D29 RECEIVES TOP HONORS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION
For the second year in a row, District 29 has been honored with the “Best Communities for Music Education” award from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Only 13 schools in the state of Illinois received this award for 2018-2019. Congratulations to our outstanding music staff and students for their accomplishments!

SAFETY NOTICE
As warmer weather approaches, we are seeing more students walking and biking to school, and hanging out on school property after dismissal. Please exercise caution in and around our driveways and parking lots, and obey the Illinois laws regarding speed (under 20mph) and cell phones (use is prohibited) in school zones. At our request, we have had extra Northfield Police Department presence around our campuses after school to ensure student safety.

REQUIRED DENTAL EXAM
Illinois law requires all children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grade in 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.

Exams completed within 18 months prior to May 15, 2019 (i.e., dated after November 15, 2017) are also acceptable. 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. The link for the waiver form is below: http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/DentalExamWaiver.pdf Please contact the school nurse (Ann Mertes, Middlefork School; Linda Curry, Sunset Ridge School) with any questions.
2019-2020 DISTRICT 29 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS/LISTS
School Supply Kits are available for purchase through the district website under the Parents Menu. If you do not wish to purchase a school supply kit, grade level lists are available on the website as well. Click the link below to access more information on ordering https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByN1071UZyZoSU9rXzRLeHJXWDV5LUVEendTTXAzX0ZzckVJ/view?usp=sharing

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parent Academy Workshop: Understanding and Supporting your Child’s Social Development
When: Friday, April 26, 2019 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Where: New Trier West High School; 7 N. Happ Road Building C, Room C234, Northfield
More Info: Join us as we share and discuss best practice methodologies and frameworks, including Social Thinking©, and strategies to utilize in supporting children and young adults with social learning differences. Discussion will include the components of social competency and strategies to model, teach, and support your child as they increase their awareness of how they interact with the social world around them and adapt their behavior. Presenters will speak to their unique experiences learning, coaching, and supporting students and staff throughout NSSED and the member school districts. Registration at: https://www.nssed.org/event/parent-academy-workshop-understanding-and-supporting-your-childs-social-development

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER A DISTRICT 29 YEARBOOK! If you are unsure if you ordered already, please contact Ms Anderson @ andersonc@sunsetridge29.org. Sunset Ridge & Middlefork Yearbook Ordering

3rd GRADE BIKE SAFETY WEEK began today with a visit from Officer Friendly. During this physical education unit all third graders: 1) learn the rules of the road and proper helmet usage; 2) determine the safest route to and from school; 3) register their bicycles with the Northfield police; and 4) complete both a written and a road test. Beginning Monday, April 22, only third graders may ride to and from school and park their bikes in the bike racks in front of the building.

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS are due by 9:00 a.m. this Tuesday, April 16. This is our last lunch donation for the school year, so lunches are contributed by all grade levels. Thank you for your continued support of this long-standing community service!
1st GRADE READERS are invited by the Winnetka-Northfield Library District to celebrate the joy of reading and all they’ve learned this year. The party is April 18, at 7:00 pm at the Northfield Library, 1785 Orchard Lane. Register here: https://winnetkalibrary.libcal.com/event/5197241

MAY 6th VocabuPETS PARADE: It’s time to start planning vocabulary costumes for the 14th Annual Middlefork Vocabulary Parade! Flyers went home in backpacks this week, but the basics for kids include: 1) choose a “rich” vocabulary word learned this year; 2) create a costume to depict it; and 3) march! Costumes should be simple and created by the children. A decorated hat, t-shirt, cardboard box, or poster is perfect, or just carry some illustrative props! It should always be more about the word choice than the costume. P.S. Parents and families are invited to attend.

MIDDLEFORK VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY: Thursday, April 25 (9:30 a.m.) is the annual Middlefork Volunteer Assembly, an opportunity for students to thank all of the relatives and friends who have given of their time to Middlefork during the 2018-19 school year. Please join us for this 30 minute event, if you can!

PORTFOLIO SEASON is upon us! 1st graders shared their portfolios and Explorer’s Club projects with their families on Thursday night. Next up is 2nd grade on May 1 at 6:30 p.m., followed by 3rd grade Portfolio Night on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. And last but certainly not least, kindergartners share their portfolios at a special breakfast on May 29 at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendars!

APRIL BIRTHDAY LUNCH with Dr. Greene has been rescheduled for Friday, April 26 @ 11:30 a.m.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

THANK YOU TO PTO: Due to the incredible generosity of our Middlefork/Sunset Ridge PTO, we were able to welcome Kwame Alexander to Sunset Ridge this week. It was a phenomenal assembly and everyone left inspired! Thank you!!

MAKER FAIRE: Mark Your Calendars! Sunset Ridge is hosting our Maker Faire on Wednesday April 17th from 5:30-7:30pm! Advertised as the "Greatest show (and tell) on Earth," the Maker Faire is part technology fair, part science fair, part craft fair, and part something totally new. Students will be able to showcase their creations/inventions from either at home or at school, as well as participate in interactive stations where they will be able to build and create small projects to take home. Please join us next Wednesday for this amazing event!
**IAR TESTING:** We will be winding up testing next week with make-ups and the final tests in 4th and 5th grade on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for supporting your children with all of the good breakfasts and donated snacks!

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE MOVIE NIGHT:** Join the Environmental Service League for a eco-friendly movie night! Save the date - **Thursday, April 18th** from 3:30-5:30 pm in the SRS Auditorium. $10 includes the movie, snacks, and pizza. All proceeds will be donated to the Backyard Nature Center and Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter. All 4th-8th graders invited!

**LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOKS:** If you don’t remember if you ordered one or not, feel free to reach out to Caitlin Anderson at andersonc@sunsetridge29.org.

Sunset Ridge & Middlefork Yearbook Ordering

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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!

Another successful Service Leagues is in the books! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers. Our last Service Leagues day of this year will be on Friday, May 10th.

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**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**4/15**
Tech Agency - 7:30 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

**4/16**
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess

**4/17**
WSRS News - 7:30 am
D&D Club - 8th Grade Lunch/Recess
Scribbler Siblings - 5th Grade Recess
Script Writing - 4th Grade Recess
WSRS News - 3:30 pm

**4/18**
Maker Faire Open Design Studio - 7:30 am
Green Club - 7:30 am
Environmental Movie Night Fundraiser - 3:45 pm

**4/19**
NO SCHOOL

SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:
http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8__