



Mears Middle School

# Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Friday, August 7, 2020

## *Mears Hosts Community Meetings*



Schedule: Mike

Monday, Friday (Wednesdays are eLearning "Utility" Day)

8:45 - 10:15am 1st Block  
10:25 - 11:15 2nd Block  
11:15 - 11:30 Nutrition Break  
11:30 - 12:20 2nd Block continued  
12:30 - 2:00 3rd Block

- Students must log into their classes at the beginning of each session.
- Attendance will be taken.
- Teachers will offer direct instruction for 30-45 minutes.
- Remainder of class period will be dedicated to work completion, study, discussion, Q & A, small group work, activities...
- Student work will be assessed and graded.

On Thursday and Friday this week, Mears hosted two community meetings for students and families. Both events were well attended, with a number of Mears staff present as well. Mears staff presented an overview of the upcoming school year, including information about health and safety, school enrollment options, classes and scheduling, and support services offered at Mears. Most importantly, Mears staff were able to share with students and families their commitment to providing the very best education possible for all students. Go Panthers!

Dear Mears Families,

Special thanks goes out to all the students and families who attended this week's community meetings. I appreciate your participation and all the great questions posed about the upcoming school year. We are committed to doing our very best to provide accurate and timely information to our families throughout the school year. As new questions arise, please do not hesitate to let us know. Meanwhile, I will continue to share updates every Friday in *Panther Pride News*. --Eric

## Important Updates:

### **Panther Camp is Next Week!**

Be sure that your student(s) attend Mears Panther Camp! This fun school orientation event has been planned by Mears teachers and will give students the opportunity to get to know staff, take a virtual tour of the school, review important information about classes and the new school schedule, and get to connect with other students at Mears.

We strongly encourage all students to attend.

#### **7th Grade Panther Camp:**

Time: Aug 11, 2020 09:30 AM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/94927779766?pwd=MzhBQ2hGWXpjNWIPMmM0UTYyL1R5UT09>

Meeting ID: 949 2777 9766

Passcode: 413728

#### **8th Grade Panther Camp:**

Time: Aug 12, 2020 09:30 AM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/97808441489?pwd=cTFMcVVFTmdhVU5Vd2lvYzIqMXJiZz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0844 1489

Passcode: 685237

## At a Glance: Enrollment Options for 2020-21

	ASD In-School	ASD Virtual	ASD Homeschool
Teachers	Mears certificated staff	ASD certificated	Parents, ASD Certificated, Online Instructors, Paideia, Frontier <i>Family Partnership is FULL</i>
Curriculum	ASD teacher designed	APEX and eDynamics	Highly customized, determined by the Homeschool
Learning Environment	Synchronous (real time) and asynchronous Virtual in high risk/ In school in med/low risk	Asynchronous Virtual	Virtual and on-site, customized
Online Platform	Canvas	APEX and eDynamics	Customized
Services and Support	Collaborative Teams, School counselors, nurse, Special Ed, English Language Learners, Migrant Ed, Indian Ed, Activities	School counselors, nurse, Special Ed, English Language Learners, Migrant Ed, Indian Ed, Activities	Parents, Family Site-based academic advisor
Course schedule	3 classes per quarter (2 core, 1 elective) 4 quarters per school year	3 classes per quarter (2 core, 1 elective) 4 quarters per school year	Determined by family and school

If you are considering options other than ASD's "In-School" program, here is the link to information about both the Virtual and Homeschool choices.

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/15662>

### ASD Technology Distribution Begins Next Week:

If your student needs a Chromebook device and/or internet connectivity, please send an email to Ms. Ava Goodman, Administrative Assistant, at Mears. You can call her as well. We will submit an application for technology on your behalf.

[goodman\\_ava@asdk12.org](mailto:goodman_ava@asdk12.org)

907-742-6400

Let's be sure that every student at Mears has the technology they need to fully access the curriculum and to be completely connected to their teachers and classmates!

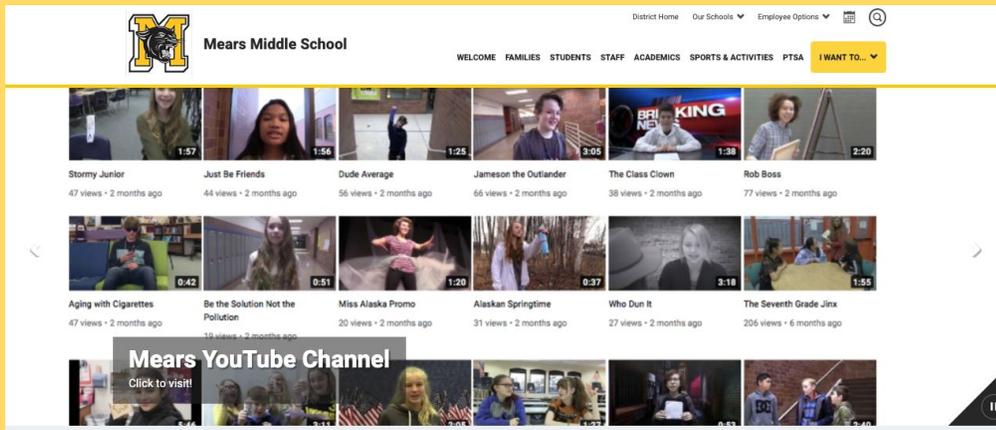
### Mears Counseling Services:



Mears counselors will return to school on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Be sure to visit their webpage, which includes important contact information.

<https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4978>

## Mears Website:



Mears students and families are encouraged to visit [Mears Middle School Website](#) regularly, as we continue to update information to support our community during this challenging time.



## Memory Books Update

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mears Memory Books ordered last Spring still have yet to arrive from the printer. Mears PTSA anticipates that the books will arrive sometime in August. Once they are here, we will coordinate a distribution plan and get them out to all the families that placed an order. Thank you for your continued patience.

## Order School Supply Kits Now

Mears PTSA will be offering pre-orders of school supply kits. This was a bit hit last year, so we want to offer it again. Watch Mears PTSA Facebook page for when the order link goes live. Email [MearsMS.PTSA@gmail.com](mailto:MearsMS.PTSA@gmail.com).

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# Mears PTSA Leadership Positions Available

One of the best ways you can support students and teachers at Mears is to volunteer for PTSA Leadership.

**WANT TO BE PRESIDENT? 1ST VICE PRESIDENT?  
2ND VICE PRESIDENT? SECRETARY? TREASURER?**

Nominations for next year's board are now being accepted. If you are interested, email us your nomination form which can be found on our website [www.mearsptsa.com](http://www.mearsptsa.com) Our current board is termed out and has students that are moving on to High School. We need great leaders to help keep Mears PTSA running strong.

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## 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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