FRIDAY NEWS
April 26, 2019

SUNSET RIDGE “ENERGY ACTIVISTS” ACCEPT $108,630 CHECK
On Tuesday, the Sunset Ridge School Energy Activists took center stage to accept a rebate check in the amount of $108,630 from Commonwealth Edison related to the installation of our solar panels. The event was attended by executives from Com Ed, local and state-level politicians, and local media. The Energy Activists are a voluntary group of Sunset Ridge students that monitor our energy production and consumption, generate ideas to conserve energy, and spread the word about the importance of environmental consciousness.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
Thanks to our 4th grade students for another wonderful Arbor Day celebration today! We gathered on the Sunset Ridge School property, planted a tree together, then celebrated student’s poetry on the topic of trees. Ana Manojlovski, Tony Kaltchev, and Sydney Aul, took first, second, and third place, respectively for their entries in the poetry contest. Thanks to our Northfield Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for facilitating the event!

STUDENTS MISSING MANDATED 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, 2019. 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/oralhlt/DentalExamWaiver.pdf

CLASS OF 2019 “CLASS GIFT” FUNDRAISER
The graduating 8th graders have selected two gifts for District 29 to show their appreciation: a gaga pit for Sunset Ridge and a piece of artwork for Middlefork’s library. A gaga pit is an octagonal structure that is used to play a fast paced, high energy sport that is fun and easy. Everyone gets a serious workout! The artwork will consist of photos of the existing floor tiles in the Middlefork hallway. This way history will be preserved with the capital improvement project.
In order to raise funds for these two class gifts, the 8th graders are selling Lou Malnati’s pizza coupons for just $15. Please support the Class of 2019 by buying one or more! If you are interested, you can reach out to any 8th grader you know or just email juliebuzza@gmail.com.

**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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByN1071UZyZoSU9rXzRLeHJXWDV5LUVEendTTXAzX0ZzcKVJ/view?usp=sharing) 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

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

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**MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES**

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY:** To all of those volunteers who were unable to attend Thursday morning’s assembly, thank you for everything you have done for Middlefork this year. And thank you also to those who were able to join us - the students had so much fun creatively demonstrating their appreciation through song and verse!

**SPRING CLEANING & LOOSE PARTS:** If this weekend’s townwide spring cleanup uncovers some items you think would be appreciated by students during LOOSE PARTS recess time on Tuesdays, please call or text Joanna Brown (847.624.2015). Joanna has graciously agreed to continue collecting items for us in her garage! The students especially love wood, blocks, large (and clean) garbage bins, things on wheels, tarps, sturdy buckets, keyboards, foam mats, etc. They love to build things and wheel things around!

**POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY** put smiles on everyone’s faces on April 25! Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for organizing such a fun, creative day for all. Wouldn’t you know it, we’ve got some poets!

**CELEBRATING WRITERS** was a popular activity this week! 2nd graders shared their opinion writing with each other on Thursday afternoon, while kindergarteners followed suit with a celebration of their narrative (true stories!) writing on Friday afternoon.
2nd GRADE PORTFOLIO NIGHT is Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30 p.m. Our students are looking forward to sharing their portfolios with their parents and caregivers and to reviewing the growth they’ve made this year!

2ND & 3RD GRADERS TRAVEL TO SRS to see their musical production of Cinderella on Friday, May 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.

CALLING ALL FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS: Look in your child’s backpack or on the Middlefork webpage for information about how to volunteer for the annual Middlefork Field Day on May 30 in the afternoon (rain date is 5/31). It’s just about every students’ favorite day of the school year, so thank you - we can’t do it without your help!

DRIVEWAY NOTES: This is a friendly reminder to parents and caregivers about the procedures for afternoon pick-up, especially as we look forward to warmer weather. In addition to adhering to the specific pick-up times for each grade level (1:50 for K, 3:00 for 1st-2nd, 3:10 for 3rd), drivers should not be using cell phones when students are present on the sidewalk, and play dates may not be arranged from waiting cars in the driveway. Safety and efficiency are our goals!

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING UP:
   MAY 6th @ 1:00 P.M. = VocabuPETS PARADE:
   MAY 8th @ 7:00 P.M. = 3rd grade Portfolio Night on May 8 at 7:00 p.m.
   MAY 6th-10th = Teacher Appreciation Week. If anyone would like to help, contact Abby Hurwitz abbybhurwitz@gmail.com, Yena Levinson yena201@gmail.com or Soo Moon soojungkim1@gmail.com.

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http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school___k-3

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

GOOD LUCK!: To the SRS Robotics team, The Chicago Hubs, as they travel to Kentucky to compete in the World Championship VEX IQ Robotics Competition! Team members Evie Detlefsen (7th), Ilana Friedel (8th), Kyla O’Leary (8th), and Emilia Orta (8th) have been working hard building and coding their robot that will be competing against over 30 different countries! We are so proud to have these students representing SRS on a world-wide stage, and we are even more proud of their dedication and perseverance. Way to go, Eagles!

WE ALL LIVE HERE: Thanks to our amazing PTO, we will be hosting We All Live Here (https://wealllivehereproject.com/) on Monday, May 13th. All students will participate in an assembly and work together to create a Sunset Ridge We All Live Here visual that will then be put on spirit wear. The spirit wear will be sold to generate money for an art installation at SRS. We’re so excited about this opportunity!
**SUNSET RIDGE MUSICAL:** We are thrilled to present this year’s Sunset Ridge Musical, *Cinderella*! There are two casts and several opportunities to see the production. It will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Friday, May 3rd at 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 7:00 pm, and Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 pm.

**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](http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8_) for a direct link to the D29Connect page!

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

4/29
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

4/30
Big Books Club - 4th Grade Recess

5/1
Track Meet - 4:00 pm

5/2
Green Club - 7:30 am
Parent Connections - 8:45 am
Sunset Ridge Musical - *Cinderella* - 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Track Meet - 4:00 pm

5/3
Student Council - 7:45 am
5th Grade Photography Club - 5th Grade Recess
Sunset Ridge Musical - *Cinderella* - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 7:00 pm

5/4
Sunset Ridge Musical - *Cinderella* - 2:00 pm

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