



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mears Fall Concert Musical Showcase



On Tuesday, Oct. 29, three of Mears' outstanding musical groups performed for a wonderful and well attended night of music and fun. The annual Fall concert featured Mears' jazz, concert and orchestra ensembles. Congratulations to Mr. Richard Zelinsky, Mr. Matthew O'Conner, and Mr. Shawn Campbell on their fine instruction and inspiration. Music programs are flourishing at Mears thanks to all the wonderful musicians, their families, and teachers...and because of lots of dedication and hard work!

Mears Stands Up to Bullying



Congratulations to Mears' Student Advisory Board leaders who gave presentations at the Mears/PTSA's Bullying Prevention Community Education Night on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Pictured here are Rihana Poshka (7th grade) and Maria Atoigue (8th grade), two of seven student speakers who prepared and delivered passionate and well researched presentations to those in attendance. Mears is proud of the work these students, along with so many others, are doing to make a stand against bullying in our school community. Go Panthers!



Special thanks go out to Mr. Brent Haugen, Mr. Doug Williams, Ms. Tara Bivins, and Mr. Mike Scott who lead small focus group discussions at the Bullying Prevention event. Topics covered included: Words Matter, Cyberbullying, School Rules, Support at Home, and See Something, Say Something. These teachers' efforts are representative of the entire staff's commitment to being attentive and vigilant in our school's stand against bullying.

Welcome to the Library



Every day at lunch time, a large group of students come to the library, where they enjoy the opportunity to socialize and study. Ms. Heather Fleming, Mears librarian, has done tremendous work to create an educational environment that is both fun and focused, where Mears students feel welcome to be themselves while getting work done.

The Martian Has Landed!



Thanks to the generosity of Mears' PTSA--who donated \$25,000 in teacher grants this year--teachers throughout the campus are now receiving new materials and supplies. For example, teachers in the science department have just ordered classes sets of the best-selling novel, *The Martian*, by Andy Weir. Library staff are busy covering the books before they are distributed to students. A big thanks to Mears' PTSA!

PE Introduces Badminton



Coach Dennis Sorenson introduced students in PE classes to the fun and challenging sport of badminton. After reviewing the rules of racquet safety, Coach Sorenson offered a series of tips on hitting, serving, and rallying.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Saturday, Nov 2 - Mears Holiday Bazaar - 10am-2pm

Friday, Nov 8 - Veteran's Day Assembly - 9am

Monday, Nov 11 - Inservice - NO SCHOOL

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

Thursday, Nov 14 - Staff Mtg - 3pm

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

Mears Parents and Guardians

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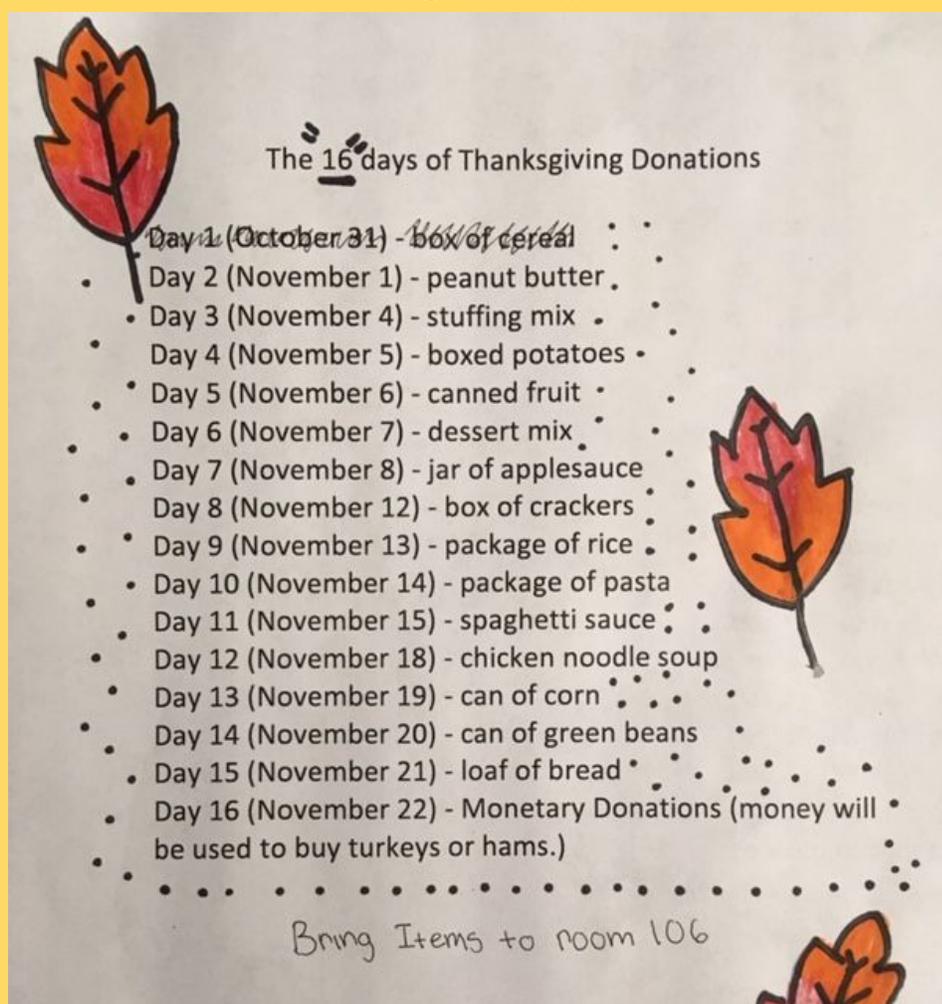
Wednesday, Nov 6 - Wrestling Match @ Dimond HS - 5pm-7pm

