



Mears Middle School

Panther Pride News

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, and Academic Excellence

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mears Welcomes ALL Students!



Ms. Heather Fleming, Mears Librarian, assists students with their new combination locks during Panther Camp earlier this week. Mears teachers and staff are thrilled to welcome back to school all students for this exciting new year of school. **Go Panthers!**

Community Gathering Video

Mears Commitments

At Mears,

- ★ We guarantee a dynamic educational program designed to prepare students for college, careers, and life.
- ★ We focus on academics, AND social and emotional growth.
- ★ We value the diversity of our students and families and seek to build strong and positive relationships throughout our school.
- ★ We collaborate to support every Mears student.
- ★ We commit every day to the health and safety of all students and their families.



Mears Families,

Thank you to all who were able to join with us on Wednesday, Aug. 11, for the online Beginning of Year Community Gathering. For those who were unable to attend, here are the links to download the video recording of the event. Enjoy. --Eric

[Link to Download Community Gathering Video](#)

[iCloud Community Gathering Video Link](#)

First Day/Special Announcements

- School begins on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:15am.
- Student drop off is on the east side of the school building. Please be patient and drop your student off curbside next to the multiuse room.
- For information about ASD bus transportation, please visit <https://busroutes.asdk12.org/Students/BasicTransBoundarySearch.aspx>
- Student class schedules can be accessed on Parent Connect.
- To ensure the highest level of community health, all students and staff are required to wear masks while at school. Please visit: [COVID Mitigation & Precautions](#)

- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Students may use small backpacks to carry their personal items.
- Students will receive their locker assignments on the first day of school. Combination locks are provided by Mears.
- Chromebooks or other laptops are not required during the first few days of school. Announcements will be made soon about Chromebooks and classroom computer use.
- Students will not be required to dress for PE on the first day of school. PE teachers will provide information concerning PE clothing and other requirements during the first week of school.

School Bell Schedule

Mears Middle School Bell Schedule	
DAILY BELL SCHEDULE	ASSEMBLY BELL SCHEDULE
<i>Warning Bell 8:10</i>	
1 8:15-9:05	1 8:15-8:55
2 9:10-9:55	ASSEMBLY 9:00-9:40
3 10:00-10:45	2 9:45-10:25
LUNCH A 10:50-11:20	3 10:30-11:10
4 10:50-11:35	LUNCH A 11:15-11:45
4 11:25-12:10	4 11:15-11:55
LUNCH B 11:40-12:10	LUNCH B 12:00-12:30
5 12:15-1:00	4 11:50-12:30
6 1:05-1:50	5 12:35-1:15
7 1:55-2:45	6 1:20-2:00
	7 2:05-2:45

Activities at Mears Middle School



2021/22 Mears Middle School Activities & Sports

At this point, we look forward to fully implementing all of our sports and activities during the 2021/22. While we will likely still have some of our mitigation strategies in place, we are excited to offer interscholastic opportunities, with students traveling to other middle schools for contests. Additionally, we will have a number of intramural activities, which will occur entirely at Mears. Please take a moment to review the 21-22 schedule attached to this email. In preparation for next year's sign ups, we've included the information below regarding paperwork submission. Have a great summer!

Families must fill out the following forms for students to participate in sports:

- Middle School Participation Form
- COVID-19 Supplemental Waiver of Liability
- Health Examination Form

Added to these forms, if a student has tested positive for COVID-19 in the three months prior to the activity, families should fill out the **COVID-19 Return-To-Sports** form.

Forms can be scanned and emailed to our AAFP: spartz-hays_robin@asdk12.org or dropped off at the school by your student near the main office between periods 1 and 2: designated basket supervised by Ms. Spartz-Hays.

Visit Mears website for all activities updates and information:

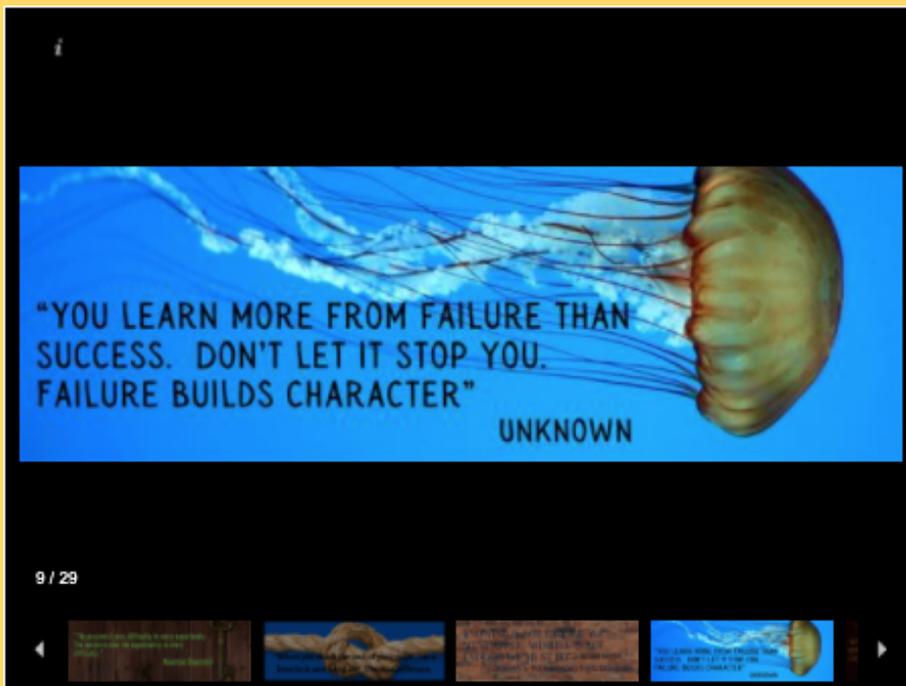
<https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4260>

Mears Counseling Corner

If you need any beginning-of-year assistance, please fill out a HELP Ticket:
<https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4978>

Class Schedule Announcement:

Mears counselors continue to work very hard to create class schedules that best meet the needs and interests of all of our students. We are very excited to announce that Mears enrollment is quite full this year, and as a result flexibility with scheduling is limited. In terms of elective courses, if students did not get their first choice, we encourage everyone to keep an open mind and to recognize that one of the purposes of middle school is to expose students to a variety of learning experiences and subject areas. So keep an open mindset and give the class a try. Students may find a new subject that they are really good at and passionate about!



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PTSA Volunteer Needs & Upcoming Meetings

We are actively recruiting for Volunteers and for Open Board Seats and hope that you will join us! We specifically need volunteers for the following:

- Committee Members for the 8th Grade Graduation Celebration
- Open Vice President Position
- Open Board Secretary Position
- Yearbook Sales Promotion & Distribution
- Social Media Coordinator
- School Store & Merchandise

Are you interested in supporting Mears PTSA as a volunteer? If you'd like to learn more, please fill out this brief survey:

[Mears PTSA Volunteer Interest Form, 2021-22](#)

Panthers Summit Marathon!



Earlier this summer, Ellyn Brown and Chad Resari, 85, had fantastic finishes in Seward's famous and grueling Mount Marathon race. Mr. Resari had an incredible race this year and is now the oldest winner on record. Both athletes are former Mears Panthers and are an inspiration to us all.

Go Panthers!



We are on Dena'ina Homeland

Mears Middle School acknowledges that we operate and gather on the traditional land of the Dena'ina Peoples and honor, with gratitude, the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

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](#)