



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Friday, October 4, 2019

The Power of Persuasion



The Motion: Do violent video games cause violence? What are the causes of violence in today's world? Should violence in music or movies be restricted or banned? Who is responsible for monitoring youth who play violent video games?

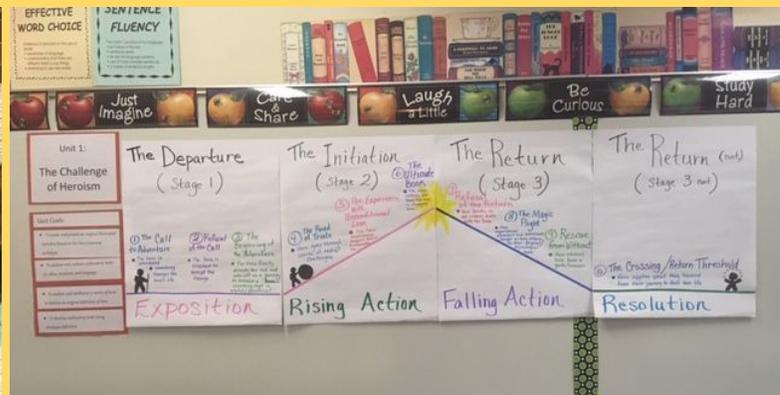
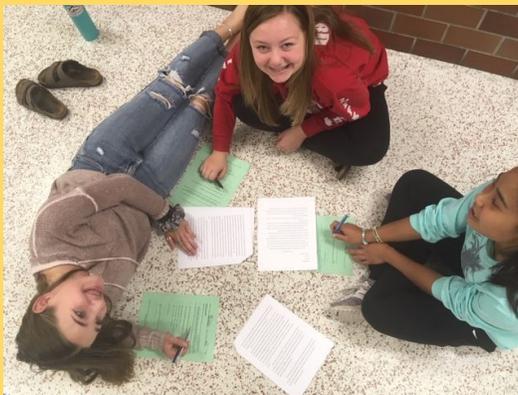
These are some of the challenging questions that students in Mr. Nick Middleton's and Ms. Sally Pak's debate classes tackled last week during a formal public debate competition held in the library. Students in these classes are learning essential communication and evidence gathering skills, along with the power of persuasive speech.

Elements in Order: March



Science 8 teacher, Mr. Ben Armentrout, led a spirited “March of the Elements” on Tuesday morning. An introduction to the periodic table, students called out each of the elements in order as they marched the perimeter of the school building.

Create Your Own Hero



Language Arts teachers, Ms. Lisa Peckman, Ms. Mia Sison, and Ms. Sally Pak, are teaching a collaborative lesson on The Hero’s Journey. The culminating assignment for students in these classes is to write a fictional story about a hero of their own creation. The lesson is a part of a larger unit about heroes and heroism from SpringBoard, a Language Arts curriculum which is being piloted at Mears this year. Next year, SpringBoard will be taught at all middle schools throughout the entire district.

Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:00am-12:00pm



Students in Mears' Service Learning class are hosting a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:00am-noon. Come join us and help clean up the Mears neighborhood and build community. Alaska Waste, along with other local organizations are donating supplies necessary for a safe and fun clean up operation.

The Panther Spirit



A group of boys cross country runners gathered together to cheer on the 8th grade girls as they began their race last week at Kincaid Park. This was a fantastic display of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Thursday Oct 10 - Staff Meeting - 3pm

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Mears Community Clean Up, 9:00am - noon

Mears Parents and Guardians

Wednesday, Oct 2 - Cross country Running Meet @ Kincaid - 5pm

- Girls Basketball - JV & V @ Romig - 6pm

Monday, Oct 7 - Wrestling BEGINS 3pm-4:30pm

- Girls Basketball Tournament TBA

Thursday, Oct 10 - Cross Country Running Championships @ Kincaid - 1:30am

- Girls Basketball Tournament TBA

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Mears Community Clean Up, 9:00am - noon

