



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, October 25, 2019

Mears Hosts Student-led Conferences



On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Mears hosted its annual student-led conferences for the Fall semester. With the first quarter having ended last week, the conferences provide an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to communicate directly with their teachers about their progress and goals for the year. Students led the conferences by presenting to their parents portfolios filled with examples of assignments and projects. Students focused on key accomplishments and learning goals, while parents were given the opportunity to meet with collaborative teams and elective teachers. Pictured here are teachers, parents and students from Team Raven. Go Panthers!

Panthers Prep for Conferences



Students throughout Mears' campus were busy preparing for this week's student-led conferences. Pictured here are two students from Team Raven, who are organizing their portfolios to share with parents on Wednesday and Thursday.

Family Connections



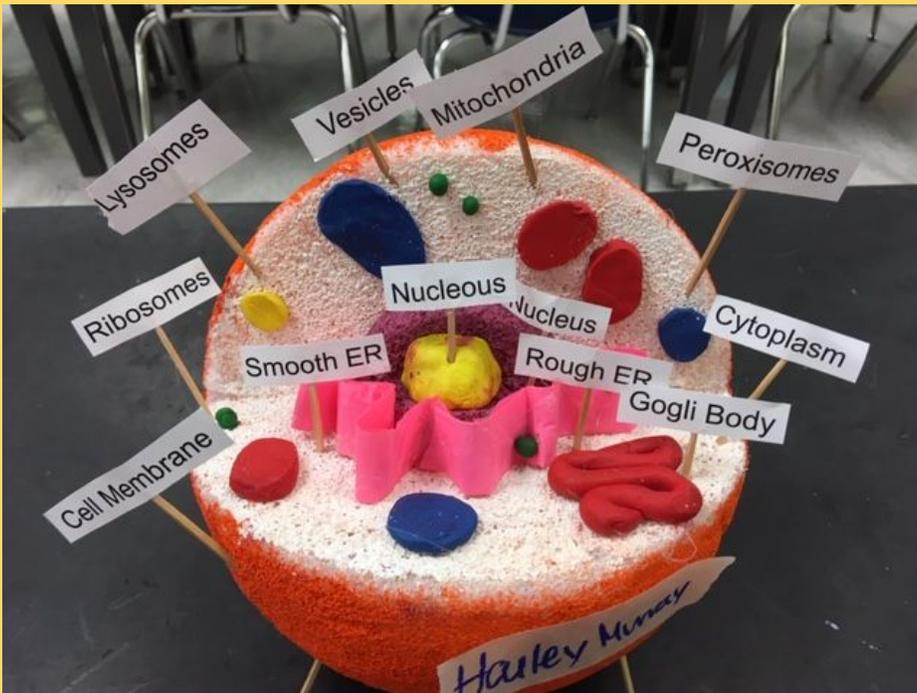
During student-led conferences this week, many students and their parents and guardians were able to connect with Mears teachers and staff. Close ties between school staff and the families we serve at Mears can help lead to greater student success in school. Pictured here is 8th grade student, Ryan Embley, his Mom and Dad, and Ms. Kat Yackel, Ryan's art teacher.

Investigating Phenomena



Mears science teachers are showcasing daily science demonstrations and experiments that encourage students to explore phenomena. Pictured here are students captivated by a recent demonstration in Mr. James McDonald's 8th grade science class on decomposition.

Cell Structure



Students in Ms. Callie Wilder's science classes are studying a unit on cellular biology. As shown here, they are building models of cells, that include labels for each part of a cell's structure.

My Teacher Rocks



Congratulations to Mr. Doug Williams, who was recognized by his 7th grade student, Rex Brimhall, as “his favorite teacher.” Northern Smiles Orthodontics, who sponsors the “My Teacher Rocks” program, generously provided a pizza lunch to Rex’s 7th period class to celebrate.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Friday, Oct 25 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher training

Tuesday, Oct 29 - Fall Music Concert - 7pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Mears/PTSA Anti-Bullying Community Education Night, 6:30-8:00pm

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

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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.

