FRIDAY NEWS
February 1, 2019

E-LEARNING DAY
Thanks to all for your support through the bitter cold this week! I want to send a special “THANK YOU” to the District 29 staff for putting together our E-Learning Day activities on such short notice and for staying connected with students and parents during the day on Wednesday! While I believe nothing can replace students actually being in the classroom, I also think an E-Learning Day can keep students engaged in the curriculum during a closing, and can be more productive than an additional day in June. Please click the following link to give us your feedback on the District 29 E-Learning Day experience: https://goo.gl/forms/7DfyPCwZ1QJ8sdHq1

GET YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!
The time has come for you to purchase your ticket to the most anticipated event of the year, District 29's Winter Benefit, WONKA BALL. Parents, community members, teachers and staff will gather to celebrate our district and raise money to benefit our students on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:30pm at North Shore Country Club. Invitations have gone out! HURRY to purchase your tickets online to get early bird pricing. Ticket prices will go up after February 17. For all benefit info including donations, sponsorships, tickets, and volunteer opportunities, visit http://district29pto.org/winter-benefit.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 15, 2019. Click on the following link to register for an appointment. If you are not able to attend during the scheduled times, please contact your child’s teacher(s) to schedule an alternative appointment time.
https://www.sunsetridge29.org/parents/february_conference_registration

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**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
FEBRUARY 7
Parent Connections Committee will meet from 8:45-10:15 a.m. at Sunset Ridge School. Topics include Family Service Night Planning & Discussion of District Homework practices. All are welcome to attend.

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF REMINDERS

PJ DAY WAS A HIT! Thanks to the D29 PTO for a terrific storytelling assembly with Chris Fascione, to our Reading Buddies for sharing your books, and finally to Mr. Rojas for making a tasty breakfast menu for lunch. There’s really is some truth to the adage, “Life is better in pajamas!”

MIDDLEFORK MUSIC WEBSITE: Check out Mrs. Rosen’s webpage for resources, activities and fun music your children! [https://sunsetridge29.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=570623&pageId=1207342](https://sunsetridge29.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=570623&pageId=1207342)

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT’S OFFICER FRIENDLY will visit with classes on February 8th to teach about drugs and poisons commonly found in household products.

PRINCIPAL’S CHALLENGE #10 acknowledged the example Dr. Martin Luther King left for future generations. Participants were challenged to use as many VocabuPETS words as possible to describe something kids could do to make things fair for everyone - something Dr. King would agree was a good idea. Everleigh and Kailey in Mrs. Brumwell’s class used all 7 words on the list in their entry. “We should be open-minded to all ideas. We should appreciate everything we have. We should cooperate with everyone and try to be more independent. We should be responsible about the quality of friends we have. Dr. King was a very essential person and he still is!”

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS Students are reminded to don their school gear and colors - or anything dolphin related - each and every Friday!

Reminders:
** 2019-20 Kindergarten Enrollment is underway - please spread the word!  
** Online Sign-up for 2/15 Middlefork Parent-Teacher Conferences is [https://www.sunsetridge29.org/parents/february_conference_registration](https://www.sunsetridge29.org/parents/february_conference_registration)  
** Boxtops for Education continues at Middlefork School, so please don’t stop clipping and sending Boxtops in!  
** Lunches for the Homeless are being donated by grades 1 & 3 on February 12. Thank you.  

** MIDDLEFORK NEWS:  
[http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3)  

---  

** SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES  

** PARKING LOT: ** Please be sure to be an alert and diligent driver when you drop off and pick up each day. With so much snow, some visibility is reduced and we need to ensure that all of our students, staff, and visitors entering and leaving the building are safe.  

** CONFERENCE SIGN UP: ** Please see your child’s team newsletter for specific instructions on which teachers to sign up for (i.e. all core teachers, advisors only, etc.). Sign up on the [conference page](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/) on our website. We have many parents who have not signed up and the day is only a couple weeks away on February 15th.

** HEART HEALTH MONTH: ** February is Heart Health Month! The American Heart Association has great resources, along with our own Mrs. Curry. This week we’ll be focusing on relaxation and lowering stress. [Click here](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3) for some helpful hints!  

** UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS! ** Congratulations to our Girls' Varsity Basketball team on their 17-0 Championship Season. The girls brought home the trophy for the second year in a row as a result of their hard work, dedication, and passion for the game. Way to go, Eagles!  

** GEOGRAPHY BEE AND SPELLING BEE WINNERS: ** Congratulations to Jackson Pick for winning the SRS Geography Bee and Jack Ryan for winning the SRS Spelling Bee! Both scholars will go on to the next level of competing against other school-wide winners. We know they'll represent Sunset Ridge well!  

** ROBOTICS: ** Congratulations to our SRS Robotics Teams who competed in their first competition at Wood Oaks Jr. High this past Saturday. The Chicago Hubs placed 3rd in Drivers Skills (coding and driving) and The SRS RC's team placed 2nd in Drivers Skills and 2nd in Teamwork Alliance. Awesome job, teams!  

** STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: ** It is time for the Student Council Valentine's Day Lollipop Sale! Lollipop Valentines will be sold during lunch periods next week Monday-Thursday. Students can purchase lollipops for $0.50 each that will be delivered on Valentines Day. They can purchase
lollipops for friends, classmates, themselves or anyone at SRS. All profits will benefit Bernie's Book Bank.

**#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!

Random Act of Kindness Week is coming beginning on February 19th. Both the Colleague2Colleague Committee and Empathy Ambassadors will be partnering to make the 2nd Annual RAK week a success at Sunset Ridge!

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**2/4**
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

**2/5**
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess
Giving Club - 4th Grade Recess

**2/6**
Scribbler Sisters - 5th Grade Recess

**2/7**
Green Club - 7:30 am
Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB) - 7:45 am
Boys Volleyball Sears@SRS V:4:00pm JV:5:00pm

**2/8**
Student Council - 7:45 am
What’s Up - 6th Grade Recess
Maker Club - 5th Grade Recess
Maker Club - 4th Grade Recess

**SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:**
[http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8_](http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8_)