SERVICE NIGHT
Thanks to the nearly 200 staff, students, and parents that participated in the annual District 29 Family Service Night. We made hygiene kits and collected items for local food pantries, made blankets and quilt squares for hospitalized children, collected books and made bookmarks for Bernie’s Book Bank, made breakfast bags for Hilda’s Place Homeless Shelter, recycled plastic bags into “Plarn”, and collected bicycles for donation.

WONKA BALL VIRTUAL AFTER-PARTY ENDS AT 10PM TONIGHT

We hope that each of you have had time to recover and reflect on what a tremendous accomplishment the PTO Wonka Ball benefit was this past weekend. To all of the parents, teachers, administrators and donors that contributed to the District 29 PTO benefit, we would like to sincerely thank you for your incredible support and generosity. Also, a very special thank you to the Benefit Team - Cathy Langford, Bianca Rose, Hillary Bufalino, Kelly Caruso, Stephanie Stefanik!
We may have all gone home, but the party just won't stop! We're extending the auction on a few items, including a NEW BONUS ITEM that we've saved for this Wonka Ball Virtual After-Party! The remaining items are available for 12 hours only. The auction opened TODAY and will close at 10:00pm tonight, at which time the auction will end until our next benefit in 2021. For more information on the Virtual After-Party, please go to http://www.bidpal.net/wonkaball

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO
Community involvement is instrumental in making PTO sponsored events a success--please consider helping with the following events:
SRS Service Leagues: Volunteer for a morning of service with your child(ren):
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044eaa92aa5fc1-volunteer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parents Teaching Others: Parenting a Child with Anxiety
When: Monday, March 11, 2019 from 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Where: Pediatric Interactions; 649 Barron Blvd Grayslake, IL 60030
More Info: A parent series to empower caregivers with knowledge and strategies to share with their children's families and school... NO, This is not your typical “Bad Mom’s". PTO Experts from the community will share information and resources with families and other caregivers on a variety of topics that will empower you. Free to attend but registration required. Check out the Online Flyer (https://app.outconnecting.com/recipients/f8af85fc45260af18183069a35cc/view_in_browser) or Register online (https://www.pediatricinteractions.com/community-events-and-classes/pto-parents-teaching-others-n2l3r-4bzbs). Questions, Contact: Deanna Riggs (847) 223-7433 or email: DeannaR@PediatricInteractions.com

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

FLEXIBILITY was the word of the day this past Monday! Students easily adjusted to a change of schedule as we gathered in the toasty warm cafeteria and gym first thing in the morning while the building’s main boiler and the classrooms heated back up. We learned about the Dedicated Dolphins Heart Smart program while jumping rope, and then we watched The Lorax in anticipation of Earth Day 2019, much to the delight of our trash-tackling 3rd graders. All in all, we flexed our muscles and our minds!
THE DEDICATED DOLPHINS kicked off their American Heart Association keychain fundraiser on Monday morning and during P.E. classes this week. They taught students how to keep their hearts healthy and also enjoyed some jump roping! If your child would like to donate to the American Heart Association through the keychain sale, please return the form and money by Friday, March 22. If your child has already ordered keychains, they will be sent home over the next few weeks. Thank you for your support!

VILLAGE HALL ART SHOW: In celebration of Youth Art Month, the Village is featuring over 100 pieces of art created by Sunset Ridge and Middlefork students! Stop by and see our 3rd graders’ Chicago skyline masterpieces adorning the wall of the Village Hall main lobby.

2018-19 CLASS PLACEMENT letters went home in backpacks this week. A copy can be downloaded from the Middlefork News webpage as well.

CELEBRATE WOMEN’s HERstory MONTH with March's Book of the Month, Joan Procter: Animal Doctor. Click on the link above to find discussion questions, related titles, and more information about Joan Procter and her contributions to science.

CODING KIDS REGISTRATION for grades 1-3 opens Monday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. Click on the link here to access the registration form. Registration is first come, first served, but priority will be given to students who have not YET participated in a session this school year. The spring session begins on 4/9. Contact Mrs. Johnson with any questions.

REMININDERS:
** Lunches for the homeless are being donated by grades K & 2 this Tuesday, 3/12. Thank you!
** New Trier’s 25th Annual Winter Carnival is 3/15 from 5:30-9:00 p.m., on the Winnetka Campus.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

BRAVO, 4th GRADE! The 4th graders put on an outstanding concert last night. Congratulations on a phenomenal performance that showcased all of their hard work over the last months.

AFTER SCHOOL: Our adult supervision ends at 3:45 pm. We have noticed several kids over this week who are staying to play on the field and playground. They have been throwing ice and being generally unsafe at times. Please be sure your child has appropriate supervision.

REPORT CARDS: 2nd trimester report cards will be sent home on Monday. You’ll note that the format is different but the content is the same. This new streamlined format allows for all teachers to have room to make comments and we hope makes for easier reading on your end!
IAR TESTING: The Illinois Assessment for Readiness, or IAR, is the new version of the PARCC test. We will be testing after spring break, but wanted to start reminding everyone that all students will need headphones for the assessments.

MOVIE NIGHT: Join the Environmental Service League for a eco-friendly movie night! Save the date - Thursday, April 18th from 3:45-5pm in the SRS Auditorium. We will be selling snacks, showing a movie, and raising funds for the Backyard Nature Center and Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter. All 4th-8th graders invited!

ONE AUTHOR, ONE SCHOOL! Attention SRS Community: it’s time to get reading! Coming up on April 10 at 10:00am, the one and only Kwame Alexander will be visiting all of our students (4th-8th grade) to talk about his very popular books The Crossover and Booked! This exciting author visit has a limited number of seats open to our school community. If you would like to reserve a seat, please fill out this form. Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Lauren Gray will communicate with you ASAP to confirm your spot at this visit.

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student will be receiving a copy of either Booked or The Crossover. All 4th and 5th grade classrooms will be receiving class sets of The Playbook and Surf’s Up. Additionally, the Northfield Public Library is collaborating with SRS to plan programs to get ready for Mr. Alexander’s visit! We encourage you to ask your child about this author visit and read with them. One Author, One School gives us all the opportunity to connect through books and celebrate storytelling together.

To learn more about Kwame Alexander, visit his website (https://kwamealexander.com/). If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Gray (grayl@sunetridge29.org).

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!

Parents, thank you for participating in the Core Values dot activity during parent teacher conferences. The next step is to create Guidelines for Success using the core value words. An activity will be shared with students after Spring Break that will encompass using the words. The Committee continues to reinforce common area expectations with students as needed.

Honesty
Perseverance
Respect
Kindness
Empathy
UPCOMING AT SRS:

3/11
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess
Boys Volleyball Tournament begins @ Washburne

3/12
PTO Meeting - 9:00 @ Northfield Park District
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess
Giving Club - 4th Grade Recess
Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm

3/13
Scribbler Sisters - 5th Grade Recess
Script Writing/Acting Club - 4th Grade Recess

3/14
Green Club - 7:30 am
Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB) - 7:45 am
Junior High Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert - 7:00 pm

3/15
Student Council - 7:45 am
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_