FRIDAY NEWS
May 10, 2019

THANK YOU D29 PARENTS & STUDENTS!
On behalf of the entire District 29 faculty and staff, I want to express our sincere gratitude for the overwhelming show of affection during “Teacher Appreciation Week!” Each day this week, in both schools, staff enjoyed a variety of treats, gifts, and special messages of thanks from students and families. We are so grateful for your support and appreciation!

NBC5 HIGHLIGHTS SRS STORM SHELTER
This week, Brant Miller from NBC5 came to Sunset Ridge School to showcase our storm shelter for an upcoming segment on severe weather preparedness in public schools. After reviewing facilities and emergency preparedness plans from hundreds of school districts in northern Illinois, the NBC5 team identified Sunset Ridge School as having one of the safest and most cutting-edge facilities for weather emergencies. We were honored to allow their team access to our storm shelter and to highlight our new school. The program is scheduled to air next week.

FINAL NOTICE - STUDENTS MISSING MANDATED DENTAL EXAMS
We still have students missing their REQUIRED dental exams! Illinois law requires all children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades of any public, private, or parochial school to have a dental examination. This law provides that if a child in the kindergarten, second, or sixth grade fails to present proof of having been examined by a dentist by May 15, 2019, the school may hold a child’s report card until one of the following occurs: 1.) the child presents proof of a completed dental examination or, 2.) the child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15, 2019. The exam can have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15, 2019 therefore, the exam can be dated after November 15, 2017. A waiver form may be submitted in place of the dental exam if a student shows undue burden or lack of access to a dentist. Here is the link for the waiver form:
http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/DentalExamWaiver.pdf

CLASS OF 2019 “CLASS GIFT” FUNDRAISER
The graduating 8th graders have selected two gifts for District 29 to show their appreciation: a gaga pit for Sunset Ridge and a piece of artwork for Middlefork’s library. A gaga pit is an octagonal structure that is used to play a fast paced, high energy sport that is fun and easy. Everyone gets a serious workout! The artwork will consist of photos of the existing floor tiles in the Middlefork hallway. This way history will be preserved with the capital improvement project.
In order to raise funds for these two class gifts, the 8th graders are selling Lou Malnati’s pizza coupons for just $15. Please support the Class of 2019 by buying one or more! If you are interested, you can reach out to any 8th grader you know or just email juliebuzza@gmail.com.

SEEKING BINGO PRIZES FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Preparations are underway for Family Fun Night being held June 5th at Clarkson Park! More information is to come. In the meantime, the PTO is seeking donations of NEW Bingo Prizes for all age groups. No item is too big or too small - toys, games, sports equipment, books, etc. are welcomed and appreciated. Please drop off items at either school office or the Community Center by May 29th. Mark donations “Family Fun Night Bingo Prizes.” We thank you for your support! Please email Andrea at aamacina@yahoo.com with any questions.

2019-2020 DISTRICT 29 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS/LISTS
School Supply Kits are available for purchase through the district website under the Parents Menu. If you do not wish to purchase a school supply kit, grade level lists are available on the website as well. Click the link below to access more information on ordering https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByN1071UZyZoSU9rXzRLeHJXWDV5LUVEndTXAzX0ZzcXViJ/view?usp=sharing

Sincerely,
Edward J. Stange, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

THANK YOU to our Middlefork students and parents for all the wonderful treats and gestures of appreciation this week. It was beyond delicious and thoughtful and treasured by all of us! And of course a very special note of thanks to our amazing PTO, especially the food fairies Abby Hurwitz, Yena Levinson, and Soo Moon. Dedicated, creative, kind, thoughtful and energetic are just a sampling of the words that come to mind when someone says, “PTO.”

STUPENDOUS! SCRUMPTIOUS! VIVID! How many more words could we conjure up to describe Monday’s 13th Annual Vocabulary Parade? Thanks to all who came out to support the kids and to those who pitched in with costumes. It was inspiring to see how many students took charge of creating their own word costumes this year!

THE 3rd GRADE PORTFOLIO NIGHT & ART SHOW showcased not only the tremendous growth our students made this year, but also their creative, humorous, and hard-working spirits! We are proud but a little sad to see them move on to SRS soon...

1st GRADE WRITERS celebrated the completion of their fiction books afternoon by sharing them with families, teachers and classmates this afternoon. Thanks for coming out to support our authors!

2019-20 KINDERGARTEN VISITATION is May 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. and/or 6-7:00 p.m. All incoming kindergartners are invited to meet the teachers and spend time in each of the classrooms exploring and meeting new friends.

SPRING SING: Our annual musical celebration is Thursday evening, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. (students report to classrooms @ 6:40 p.m.). This year’s entertaining theme is *Sing a Song of Seasons*, so perhaps the Spring season will be upon us by then!

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS - HOORAY! May 30th is Middlefork’s Annual Field Day celebration, and we need all the volunteer help we can get for that afternoon! Please contact Mrs. Kasper if you are available or download the volunteer form from the Middlefork webpage and send it in with your child.

LAST CALL for LOOSE PARTS: Donate items for LOOSE PARTS recess by texting Joanna Brown (847.624.2015); she has graciously agreed to collect items for us in her garage!

COMING UP:
*May Birthday Lunch is Friday, 5/17
*3rd to 4th Grade Transition is Friday, 5/24 in the a.m. Parents are invited.
*Kindergarten Portfolio Breakfast is Wednesday, 5/29 @ 9:00. Keep an eye out for an invitation and breakfast order form.
*Field Day is Thursday, 5/30 (p.m.) Rain date is 5/31.
*PTO Family Fun Nite is Wednesday, 6/5, from 4-8:00 p.m. @ Clarkson Park.

MIDDLEFORK NEWS:
http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

TRACK SEASON: Congratulations to our track team for a great season! The SRS Eagles were well represented by our student athletes!

4th and 5th GRADE BAND AND ORCHESTRA: Bravo on another outstanding performance last night! Spring music concerts are always particularly awesome in that they highlight the tremendous growth our ensembles make throughout the year. Thanks for a lovely evening of terrific music.

DESIGN STUDIO: Check out the latest and greatest from the Design Studio - https://sunsetridge29.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=570623&pageld=1207783
**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Please see below for upcoming meetings for student council, which take place at 7:45 am:

**May 13**- Special meeting with visiting artist  
**May 17th**- Last meeting of the year for the entire group, includes elections for officers  
**May 24 and 31**- Meetings for only the old and new exec board members to transition for next year

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**5/13**  
8th Grade MAP Testing  
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess  
4th grade Newsletter - 4th Grade Recess

**5/14**  
7th Grade MAP Testing  
5th Grade MAP Testing  
PTO Meeting - 9:00 am @ Northfield Park District  
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess  
Education Committee - 5:30 @ SRS Legacy Room  
Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 @ SRS Legacy Room

**5/15**  
4th Grade MAP Testing  
5th Grade MAP Testing  
7th Grade MAP Testing  
8th Grade MAP Testing  
Scribbler Siblings - 5th Grade Recess  
Script Writing - 4th Grade Recess  
4th Grade Photography - 4th Grade Recess  
Junior High Band/Jazz Band Concert - 7:00 pm @ SRS Auditorium

**5/16**  
4th Grade MAP Testing  
Green Club - 7:30 am  
SLAB - 7:45 am

**5/17**  
6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Music Ensembles to Six Flags
SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:
http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8_