**VIRAL MENINGITIS AT SRS**
Earlier this week, I sent a parent/staff email notifying everyone of a case of viral meningitis at Sunset Ridge. It is critical to note that the meningitis identified at Sunset Ridge was *viral and not bacterial*, and there is no cause for alarm. My email was intended to keep everyone informed of the facts. Click the following link for more information on meningitis from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

**FALL CONFERENCES**
Fall Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration goes live on Monday, Oct 15th at 6 a.m. and closes on Thursday, Nov 15th at 8 p.m. Click on the following link to register [http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration](http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration). The link will be posted under the Parent menu on the website as well.

**CAUTION APP USERS**
Ever wonder about potentially dangerous “apps” that your children might be using? Our Technology Department has generated a list of “apps” that have the potential to be dangerous for children under 13. Click the following link to access the list https://goo.gl/Sb93PZ.

**BOOK FAIR & READER’S THEATER**
The 2018-2019 Book Fair is coming next week on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 8:15 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and again on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday for a Reader's Theater performed by some of our very own D29 teachers! On Wednesday, the 1st-3rd grade Middlefork students will be bussed over. You can send money with your children so they can make a purchase. Volunteers are still needed! [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FA8AE2BA5FE3-sunset](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FA8AE2BA5FE3-sunset). Please contact Megan Waite with any questions (meganwaite@comcast.net)

**PTO BENEFIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The 2019 PTO Benefit is around the corner. The Benefit Committee is looking for volunteers from our talented community! Please take a look at the list of volunteer opportunities on the link below, and select ALL positions that interest you. We will work with you individually to find the perfect fit! [http://district29pto.org/benefit-volunteers/](http://district29pto.org/benefit-volunteers/)
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Join Kate Denny Bowyer’s friends and family in celebrating her life by participating in an organized walk through Northfield on October 21st at 2 p.m. Please use the following link to find out more information, buy tickets or make a donation. https://foundation.nmh.org/katebowyer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

LETS PLAY! is an initiative sponsored by The Alliance for Early Childhood. This weekend the AEC is sponsoring an “unplugged” family activity at Lloyd Park, 799 Sheridan Road, Winnetka. Bring out the family, unplug, connect, and build a fort on October 13 and 14, from 11:00-4:00 p.m. Click on the following link or see The Alliance’s website for more details! If our Tuesday “Loose Parts” recesses are any indication, the kids will love this! Let’s Play! Fort Building Flyer

ONLINE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UP: Registration goes live on Monday, 10/15. at 6:00am for Fall conferences (11/19 from 2pm-8pm). It closes on Thursday, 11/15 at 8pm. See http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration for registration instructions. If you would also like to schedule a conference with ALP teachers, Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls, please contact them directly (paulsb@sunsetridge29.org, brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org). On 11/19, they will be at Sunset Ridge School from 2:00-5:00 pm and at Middlefork from 6:15-8:00 pm. Middlefork parents may see them at either location.
**PICTURE RETAKES**: are scheduled for Thursday, 10/18 in the morning. If you would like another picture taken, you must return your first pictures in the original envelope. You may keep the class picture as those will not be retaken. If your child was absent on the original Picture Day, then follow the same instructions as before (mylifetouch.com, Picture Day ID: RN018011Q1) or send in the paper order form with your child. You can email Mrs. Draka for a new copy.

**VISION & HEARING**: A second screening was conducted today for select students. If your child is recommended for further testing outside of school, you will be notified by Mrs. Mertes next week.

**PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL**: According to D29’s Technology System Access and Acceptable Use Procedures for Students, student employment of personal electronic devices during school hours without permission is not permitted. As we see more and more Middlefork students come to school with phones, smartwatches, etc., we want to ensure that everyone understands the procedures and that these devices are safely stored during the school day. Students who come to school with devices (e.g., cell phone) will place the device in a specified storage container within the classroom in the morning and then retrieve it at the end of the day. Given Middlefork is not equipped with lockers, we believe this is safer than storing them in backpacks in the hall. We respect parents’ reasons for equipping their children with such devices and feel that this simple storage procedure will help students understand the D29 policy while also protecting your expensive equipment.

**BOOK FAIR FIELD TRIPS**: for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders will take place on Wednesday, 10/17. Kindergartners will *not* attend the Book Fair with their classes, but families are encouraged to attend the Book Fair @ SRS after dismissal on Tuesday, as well as Tuesday evening.

**SOCKTOBER & CRADLES TO CRAYONS**: As part of their social studies exploration of the concept of human rights, the 3rd graders are conducting two service drives. They will collect socks for donation to a shelter as well as children’s gently used clothing, shoes, toys and books, bedding, diapers and wipes. The drives run through October 31st. [www.happysocktober.com](http://www.happysocktober.com) and/or [www.cradlestocrayons.org](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org).

