THANK YOU SRS “MAKERS”!
A very special “thank you” to all of the SRS students that participated in the Maker Faire last night! It was a great opportunity for our students to show their talents and interests - from cooking and sewing, to art, design, technology, and science! I also want to thank Mrs. Albright, Ms. Gray, Mrs. Styczen, and Ms. Kotula for organizing and facilitating the event!

SEEKING BINGO PRIZES FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Preparations are underway for Family Fun Night being held June 5th at Clarkson Park! More information is to come. In the meantime, the PTO is seeking donations of NEW Bingo Prizes for all age groups. No item is too big or too small - toys, games, sports equipment, books, etc. are welcomed and appreciated. Please drop off items at either school office or the Community Center by May 29th. Mark donations “Family Fun Night Bingo Prizes.” We thank you for your support!

Please email Andrea at aamacina@yahoo.com 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/0ByN1071UZyZoSU9rXzRLeHJXWDV5LUVFendTTXAzX0Zzc/kVJ/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:
MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the longstanding Lunches for The Homeless program at Middlefork School. Together this school year we provided 1000+ lunches to the homeless shelter at the First Baptist Church in Evanston.

3RD GRADERS BIKE TO SCHOOL! After a successful week-long unit on Bike Safety and Rules of the Road, our 3rd graders are ready to ride independently to and from school this Monday! Please be mindful of our newest "commuters" as you drive through Northfield, and do inform us of any safety concerns you might see while on the roads. Safety instructions for students include wearing helmets, as well as walking their bicycles across the street, when crossing driveways, and when passing through or by a construction area.

BIKE HELMET CHECK: Thank you parents, for making sure your children are wearing their helmets properly! An ill-fitting helmet is just not safe. How can you tell if your child’s bicycle helmet fits properly? When the chin strap is buckled correctly, a bicycle helmet should:

- have a snug but comfortable fit;
- not move from side to side or up and down;
- sit level on the head (not tilted back); and
- rest low on the forehead, (bottom edge 1-2 finger widths above the eyebrow).

The buckled chin strap should leave only enough room to allow one finger to be inserted between the buckle and chin. When opening his/her mouth, your child should be able to feel the helmet pull down on his/her head.

3rd GRADE SPRINGTIME ACTIVITIES abound, so make sure your calendars are marked for these final special events involving your Middlefork 3rd grader!

- 4/22 3rd graders begin biking to school
- 5/8 @ 7:00 p.m., 3rd Grade Portfolio Night
- 5/23 @ 7:00 p.m., Spring Sing
- 5/24 (a.m.), 3rd to 4th Grade Transition Program
- 5/28 (all day) Field Trip to The Grove
- 5/30 (p.m.) Field Day (rain date 5/31)
- 6/7 @ 9:00 a.m., 3rd Grade Graduation ceremony


Sincerely,
Edward J. Stange, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY is April 25th! In celebration of National Poetry Month, students are encouraged to find a favorite poem (or write an original one) and read it to friends and teachers throughout the day. Participants keep track of how many people they read to and get a chance to win poetry themed prizes. Click here to watch a video and learn more about Poem in Your Pocket Day!

AUTHOR VISIT: A huge thank you to the PTO for supporting our visit with author/illustrator David Biedrzycki on Tuesday, April 16th. Students were captivated by Mr. Biedrzycki’s engaging presentation and humor. We are so grateful to the PTO for sponsoring this unique, enriching opportunity!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:
Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 6th-May 10th. The PTO is excited to celebrate and show appreciation to our wonderful teachers at Middlefork School! Thank you to all the people who offered to help. If anyone would like to volunteer and help, please contact Abby Hurwitz abbybhumz@gmail.com, Yena Levinson yena201@gmail.com or Soo Moon soojungkim1@gmail.com.

ONE MORE TIME!
MAY 6th VOCABU/ PETS PARADE: Students should: 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. Parents and families are invited to attend.
MIDDLEFORK VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY is Thursday, April 25 (9:30 a.m.). Relatives and friends who have given of their time to Middlefork during the 2018-19 school year are encouraged to attend this adorable 30 minute event!
PORTFOLIO SEASON: 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. Kindergartners share their portfolios at a special breakfast on May 29 at 9:00 a.m.
SUMMER PET SITTING: Winnetka’s Adventures in Learning/Animal Care Class begins Monday, June 17th. If your child’s small animal (rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, gerbil, reptile, etc.) is due for a brief break this summer, please email Anna @ animal.care.adventures@gmail.com.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

MAKE FAIRE: Thank you to all of our makers and the SRS community for coming out to support the 2nd annual Maker Faire. Seeing the student makers and innovators share their projects was really exciting. A huge shout out to Mrs. Albright and Ms. Gray for making it a reality!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:
Teacher Appreciation Week is quickly approaching, this year it is May 6th to 10th. The PTO is hoping to secure volunteers, and also donations- if you have a local business and are willing to donate a gift certificate for our daily raffles please reach out to Lisa Challenger directly. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give back to our Sunset Ridge teachers and staff for all they do for our kids! Please sign up to volunteer your time or donate food by April 22nd: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4aa5af2aa1fe3-volunteers

IAR TESTING: We are officially done with IAR testing!

KALEIDOSCOPE: Thanks to the sponsorship of our wonderful PTO, Kaleidoscope, District 29's annual literary publication, is ready for your reading pleasure! As in prior years, Middlefork's book will be distributed to each K-3 family, but Sunset Ridge's book is paperless and has been posted to the website. Please follow this link (Kaleidoscope 2018-2019) to access the entire publication; then, feel free to print as many pages as you wish. Hope you enjoy the wonderful writing and imaginative illustrations produced by the students of Sunset Ridge!

LOST AND FOUND: We have a TON of items in our lost and found. Please have your child check if they are missing something. We will be donating what is in the pile on FRIDAY, APRIL 26th.

UPCOMING AT SRS:
4/22
Tech Agency - 7:30 am
Empathy Ambassadors - 7:45 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

4/23
8th Grade ISBE Science Assessment
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess

4/24
WSRS News - 7:30 am
D&D Table Game - 7/8 Lunch/Recess
Scribbler Siblings - 5th Grade Recess
Script Writing/Acting Club - 4th Grade Recess
Photography Club - 4th Grade Recess
WSRS News - 3:30 pm
Track Meet - 4:00 pm

4/25
5th Grade ISBE Science Assessment
Green Club - 7:30 am
SLAB - 7:45 am
Track Meet - 4:00 pm
4/26
Student Council - 7:45 am
4th Grade Arbor Day Event - 10:00 am
Photography Club - 5th Grade Recess

4/28
Chicago Hubs Robotics Team heads to the World Championships in Louisville, KY!

SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:
http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school_4-8_