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, 2018 therefore, the exam must 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

SMART 9-1-1
Smart911 is a service that allows residents to create a free Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when anyone in that household dials 9-1-1 from a phone associated with their Safety Profile, their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location. You can sign up for Smart911 at www.smart911.com or download the Smart911 App on the Apple Store or Google Play and create a Safety Profile for your household to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will display automatically on the 9-1-1 call taker's screen when you make an emergency call. It's private and secure and you control what information is in your profile. These details can save seconds or even minutes during an emergency.

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

KINDERGARTEN MATH NIGHT was a joy! Thank you to all the kindergarten children and parents who came out Thursday evening. We hope you will enjoy playing some of these games at home as well!

PLAYPOD MEETING: During Thursday’s session, students played a friendly game of “Have you ever…?” and ended with a discussion of the concept of “random acts of kindness.” Then everyone decorated a bookmark with a positive message of kindness, all of which will be randomly distributed to students next week.

A CHANGE OF CLOTHES stored in a gallon sized ziplock bag is always welcomed at Middlefork, especially as the occasional “thaw” teases us with thoughts of balmier (and muddier) days. We go outside for recess whenever possible, even when there are puddles and muddy patches, so it’s incredibly helpful to have a quick change of pants and socks on hand while the originals dry out!

GOINGS-ON AT MIDDLEFORK:
** 15 students with birthdays in February lunched with Dr. Greene today!
** 3rd graders are making strides with their recorder lessons. Soon they will be performing the Middlefork school song for all to hear!
** 2nd graders celebrated the end of their poetry unit during writer’s workshop by sharing favorite, original poems with each other.
** 1st graders are excited to launch the annual tradition of Explorer’s Club! Among the topics included this year are Sports Around the World, Ocean Animals, Rocks and Gems, Architecture, and more.
**Kindergartners just finished exploring the concept of goods and services as part of their Social Studies curriculum. The unit culminated with Kindergarten Career Day; each student represented his or her chosen career and explained whether that job provides goods or services.**

**PLEASE JOIN FAMILY SERVICE NIGHT on MARCH 5!** The D29 Parent Connections Committee’s book drive to benefit Bernie’s Book Bank coincides with our Annual Service Night (3/5 @ 6:30 pm in SRS Gym). You may donate gently used children’s books through 3/1. Bins are in our lobby. Additionally, families may donate the following items that will be packed into hygiene kits for the area’s underserved elderly and disabled population: K= tube of toothpaste; 1st grade = toothbrush; 2nd grade = bar soap; and 3rd grade = tube of toothpaste. Thank you. We hope to see you at Service Night! Each classroom will have a receptacle for the hygiene products as well.

**3rd GRADE STANDARDIZED TESTING:** The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) replaces the PARCC test as this year’s state mandated achievement test. 3rd graders will test Monday through Friday (one test/day) during the week of April 8.

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

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**ATHLETICS SURVEY:** If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment to complete our athletics survey. Click here for access.

**PICK UP:** When using the north-south road to pick up your child, please do not park and leave your car in front of the playground. This ends up causing a significant back up on Willow Road. Also, please remind your child to NOT walk outside the fence on Willow Road. This is obviously so dangerous!

**AFTER HOURS:** Thank you to those who joined the inaugural After Hours last night. Zoom seems to be a great platform for discussion from the convenience of your home or even on your cell phone. Stay tuned for our next topic for After Hours!

**SERVICE LEAGUES:** Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who joined us for Service Leagues this morning. This is such an impactful program for our students and we couldn’t make it happen without you!

**SERVICE NIGHT:** We are excited to welcome all families to Parent Connections Service Night! All of the stations are connected to one of our Service Leagues and will have a positive impact on our partners. Please consider donating:

Children’s Books for Bernie’s Book Bank
Personal Hygiene Supplies for the New Trier Township Food Pantry.
4th grade - shampoo
5th grade - conditioner
6th grade - shampoo
7th grade - conditioner
8th grade - bars of soap

Plastic bags for New Life for Old Bags

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**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 Social Justice committee has been busy researching and developing plans to form a Gender-Sexuality Alliance (formerly known as Gay-Straight Alliances) for our school community. A few of our staff members recently attended a GSA summit to learn about potential first steps. Looking ahead, we will be administering a survey to students next week assessing their interest and knowledge of GSAs.

As we continue researching and planning for the GSA, the Social Justice committee is also developing a toolbox of resources for teachers, students, and families. This will continue to be a slow roll-out, and we are excited to provide these experiences and opportunities for our students, one child at a time.

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**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**2/25**
- Empathy Ambassadors - 7:45 am
- Tech Agency Club - CANCELED

**2/26**
- 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

**2/27**
- Scribbler Sisters - 5th Grade Recess
- Boys VB SRS@Marie Murphy JV:4:00pm

**2/28**
- Green Club - 7:30 am
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**SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:**
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