**TECH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**: Check under the Parent menu on the D29 website for helpful information regarding social media influences on our children. Of particular interest may be the section on monitoring children’s devices, which includes Disney Circle Go - [https://meetcircle.com/circle-go](https://meetcircle.com/circle-go); Qustodio (better for Android) - [https://www.qustodio.com/en/](https://www.qustodio.com/en/); and Our Pact (Better for iPhones) - [https://ourpact.com/](https://ourpact.com/)

**HALLOWEEN**: is a big day for Middlefork Dolphins! For a complete timetable and a description of costume guidelines, see Dr. Greene’s Halloween letter on the Middlefork News webpage.

**OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:**
**10/19 October Birthday Lunch, 11:35 a.m., Art Room**
**10/19 Rope Warrior @ Middlefork School**
**10/24 Office Friendly, Halloween Safety**

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

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**ONLINE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UP:** Registration goes live on Monday, 10/5. at 6:00am for Fall conferences (11/19 from 2pm-8pm). It closes on Thursday, 11/15 at 8pm. The link for Sunset Ridge is http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration. The links will be posted under the Parent menu on the website as well. If you would also like to schedule a conference with ALP teachers, Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls, please contact them directly (paulsb@sunsetridge29.org, brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org). On 11/19, they will be at Sunset Ridge School from 2:00-5:00 pm and at Middlefork from 6:15-8:00 pm.

**AFTER SCHOOL:**
We have supervision on the playground until 3:45. Students are able to play during that time but must follow our playground rules. This includes no tag, no chasing through the equipment or flower beds. It is also a safety hazard for students to be playing with balls during this very busy dismissal time. The supervisors are there in order to assure your children’s safety. Please treat them with respect and follow their direction.

**ON DAYS WHEN IT IS RAINING OR EXTREMELY COLD, THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE CLOSED.**
If you have any concerns, please contact Dr. Sukenik directly.

**MORNING ARRIVAL:** Supervision in the Commons begins at 7:30 am. This is meant to be time to work quietly on homework or read. If your child is coming to school to play games on their electronic device or socialize with friends, this is NOT the appropriate time and they will not be allowed to do so in the Commons.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Field Hockey, Soccer and Girls’ Volleyball are all wrapping up their seasons. Way to go athletes! A special shout out to our Girls’ Volleyball team on their undefeated season!! Come cheer them on for the conference championship at the tournament hosted at Sunset Ridge on October 22nd and 23rd.

*The final soccer game (which was rescheduled) will be on Monday, October 15th*

**BOYS’ Basketball** There will be a shoot around/meet the coach on October 24th after school for 7th and 8th grade boys. Stay tuned for more information.

**UPDATES FROM STUDENT COUNCIL:**
October 24th (3:30-5:45)

**6/7/8th Grade Movie Night!** Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to come and watch the movie "Gremlins". The event starts at 3:30 and the $5 admission charge covers pizza, apple cider,
and the movie. Concessions will also be sold separately. Profits benefit the SRS Transportation Service League Organization. Bring in NEW socks to donate to the SRS Family and Children Service League Organization. Sock donations will also earn you a free concession of your choice at the movie. Permission slips will be going out next week and are due on October 23rd to participate.

October 29th- November 2nd

**Spirit Week!** Be on the lookout for the themes for each day of the week. The week will also feature a Homeroom/Advisory door decoration competition. Prizes will be given for the spookiest, funniest, and most creative door decorations.

October 30th (3:30-4:30)

**4/5 Halloween Party!** All 4th and 5th graders are invited to the Halloween Party. Wear your costume, decorate pumpkins, bob for apple cider donuts, and more! The $5 admission charge covers pumpkins, games, apple cider, donuts, and a bag of Halloween Candy. All profits will be donated to the Transportation Service League Organization. We will also collect NEW socks to donate to the SRS Family and Children Service League Organization.

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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!

The Social Justice committee is reviewing standards to support the efforts of #D29 Connect and curricular activities in the district. They are gathering information about what is currently being done and determining how to implement best practices to engage students and staff in dialogue in efforts to intentionally address issues of social justice.

**COMING UP AT SRS:**

**10/15**
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
 Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

**10/16**
PTO BOOK FAIR - 7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Big Books Club - 5th Grade Recess

**10/17**
PTO BOOK FAIR - 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
WSRS News - 7:30 am
Photography Club (4th Grade Girls) - 12:20 pm
WSRS News - 3:30 pm

10/18
Picture Retake Day
Student Library Advisory Board - 7:45 am

10/19 Student Council - 7:45 am
SERVICE LEAGUES - 9:00 - 12:30 pm

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