As Winter Approaches... Think Student Safety

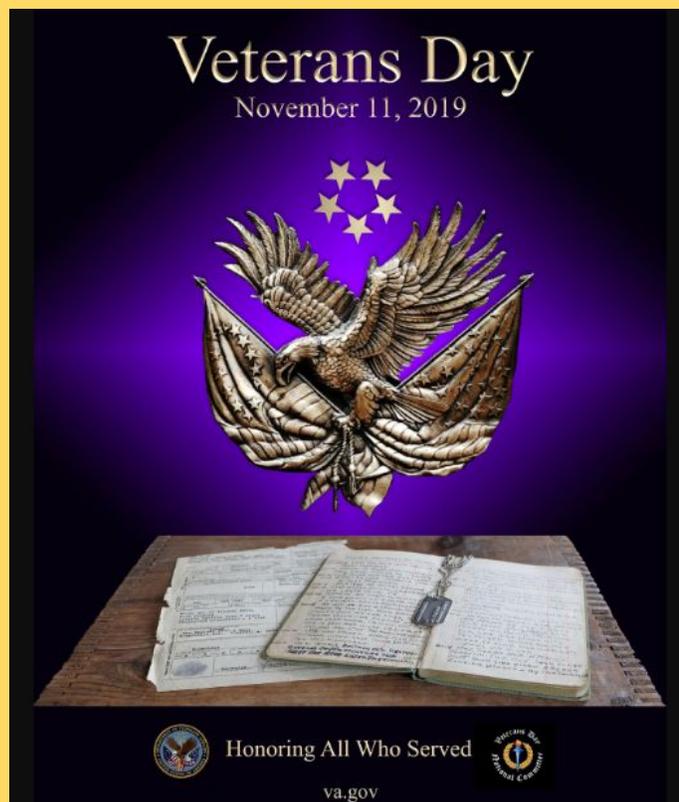


Students arriving in the dark at Mears at 8:00am.

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 ⇐

What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone hurts or scares another person repeatedly.



The behavior is never appropriate and is intentional. This repeated and hurtful act includes: name calling, inflicting physical pain, exclusion, public humiliation, hurtful pranks and defacing one's property. Bullying involves an imbalance of power.

The innocent one being bullied feels alone, depressed and scared and feels they have nowhere to turn.

Bullying includes:.

- Calling someone hurtful and derogatory names
- Spreading lies and bad rumors about someone
- Being mean and teasing someone
- Hitting, punching, shoving, spitting and physically hurting someone
- Social exclusion or isolation ... not including someone in a group
- Getting certain kids or teens to "gang up" on others
- Having money or other things taken or damaged
- Being threatened or being forced to do things

Mears Parents and Guardians,

Our focus this month is on anti-bullying. At Mears, we are committed to creating the safest and most inclusive school community possible. To this end, Mears and PTSA are hosting a Community Education Night this Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 6:30-8:00pm. The event will focus on a variety of important topics, including: cyberbullying, supporting students at home, school rules and education code, and the power of words.

I encourage all Mears parents and guardians to have conversations about bullying with your student. And please, if you are aware of a situation involving bullying at school or online, be sure to inform a staff member at Mears. All of us need to Stand Up and Stomp Out Bullying!

Checkout online resources at the Stomp Out Bullying website.

<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/get-help/about-bullying-and-cyberbullying/what-bullying/>

--Eric



Anti Bully Awareness Parent Night Oct 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Mears parents, please consider joining us for an informational night on Anti-Bullying. Planning on attending? Please RSVP here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAEA72EABFB6-antibully>

If the link doesn't work visit www.mearsptsa.com

Pizza will be served to those that RSVP. There will be extra pizza that is limited availability.

Topics Covered: 1) Cyber Bullying 2) School Rules 3) Words Matter 4) Home Support 5) See Something, Say Something

*Starting with this event, for every Family Engagement event you attend this year, your family will be entered to win Tickets for 2 adults to go Gray Whale Watching by Major Marine Tours in 2020. Drawing will take place at the end of the school year.

Reflections Art Contest has begun to see 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 starting during conferences.
Metal Water Bottles \$15, "Pop Sockets" Phone Stand \$5, New gray T Shirts, More gray Hoodies.

TEAM SPIRIT WEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER VISIT WWW.MEARSP TSA.COM TO PURCHASE A T-SHIRT \$15, HOODIE \$45 OR STICKERS \$5 EACH.

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

4th Annual Holiday Bazaar is November 2.

Do you or your spouse, child have a business and would like to reserve a booth? Is your child going to Costa Rica or Washington, D.C. and need to do fundraising? To reserve a spot visit www.mearsptsa.com (click on the Holiday Bazaar image). We would love to see food trucks, games, student entrepreneurs, hand crafted items, musical performances, dance performances, Santa Claus, Photo Booth. Does this sound like something you would like to do? Booths are \$30 Business/Vendors, \$10 for student fundraisers

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.

Celebrate Youth Artists



Mears 8th grader, Jazlene Aaliyah Operana, painted this beautiful moose in Ms. Kat Yackel's class recently. This artwork was showcased in Jazlene's portfolio during student-led conferences this week.

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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