Saturday, Oct 12 - Tomo No Kai Fall Family Dinner - 6:30pm Mears MPR (See Information Below)

Monday, Oct 14 - Volleyball BEGINS 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday, Oct 16 - School Dance - 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, Oct 17 - Picture Retakes

- PTSA Mtg 6:30pm

Friday, Oct 18 - NO SCHOOL - Inservice

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



Mears National Junior Honor Society Announcement

A message for parents of 8th graders:

Mears' National Junior Honor Society is now accepting applications for membership. NJHS is a great organization that promotes the five pillars of academic scholarship, community service, leadership, character development, and active citizenship. Mears' NJHS is looking for a strong group of students committed to representing our fine school. If your 8th grader is interested in joining, please encourage them to attend an informational meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 9, hosted by Ms. Lambert and Ms. Klueber in Room 212. Applications will be available in the Main Office.

2019 TNK Fall Dinner Meal Orders

Fall Dinner is coming on October 12th and it is time to order meal tickets. YUM!

Meals are only sold online through pre-order. You can use the link below, or go to Tomonokai.org and click on Fall Dinner. Ordering is quick and easy!

The deadline to order is Tuesday, October 8th.

Meal options include: Vegetable Udon Noodle Soup, Teriyaki Chicken Bento, Teriyaki Salmon Bento, or California roll. See the website for details on each option.

[Purchase TNK Fall Dinner Tickets](#)

⇐ *Backman Recommends* ⇒

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

15 Questions to Replace 'How Was School Today?'

These questions will help you draw out important information from your kids.

By [Elena Aguilar](#)

October 26, 2016



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Mears Parents and Guardians,

Here are 15 questions and conversation starters to use with your kids to talk about their school day. Talking about school with your kids is a great way to remind them that their education is important. --Eric

[15 Questions for Parents to Ask Kids](#)



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PTSA

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

The next event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30pm and will focus on Anti-Bullying. Please mark your calendars for this important community gathering.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you're interested email us volunteercoordinator@mearsptsa.com

4th Annual Holiday Bazaar is November 2.

Do you, your spouse or your child have a business and would like to reserve a booth? 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?

Mears students need your support. Here's how you can help improve student and pedestrian safety at the 100th and Victor intersection.

For the last several years I have been in meetings with ASD and MOA about the 100th and Victor Intersection. I have approached them to add a pedestrian activated crosswalk or traffic light active during the busy hours (before and after school and rush hour). I am now being told that I need community support. If you could please take this survey I would greatly appreciate it. Within the last 3 YEARS 4 Mears Students have been hit trying to cross this intersection.

<https://forms.gle/pDg9Jm3LR7gA9dQaA>



KTUU has also come and reported a news story on this issue as well:

<https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Anchorage-mother-calling-for-safer-student-walking-routes-560936091.html?fbclid=IwAR37JzE1oPIdJH7Q4IwV-rJMjKIHMcBElvWfu6HSubRDGnMooCDbNdD7r1M>

Facebook group for this intersection is:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/848171765540783/?ref=br_rs&fb_dtsg_ag=AQxhIkJ_rN2V-pyc9iw_oalvY4CiOyMs2d9QTSrHT5pw4gQ%3AAQzyUXQbmlz34Gklv94TqnFF0K0ZmSGWMMMEVktGCwflsuA&jazoest=28028

If you would like to write a letter in support of a traffic light. Please include Name, Address (showing which community you reside in), Phone or email and what you support. You can drop the letter off at Mears or mail it to the school 2700 w 100th Ave Anchorage, AK 99515 address it to April Eide- PTSA

Mears Supports Community Health



Congratulations and thank you to Mears School Nurse Daniel Booher, who organized the highly successful community flu shot service on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Six medical professionals were on hand at Mears and gave 150 community members flu shots for the winter season. Mears Middle School is committed to being a great community partner.

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](#)