



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Special Back to School: Friday, August 16, 2019

Mears PTSA Earns National Recognition



Last week, Mears Middle School's PTSA was recognized as a School of Excellence, a prestigious award that symbolizes incredible work as a national leader in creating strong family-school partnerships. Congratulations to April Eide, Mears' PTSA President, along with Melissa Williams and Jocelyn Smith, for their amazing leadership. In recognizing Mears PTSA, the National PTA has written, "At Mears Middle School families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success and PTSA is a key partner for continuous school improvement. Congratulations to Mears PTSA and the entire Mears school community. Together, and in partnership, we can do incredible work to support all of our students as they learn and grow in middle school and beyond. PTSA will meet next week, Thursday, August 22 from 6:30-8:00pm in the library. --Eric

Panther Camp Success



New 7th graders gathered in the MPR for Panther Camp this week. Led by Megan Perkins, Mears PE teacher, a number of staff and student leadership volunteers led hundreds of Mears newest students in a series of orientation activities to support their transition into their new school.

School Resource Officers Support Mears



School Resources Officers Cyndi Addington and Mark Wells dropped by Mears on Thursday to greet teachers and staff. Cyndi and Mark, along with APD, are critical partners with Mears as we work together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students.

Stay Informed/Get Involved

Mears Teachers and Staff

Friday August 16 -- ASD Cross District Professional Development Day at the following locations:

- ELA, Math, Science, SS, SPED Resource, ELL, AKSD, CTE Teachers, Indian Ed Community Tutors and Counselors: West High Auditorium: 8:00-11:00 AM (remainder of day at school site)
- Secondary World Language Teachers: Bartlett High School-Band Room, 8:00-3:30 PM
- SPED Special Program teachers (Structured learning, Life Skills, Affective Education: Bartlett High School (tentative), 8:00-11:00 AM (remainder of day at school site)
- Librarians: East High Library and East High Library Annex, 8:00-3:30 PM
- K-12 Nurses: ASD Ed Center Tech 1 and 2; Bartlett HS room 225; Wendler; Hanshew (tentative: check with administration on August 15th)
- Fine Arts: Service High School Auditorium, 8:00-3:30 PM
- Related Services: See schedule for elementary and secondary PD

Monday, August 19 -- Mears PD and Teacher Work Day, meet in the library at 8:00am

Monday, August 19 -- Staff Photos, 9:00-12:00

Tuesday, August 20 -- First Day of School

Mears Parents and Guardians

Tuesday, August 20 -- **First Day of School!**

Wednesday, August 21 - Cross Country Running BEGINS - 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, August 22 - PTSA Meeting - 6:30 pm in the Library

Monday, August 26 - Girls Basketball & Soccer BEGIN - 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, August 29 - School Photos

Monday, Sept 2 - HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Sept 5 - Open House 6:30pm

School Registration has begun!!

All students must register prior to the beginning of school!!

If your student is returning, registration is available online through Q ParentConnection, until August 23rd. Password and pin numbers are available by calling the school office, 742-6420, 7am-3pm daily.

If your student is new to the district or you do not have computer access, you will need to enroll in person at Mears.

Documents to bring for New-to-the-District students are: current immunization records, birth certificate (copy), unofficial transcripts from former school, and proof of residency, such as two utility bills or a purchase agreement with your residence address. Person other than the legal guardian who is registering children should bring proof of temporary guardianship. Current IEP and Eligibility Reports required if applicable.



Documents to bring for Current ASD students transferring schools: proof of residency, such as two utility bills or a purchase agreement with your residence address. Anyone other than the legal guardian registering students should bring proof of temporary guardianship. **Returning students must clear all fines/charges incurred in any ASD school before they can activate their class schedule.** Please be prepared to return books or pay fines/fees.

Be sure to visit the link: [Plan Ahead for a Successful Start at Mears](#)

Fall Sports....

Cross Country Running - 8/22-10/11

Soccer (no fee) - 8/26-9/20

Girls Basketball - 8/26-10/11

Archery I (no fee) - 9/16-10/11

If your student is participating in a fall sport the following items are required:

1. Current physical (within the last 18 mos.)
2. A completed participation form
3. Fee for interscholastic sport, \$110 (cash/check) or a receipt of payment made online
OR a completed and approved fee waiver.

All forms are available on the ASD website or the Mears office.



SAVE TIME AND PREORDER YOUR STUDENTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES TODAY. Pre-Order school supply kits are a great hit this year. There is still time to pre-order. Visit our website to order school supply kits.



\$30 40 items (no binder)
 \$45 41 items (inc. 3" binder)
 \$55 41 items (inc. 3" Zipper Binder-color of your choice)

This is a generic list that fits all teams. Electives and teams may require additional supplies.

Supplies Included:

3" Zipper Binder (Case-It) (Black. Blue, Pink or Purple) (optional) 3" Black Binder (optional) 6 pk- mechanical pencils (office depot brand) 3 pk additional lead Ruler Pencil Sharpener 4 pk- Red Pens (papermate) 4 pk- Black Pens (papermate)	4 pk- Blue Pens (papermate) Colored Pencils (crayola) 6 pk- highlighters (office depot) 2 pk- college ruled loose leaf paper 4- college ruled composition notebooks 3 pk- erasers zipper pencil case 5 tab pocket dividers
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-Purchases between August 12 through August 18th can be picked up on the first day of school. August 20th.

-Any purchases between August 19th and September 21st please allow 2 days for pick up. Purchases will need to be picked up in the Black Cat Cafe.

While purchasing supplies, don't forget to support Mears PTSA by signing up for your PTSA membership for \$10. Keep in mind when becoming a member it does not mean you have to volunteer. Although we are currently recruiting volunteers for the Black Cat Cafe (formerly known as the school store).

Want to help the school earn more money at no extra cost to you?

Added benefits for Mears Middle School and the PTSA. If you shop at any of these places be sure to use the links provided or sync up your rewards card to Mears Middle School PTSA

Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

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

Fred Meyer Community Rewards: Login into your account from a computer or web app (not phone apps) and add Mears Middle School to your Community Rewards program. It's that simple. FAQs <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-9>

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BLACK CAT CAFÉ & SCHOOL STORE. To see the volunteer opportunities and sign up visit www.MearsPSTA.com

Memory Book Pre Ordering can be done through www.ybpay.com and school id is **13921120**

Don't forget to join us on August 22nd at 6:30pm for our first general meeting. We will be voting on the budget. To vote you must be a member.

Everyone that becomes a member by Open House in September will be entered into a drawing for a free memory book. We will also be doing a membership drive where teams will be competing against one another.

Thank you for supporting the Mears PTSA.

April Eide

Mears PTSA President

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www.mearsptsa.com

www.Facebook.com/MearsPTSA

<http://rmd.me/b?rid=52215806>

PTSA Sponsors Staff Breakfast



Special thanks goes out to all the PTSA volunteers who made arrangements to serve breakfast to Mears teachers and staff on August 15, the teachers' first day back in their classrooms.



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](#)