FRIDAY NEWS
January 11, 2019

REMEMBERING MARY OSBOURNE
Miss Mary Osborne, Middlefork's first and longest-serving principal, recently passed away in her home in St. Charles, Illinois, at the age of 94. Mary was a principal/teacher for 43 years. She first came to District 29 to teach 1st grade at Sunset Ridge School. When Middlefork School opened its doors in 1959, she was the school’s first principal, and remained so until her retirement in 1988. Mary was a driving force in establishing the nurturing, family focused, and child-centered principles that are still woven into the fabric of Middlefork School today. Services will be held on Saturday January 26th at Geneva United Methodist Church, 211 Hamilton Street, Geneva IL. Visitation is at the church at 10am, followed by an 11:00am service and luncheon.

PTO TEACHER GIFTS
The annual PTO Teacher Gifts grant program (formerly Ways and Means) was completed in December. “Thank you” to those who participated in the process and provided feedback. As a direct result of your generous donations and participation in PTO fundraising efforts, the PTO was able to fund proposals in the amount of $5,783. Details about these wonderful gifts and the PTO Teacher Gifts grant program can be found on the PTO website http://district29pto.org/pto-teacher-gifts/.

MIDDLEFORK SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE
In late December 2018, we received bids from a variety of contractors for the planned renovations to Middlefork School. The total cost of the base bids came in under the $2M budget allocated by the District 29 Board of Education. The Board will look to officially approve the base and some alternate bids at the January 22, 2019 Board of Education meeting. The renovations are scheduled to be completed over the summer 2019 break, and will target a redesigned learning center/makerspace studio, several new small group instructional spaces, security improvements, and aesthetic enhancements.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| JANUARY 15 | PTO MEETING |
The monthly PTO meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Community Center Room of the Northfield Park District. All are welcome.
| JANUARY 15 | **ANXIETY/SCHOOL REFUSAL WORKSHOP**  
Jackie Rhew, Therapist and Clinical Liaison from Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital and Co-founder of the Center for Emotional Wellness, will facilitate a workshop on interventions to assist children in managing their anxiety, as well as promote increased motivation, healthy goals setting and active school engagement for the child. The workshop will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at New Trier High School (7 Happ Road, Room C234, Building C) Northfield, IL 60093. Register by: Friday, January 11, 2019 at [http://www.nssed.org](http://www.nssed.org) |
| JANUARY 17 | **PARENT CONNECTIONS MEETING**  
The monthly Parent Connections meeting will be held from 8:45-10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room at Sunset Ridge School. We will be solidifying plans for the Annual District 29 Family Service Night. All are welcome! |
| FEBRUARY 6 | **Dr. Robert Zarr, a board-certified pediatrician at Unity Health Care, located in Washington, D.C. and Medical Director of Park Rx America will present “Play Time: How Prescribing Parks Has Changed The Lives of Children.”**  
The workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Washburne School in Winnetka (515 Hibbard Rd). This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please see [www.theallianceforec.org](http://www.theallianceforec.org). |
| FEBRUARY 10 & FEBRUARY 11 | **Dr. Lauricella, PhD, Director, Technology and Early Childhood Center and Associate Professor, Erikson Institute will present “Always on the Phone! The Impact of Technology on Families”** at St James the Less Church in Northfield. Calling everyone with a phone - from preteens and teens, to parents and grandparents. Come learn about the impact of technology on our families. The same presentation will be offered twice - Sunday, February 10th at 11:30 a.m. and Monday February 11th at 7:00 p.m. |

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

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<td><strong>2019-20 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - NEW PROCEDURES:</strong> Registration begins on 1/23/19, from 2-4:00 and 6-7:00 p.m. in the Middlefork lobby. All children should be five years of age by September 1, 2019, to be eligible for the 2019-2020 school year. The registration process begins with residency verification, which includes three different forms of documentation, as well as a copy of one's homeowner's or renter's insurance. This is true for ALL families, including those with older students presently registered in District 29. Additionally,</td>
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Parents or guardians of each prospective kindergarten student must provide the child's birth certificate (the school will make and retain a copy). Specific directions for the residency verification can be found under the Parent tab on the District 29 website <sunsetridge29.org>. Lastly, the registration evening is for parents and guardians; the prospective student need not be present. Early enrollment figures are critical to staffing plans for the upcoming school year, so we appreciate everyone spreading the word and registering in January!

**LEARNING CENTER NEWS:** Start 2019 off with a new book! Check out Mrs. Johnson’s January Book of the Month to learn how people all over the world celebrate the New Year!

