D29 WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER - MR. RORY WELCH
Rory and his family have been residents of Northfield since 2012. His wife Katy is a marketing executive for Abbvie, and they have 4 children. Elisabeth is a junior at Gettysburg College. Tim is a high school senior in New Jersey, and William (3rd) and Alexander (2nd) are both at Middlefork. Rory enjoys staying involved. In addition to being a new member of the school board, he is a den leader in the local cub scouts, works with foster children as a CASA volunteer, and is active in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Northfield. Rory grew up the youngest of 7 in Louisiana, spent some time living and working in Hong Kong, and moved to Northfield from New York in order to be close to family. Rory is an avid cyclist. He received his BA in Economics from Furman University and his MBA from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Rory will be officially sworn in, and replace retiring Board member Jill Mirkovic, at a special Board of Education meeting to be held on April 30, 2019.

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.

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/oralhlt/DentalExamWaiver.pdf Please contact the school nurse (Ann Mertes, Middlefork School; Linda Curry, Sunset Ridge School) with any questions.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Finding Balance: Understanding How Parental Controls on iOS Devices Can Help Our Students
When: Monday, April 8, 6:00pm to 8:30pm
More Info: Click here to register

A Night with Illinois Special Needs Planning Experts
When: Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Where: Takiff Center Community Hall; 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe IL
More Info: This evening will be a Town Hall discussion covering the most challenging issues facing families with loved ones with disabilities. Topics to be discussed: Transitioning through life, Preparing your family for the future, Communicating your planning to those who will be involved, and Building community relationships. RSVP by contacting the Center for Independent Futures; 847.328.2044 or center@independentfutures.com. Space is Limited. Register Early!

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:

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

3rd GRADE IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) TESTING begins this Monday and continues through Friday, April 12. Thanks for being mindful of our a.m. testing schedule and making sure the 3rd graders get to school on time. If you have any questions about the IAR process, please contact Dr. Greene. Middlefork 3rd graders have been taking these state mandated standardized tests for many years, and we’ll get through it together. They are in capable, caring, and experienced hands!
1st GRADE PORTFOLIO NIGHT & EXPLORER’S CLUB MUSEUM is Thursday night, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to sharing authentic examples of your children’s growth and development in 1st grade, as well as showcasing the incredible Explorers’ Club learning that’s transpired over the last month.

3rd GRADE BIKE SAFETY begins on Friday, April 12 with a visit from the Northfield Police Department. For a full description of the weeklong unit and instructions regarding when students may begin riding to school independently, click on the Middlefork News link below. In addition, please see the following information about a key safety measure - HELMETS! Finally, note that only 3rd graders may ride their bikes to/from school and secure them to our bike racks. AND all of this is official on Monday, April 22, upon completion of the written and road tests.

BIKE HELMET 101: How can you tell if your child’s bicycle helmet fits properly? When the chin strap is buckled, a bicycle helmet should have a snug but comfortable fit. You should not be able to move it from side to side or up and down. The helmet should sit level on the head (not tilted back) and rest low on the forehead, the bottom edge about 1 to 2 finger widths above the eyebrow. Another technique to check proper positioning? Your child should be able to see the very edge of the helmet when looking upward. And don’t forget about the strap! They should be even, form a "Y" that comes together at the bottom of the earlobe, and sit snug against the head. (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.)

UPCOMING AUTHOR VISIT: Monarch Award winning author David Biedrzycki will visit Middlefork School on April 16. Visit David’s website to learn more about his books and illustrations. For more information and a link to order a signed book, click here. All money and order forms are due to Mrs. Johnson by April 9.

A HEARTWARMING TALE: The 2nd and 3rd grade Dedicated Dolphins made over 400 keychains to raise $2,126 for the American Heart Association! Thank you for your support during this successful service project and fundraiser.

SPRING SING Please click on the link below to get a sneak preview of the music for the annual Spring Sing or to allow your children to practice their songs at home. Thanks! http://sunsetridge29.ss18.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=570623&pageId=17272025

SUMMER PET SITTING: Attention all lovers of rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, reptiles, birds and other small animals! Winnetka’s Adventures in Learning/Animal Care Class is back this summer, beginning Monday, June 17th. If you or your child’s small animal is due for a
brief break this summer, please email Anna at animal.care.adventures@gmail.com. Attempts at permanent adoptions can also be made if it is time to pass your pet on to another loving family.

**Quick Reminder**
Tuesday, 4/9 is the last day to provide pertinent information about your child to Dr. Greene for 2019-20 class placement, should you feel it necessary to do so. Email is acceptable. Teacher requests are not accepted.

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

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**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**DISMISSAL:** PLEASE do not allow your child to enter your car while you are on Willow Road, waiting to turn right onto Sunset Ridge property. It is incredibly dangerous for children and drivers.

**IAR TESTING:** Grades 4, 5, 6, and 8 are doing IAR testing next week. Please be sure your child has their headphones and a book to read if they complete their test early.

**8th GRADE PARENTS:** There is an Introduction for incoming New Trier Parents happening on April 16th at 7:00 pm at New Trier Northfield Campus.

**CLASS BUILDING:** During the upcoming weeks, we will be creating the class lists for homerooms and advisories for the 2019-20 school year. If there is information you would like us to have as we work on building those groups, please email Dr. Sukenik by April 26th.

**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://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3_) for a direct link to the D29Connect page!

**SELPAC**

We are looking for 8-10 parents representing a cross-section of students of different grade levels, genders, cultures and interests to collaborate about our Social Emotional Learning program on the SEL Parent Advisory Committee (SELPAC). In addition, parents on SELPAC should be interested in learning together and listening to multiple perspectives. Contact Dr. Sukenik by April 15th if you are interested in joining!

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**4/8**
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
Marvel Book Club - 5th grade recess
Track Meet - 4:00 pm
New Trier Parent Night - Parental Controls on iOS Devices - at New Trier - 6:00 pm

4/9
PTO Meeting - 9:00 am @ Northfield Park District
Big Books Club - 4th grade recess
Giving Club - 5th grade recess
Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm @ SRS Legacy Room
Board of Education meeting - 7:00 pm @ SRS Legacy Room

4/10
WSRS News - 7:30 am
Kwame Alexander visits! - 10:00 am @ SRS Auditorium
D&D Tabletop Game Club - 8th grade lunch/recess
Scribbler Siblings - 5th grade recess
Script Writing/Acting Club - 4th grade recess
WSRS News - 3:30 pm

4/11
SLAB - 7:45 am
Green Club - 7:30 am
MakerFaire OpenDesign Studio - 7:30 am

4/12
Student Council - 7:45 am
Service Leagues - AM

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