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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. If you go out this weekend for a little shopping, please consider picking up a few of the items listed above and bring them in to Room 106. Mears Service Learning students will be organizing donated goods into Thanksgiving gift baskets for delivery before Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your generosity.

--Eric

As Winter Approaches... Think Student Safety

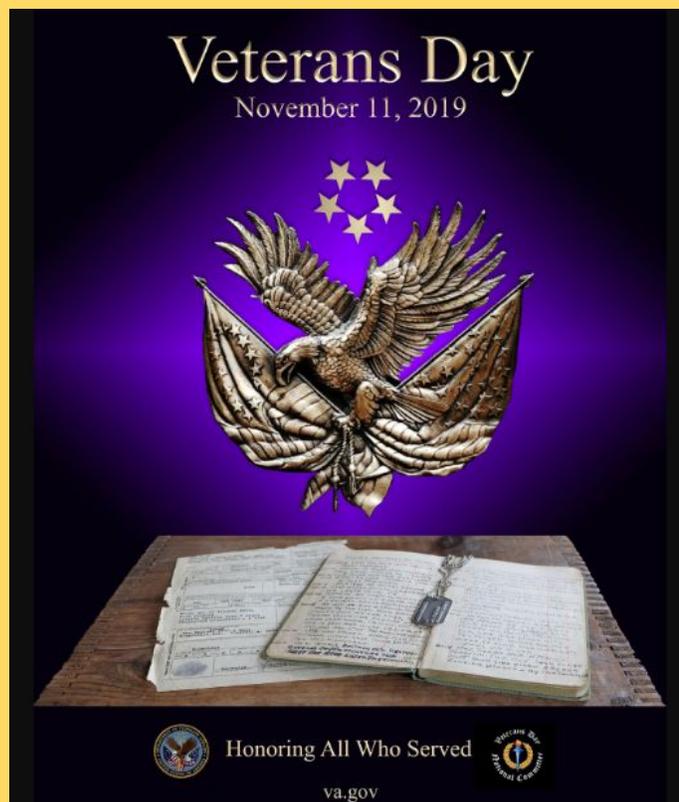


Students arriving in the dark at Mears at 8:00am.

A few important safety reminders, now that winter is nearly upon us:

- Students should wear bright colored or reflective clothing in the mornings so drivers can see them as they walk or ride to school.
- Students are required to wear close-toes shoes beginning Monday, Oct. 21 until the end of 3rd quarter in the Spring.
- Mears administrators are working with the ASD Maintenance Team to ensure that the campus and its surrounding pathways are well illuminated when it is dark.

Mears To Host Veteran's Day Assembly, Nov. 8th



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Monday, November 11, 2019 is Veteran's Day. Mears Middle School will have an assembly on Friday, Nov. 8th to recognize our veterans. Family members who are veterans and/or active military personnel are invited to attend. Additionally, part of the assembly will include a slideshow. If you would like a photo of a veteran in your family to be included, please email the photo and the related student(s) name, grade and the name and title of the veteran to:

middleton_nick@asdk12.org

(Email Subject: Veteran's Day)

Please send photos by Friday, Oct. 25. Photos will not be accepted after Oct. 25. Thank you.

--Nick Middleton, Social Studies, 8

⇐ Backman Recommends ⇒



Mears Families,

November is referred to American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate diverse cultures and traditions! Mears is an incredibly diverse school, with students from a wide array of different backgrounds and traditions. It is worth noting that 22% of students at Mears have indigenous Indian and/or Alaskan Native roots. Such diversity is one of the greatest assets of our school community and is cause for recognition and celebration.

Be sure to check out the PBS programing this month with its special film series on Native American Heritage. --Eric

[Native American Heritage Month--PBS Special](#)



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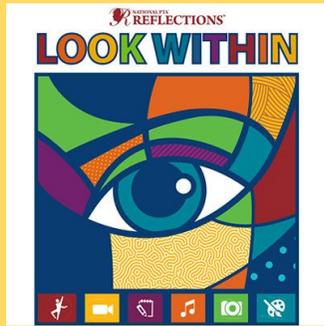
PTSA

Team Spirit WEAR is now available for pre-order visit www.MearsPTSA.com to purchase a T-Shirt \$15, Hoodie \$45 or stickers \$5 each.

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

Pre-Order by Nov. 12.





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.**

Happy Halloween



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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