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.

DAN HABIB COMING TO SUNSET RIDGE
Dan Habib, the director/producer of INTELLIGENT LIVES, and creator of several award-winning documentaries will be coming to Sunset Ridge School on Monday March 4, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 PM! Habib's work has been featured in dozens of film festivals, broadcast internationally, nominated for Emmy awards and translated into 17 languages for worldwide distribution. Register online at www.nssed.org/events. For additional information contact Amanda Beranek: aberanek@nssed.org or call 847.831.5100 ext 2270.

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

BERNIE’S BOOK BANK IS BACK! The drive begins Monday and runs through Friday, 3/8. Quality children’s book donations from birth through 6th grade are welcomed! Donation bins will be in the Middlefork lobby, but families may also bring books to Family Service Night on 3/5.

HYGIENE PRODUCT DONATIONS are also being collected in advance of the Family Service Night. As part of the annual D29 Family Service Night, the Parent Connections Committee will organize the assembly of hygiene kits benefitting our area’s underserved elderly and disabled population through the New Trier Township Food Pantry. Families at each grade level will be
requested to donate particular items; information will come home in your child’s backpack. Brands do not matter, just as long as it is a full sized item, not travel sized. Collection bags will be available in classrooms beginning Friday 2/22 through Friday, 3/1. Students will assemble the hygiene kits at Service Night on 3/5. Thank you for your support!

**SPREADING THE LOVE:** This week Middlefork students learned how to say "love" in the different languages represented in their classrooms. Some students realized that in their home languages, there's more than just one way to say love. Others noticed that although “love” in one’s home language can share letters with the English spelling, the letter-sound correspondence can be different.

**CLAY RULED THE DAY!** Ceramicist Sam Hostert joined Mrs. Nagy during art classes this week and led our students through unique experiences with ceramics. Thanks to the PTO, the students revelled in this creative endeavor!

**MAKERSPACE NEWS:** Curious about what goes on in the Middlefork Makerspace? Click here to view a video created by second graders Gabriel Berg and Leo Senerchia, featuring some of the most popular Makerspace activities.

**CONFERENCE DAY:** Thank you for your support today! We always enjoy discussing your children’s progress with you. If you would like to meet with Mrs. Nagy (Art) or Mrs. Rosen (Music), please reach out to them via email. We apologize for the confusion that ensued from them being listed in the electronic conference sign-up.

**COMING UP:**
- Kindergarten Family Math Night is 2/21 at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to your child’s teacher.
- February Birthday Lunch w/Dr. Greene is 2/22.

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

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**P/T CONFERENCES** - Thank you for attending conferences this morning. I know our staff students enjoyed putting together their reflections and sharing their learning with you. As always, if there are any concerns or issues you would like to discuss with your child’s teacher, please do not hesitate to reach out at any time. The partnership between home and school is so critical to students’ success and we are grateful for your support!

**RAK WEEK** - Random Acts of Kindness Week is next week! From writing cards of gratitude to creating videos demonstrating kindness to building each other up through compliments and connections, all Sunset Ridge students will be participating in this special week through a variety of grade-level activities that have been planned by the Empathy Ambassadors. Throughout the
week, please ask your child how he/she is helping to spread kindness. Additionally, teachers will be taking action, too, by partaking in a card exchange. This upcoming week is kind of a big deal!

**BERNIE’S BOOK BANK:** The drive begins Tuesday, 2/19 and runs through Friday, 3/8. Quality children’s book donations from birth through 6th grade are welcomed! Donation bins will be in the front hallway at Sunset Ridge, but families may also bring books to Family Service Night on 3/5.

**SIT CONFERENCE** - Congratulations to the students that represented SRS at the Students Involved with Technology (SIT) Conference this past Saturday! Our students gave presentations to other students from across Illinois about how to do different things with technology. Highlights of their presentations include coding Spheros, using Ozobots, creating stop motion videos, building scribbling robots, Google tricks, coding with Scratch, VR Merge Cubes, and so much more. We are so proud to have these students share in the joy of teaching and learning! Shout out to our SRS Presenters: Ali Alubosy, Claudia Andrew, Mia Andrew, George Bowyer, Quinn Goldman, Julian Issa, Isabella Macina, Taylor Mathews, Eden Pave, Stella Tomlinson, and Samantha Youngerman.

**SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST:** Congratulations to the 36 student musicians who performed at Solo & Ensemble this past weekend! Students performed solos, duets, and trios for a judge and received feedback on their playing and singing. Sunset Ridge was very well represented; great job, everyone!

**TRACK SEASON!** Click here for information about the 2019 Sunset Ridge Track season. Track is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

**LC NEWSLETTER:** Find out some of the highlights of what’s going on in the Learning Center: https://www.smore.com/58gnh

**MUSIC NEWSLETTER:** Please check out the latest update from our music department: https://www.smore.com/kv5e9

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jack Ryan on coming in 4th in the North Cook ISC Scripps Spelling Bee. He did a tremendous job representing Sunset Ridge!

**AFTER HOURS WITH DR. SUKENIK ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 7:00 pm** - We will be using zoom for our video chat. If you do not have it on your phone or computer, please download it ahead of time. You will not need to create an account to login to our meeting, you’ll just use this link: https://zoom.us/j/244092544. Mrs. Styczen created this step by step instruction sheet for easy set up!

**#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!

The Foundations Committee has been hard at work collecting words to describe the core values of SRS students. We’ve already surveyed teachers and students, and we received parent input today during conferences. After we tally the votes from our SRS community, the Foundations team will be selecting the most popular words.

These core values will set the groundwork for the guidelines for success that Foundations will continue to develop! Thanks for your input today during conferences!

UPCOMING AT SRS:

2/18
NO SCHOOL - Presidents’ Day

2/19
RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) WEEK!
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess
Giving Club - 4th Grade Recess
Boys VB Washburne White@SRS JV:4:00pm

2/20
Scribbler Sisters - 5th Grade Recess
After Hours with Dr. Sukenik - 7:00pm (at your house!)

2/21
Green Club - 7:30 am
Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB) - 7:45 am
5th Grade to the Museum of Science and Industry
Boys VB SRS@Washburne Green JV:4:00pm

2/22
Student Council - 7:45 am
Service Leagues - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
What’s Up Club - 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