**CODING KIDS WINTER SESSION** begins January the week of 1/14/19, with classes on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday/Thursday mornings. Parents should have received an email from Mrs. Johnson confirming their child’s registration status. If not, please contact her via email <johnsonk@sunsetridge29.org>. The Kindergarten Coding Session 2 after school class began this week.

**DEDICATED DOLPHINS:** Thank you to everyone who supported the DD’s Winter Fun Book Sale. The students sold 145 books for a fundraising effort of $305! They plan to donate the funds to help with recovery efforts from the California wildfires and are now determining how to do that.

**JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS:** Sessions begin the last week of January. Thank you to the D29 PTO for sponsoring this wonderful extracurricular opportunity for interested 2nd and 3rd graders.

***The 2nd-grade Junior Great Books group will meet Tuesdays for 8 weeks during lunch recess, beginning on 1/29. Students will eat their lunches in the cafeteria beforehand.
***3rd-graders will meet on Thursdays beginning 1/31. They will meet in the Learning Center DURING lunchtime, so students are required to purchase the plate lunch on these days. Students may choose water or juice (no milk) with their lunches, and bagels with cream cheese are not permitted. This supports our regular food practices for Middlefork classrooms and reduces the chance of cross contamination of school equipment.

**MIDDLEFORK CHESS** began this week. GM Chess Academy will still accept a last minute registration and begin your student next Friday, if you are interested. Download the registration information from the Middlefork News page. There will also be a new session come Springtime!

**COLD WEATHER RECESS:** Please help your child prepare for outdoor recess everyday! In addition to a warm coat, students should have a hat (or hood) and gloves/mittens (preferably waterproof). Whenever there is snow on the ground, students must also have snow pants AND snow boots in order to have full access to the playground. Students without either of these two items will be restricted to the plowed blacktop area (which is not easy when there’s fresh fallen snow!). Labeling all of these items is also recommended, especially black snow pants and black mittens or gloves!

**COMING UP:**
**Lunches for the Homeless Donations from grades K&2, Tuesday, 1/15/19 (before 10:00 a.m.)**  
**Kindergarten Winter Sing is Thursday, 1/17 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Kindergarten registration begins Wednesday, 1/23, 2:40-4:00 & 6:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**July ½ Birthday Lunch is Friday, 1/25.**  
**Let's Play @ Crow Island Woods, 2/2/19, 9:30-11:30am. Creative, child-directed, outdoor free play opportunity sponsored by The Alliance for Early Childhood.**

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

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT WEAR:** Student Council is excited to announce the 2019 Spirit Wear Sale. We are selling items from hats to sweatpants, and more! Click the link below to purchase new SRS gear. Profits will be donated to service league organizations and used to better the school and our community. The sale ends Friday, January 18th.

https://ultim8screenprinting.com/collections/srs-student-council

**LITERACY SERVICE LEAGUE REQUEST:** During our January and February Service League Days, the Literacy League will be recording "audiobooks" to provide to children at Lurie's Childrens Hospital. We are still in need of books to record. We are looking for board books and picture books specifically due to recording time constraints. Any donations can be dropped off at the SRS Learning Center. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE REQUEST:** Cleaning out your closets for the new year?? The students of the Environmental Service League want to make dog toys for pups in shelters and need OLD T-SHIRTS!

Please send the t-shirts to Jennifer Kahlenberg (6th grade teacher) by Thursday, January 17th. Thank you for your help!

**LEARNING CENTER UPDATE:** Check out the latest from Ms. Gray -  
https://www.smore.com/2txrg

**D29CONNECT UPDATES**

We will be sharing updates each week about the different committees of D29Connect. You can also access information on our website - click here for a direct link to the D29Connect page!

Service Leagues are happening on Friday. Please see the above requests to help support our projects.
UPCOMING AT SRS:

1/14
Girls BBall SRS@Sears JV:4:00pm V:5:00pm
Boys BBall Sears@SRS JV:4:00pm

1/15
PTO Meeting - 9:00 am
Girls BBall SRS@Marie Murphy JV:4:00pm V:5:00pm
Boys BBall Marie Murphy@SRS V:4:00pm

1/16
8th Grade Graduation Pictures
Geography BEE - 3:30 pm @ SRS Auditorium

1/17
Disney Trip
Green Club - 7:30 am
Parent Connections - 8:45 am @ SRS Large Conference Room

1/18
Disney Trip
Student Council - 7:45 am
Service Leagues - 9:00 am

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