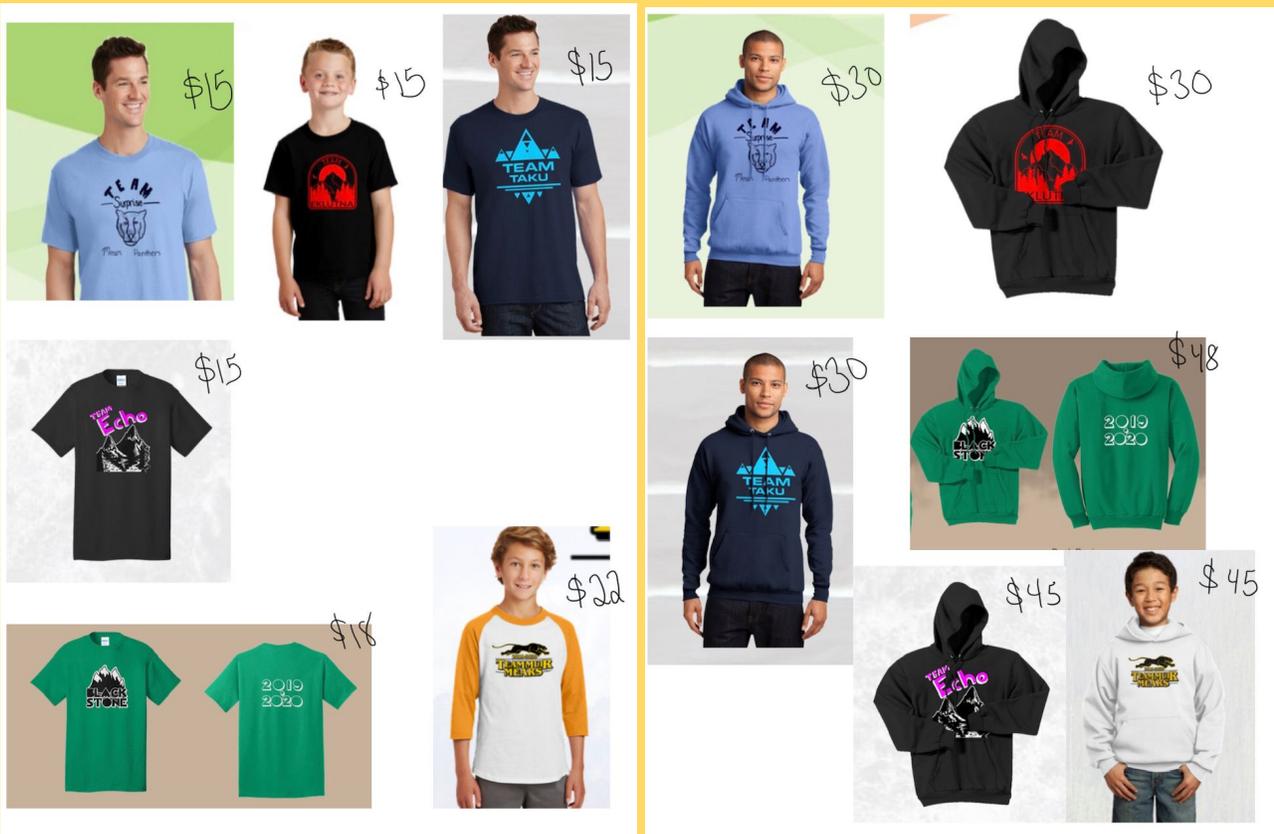
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PTSA

TEAM SPIRIT WEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER VISIT WWW.MEARSP TSA.COM.

Turn in order forms to the school store or place in the PTSA box in the main office.

Pre-Order by Nov. 12.





Team Raven will be on a dark gray hoodie or t-shirt.



Reflections Art Contest has begun.

For more information visit www.MearsPTSA.com

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

New items in the School Store available for purchase..

*Metal Water Bottles \$15, "Pop Sockets" Phone Stand \$5, New gray T Shirts,
More gray Hoodies. We also have Mints w/ Lip Balm \$4.*



4th Annual Holiday Bazaar is November 2.

THIS SATURDAY!!! Over 40 vendors. Band will be performing at 12pm and 1 pm.

CALL FOR ACTION AT 100th and Victor /Southport Intersection

**Please consider attending the Bayshore Community Council Meeting
November 14 at 7pm in the Bayshore Clubhouse. MOA needs to hear from
the community about the support for a Light here.**

Autobiographical Portraits



Great self-portraits of 7th graders are currently displayed above the lockers on the first floor of campus. If you look carefully, one can see handwriting inside the sunglasses, where students have shared important insights about what makes each of them unique.

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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