BOOK FAIR
I want to send a huge “THANK YOU” to our PTO, and the many volunteers, for bringing another successful Book Fair to the District! I also want to thank our students and families for coming out to explore the literature and support this important fundraising event for our PTO.

ABBREVIATED WEEK
Please mark your calendar for our shortened schedule next week! On Thursday, October 25, 2018, we will have an “Early Release Day”. Please see the news below for Middlefork and Sunset Ridge grade-level dismissal times. On Friday, October 26, 2018, both school are closed for a teacher institute day.

THANK YOU, FALL ATHLETES
As our fall sports wrap up their seasons, I want to thank and recognize all of our student athletes and coaches for their hard work, dedication, and especially their sportsmanship this season. Although not every team ended their season with a “winning record”, and we experienced some episodes of unfortunate behavior from competing teams, our athletes and coaches showed great respect, dignity, and sportsmanship on “the field” and “the court”. It has been a great reflection of this community and our collective values.

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/)

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.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TOMORROW
Join Kate Denny Bowyer’s friends and family in celebrating her life by participating in an organized walk through Northfield on Sunday, October 21st at 2 p.m. Please use the following
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

**BIRTHDAY LUNCH** was celebrated by 18 students, Dr. Greene, and Mrs. McGuire this afternoon. All students born in the month of October gathered in the Art Room for lunch, stories, good cheer and a special dolphin surprise!

**ROPE WARRIOR, a.k.a. DAVID FISHER** wowed Middlefork students today during an all-school assembly and PE classes throughout the day. Mr. Fisher demonstrated impressive jump roping feats and taught students some tricks of their own. Thank you to the District 29 PTO for bringing this amazing experience to Middlefork! If your child comes home excited and interested in purchasing jump ropes (like those used today) and/or books by Mr. Fisher, please contact Mrs. Kasper <kasperd@sunsetridge29.org> and she will share ordering information with you.

**10/25 EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:** With three dismissal times this Thursday, (Kinder = 11:40 a.m., 1st&2nd grades = 11:45, 3rd grade = 11:55), drivers should arrive in the driveway at the time for their eldest child. K-2 students going home with 3rd graders will remain indoors until the later dismissal time. Drivers will use the full length of the driveway, and anyone arriving ahead of his/her scheduled time will be asked to exit and return at the later time.

**DEDICATED DOLPHINS** (3rd grade) recently composed get well messages in support of “Cards for Hospitalized Kids”, an internationally recognized charitable organization that spreads hope, joy and magic to hospitalized kids across America through uplifting, handmade cards. For more information, see http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/. 2nd grade Dedicated Dolphin
members of the Environmental Care Crew started their service activity in the lunchroom. Students assist Mr. Parks each day with cleaning and straightening the cafeteria after the lunch period.

**LEARNING CENTER NEWS:** Students in the MakerSpace celebrated Digital Citizenship Week by illustrating their own "digital footprints", showing information that is safe to share online, such as hobbies, pets, and favorite sports. Meanwhile, in the Learning Center, students have been busy transforming pumpkins into favorite book characters. A special thank you to D29 parent Kristen Endre for returning to Middlefork year after year to assist with this favorite Halloween literacy activity! Be sure to stop by the lobby on Halloween to see the unique creations from each class.

**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.

**LOOSE PARTS RECESS IN ACTION:** Catch a glimpse of some recess creativity and fun in the Photo Gallery on the Middlefork webpage. Seeing is believing (and comprehending) when it comes to *loose parts play!*

**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).

**ONLINE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UP:** Register for 11/19/18 Parent - Teacher conferences via [http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration](http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration). If you would like to schedule a conference with ALP teachers, Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls, please contact them directly (paulsb@sunsetridge29.org, brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org).

**MIDDLEFORK NEWS:**

[http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school___k-3](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school___k-3)

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**HALLOWEEN:** Along with spooktacular activities planned by student council, ONLY 4th and 5th graders will be allowed to dress up for their Halloween parties.

**ONLINE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UP:** Registration is live for Fall conferences (11/19 from 2pm-8pm) and **ONLY 50% OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE SIGNED UP!** Registration closes on Thursday, 11/15 at 8pm. the link for Sunset Ridge is [http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration](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.
RECESS: Fall is most definitely here! Please remind your child to dress appropriately for recess.

BASKETBALL: 7th and 8th grade boys will have a shoot around in the gym and meet the coach opportunity (parents are invited!) on Wednesday, October 24th at 3:40. 7th and 8th grade girls will have a meeting with Coach Mattera and Coach Hanson on the same day at 3:30 in the Flex Room.

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us on Monday, October 29th at 9:30 am for a conversation in which we will take a closer look at how our parenting style can impact our children's ability to develop into independent and resilient young adults who are able to manage life's inevitable challenges. The discussion will take place at Sunset Ridge in the Large Conference Room from 9:30 - 10:45 am.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our Varsity Girls’ Volleyball Team on an undefeated season!
Sunset Ridge will be hosting the Girls Varsity Volleyball NSIC Tournament@Sunset Ridge next week on October 22 & 23, 2018. Lets pack the gym!!! Varsity will be playing on Monday, October 22nd at 5:00pm. If they win the team will play in the Championship Game on Tuesday at 4:00pm. Junior Varsity will be playing at Glencoe on Monday at 5:00 pm.

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.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT: On October 25th, volunteers from the community and from Allstate Insurance will be teaching Junior Achievement programs to the students of Sunset Ridge! Junior Achievement is a nonprofit that trains volunteers to teach students K-12 about financial literacy,
work readiness, and entrepreneurship through interactive, game-based lessons. The volunteers are very excited to share their experience as business people with the students, and help them grow up to succeed in a global economy!

**#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!

We had an INCREDIBLE first day of Service Leagues today! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to join us - it is such a wonderful way to build community. A huge shout out to Michele Widdes, Heather Johnson, and Robin Zogby for planning all summer and throughout the fall to make this day a reality. We hope you are able to talk with your child this weekend about what inspired them today and how they can continue to make a difference in the world.

**FROM OUR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE LEAGUE:**

Sunset Ridge School has teamed up with the non-profit organization, World Bicycle Relief! World Bicycle Relief helps provide bikes for people in developing rural regions in Africa, South America, and Asia. Some students in these regions have to walk 6.2 miles just to get to school. This walk is tiring and sometimes dangerous, especially for young girls. Bikes help them get to school more quickly and safely. Bikes also help doctors get to their patients with medical supplies 3 times faster. Farmers can get to their crops, animals, and markets faster. The bikes are each 50 pounds, and can hold 5 times their weight!

Our goal is to raise enough money to get 20 bikes, each costing $147. The total amount of money we need to raise to get 20 bikes is $2940. Help provide people in need of transportation with bikes by donating to our fundraising website below!

[https://www.tinyurl.com/srstransportation](https://www.tinyurl.com/srstransportation)

-Haley Thompson, Jackson Pick, Vivian Chen

**COMING UP AT SRS:**

**10/22**
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess
Girls Varsity Volleyball Tournament at SRS @ 4:00 pm
Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Glencoe @ 4:00 pm

10/23
Big Books Club - 5th Recess
Girls Varsity Volleyball Tournament at SRS @ 4:00 pm
Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Glencoe @ 4:00 pm

10/24
WSRS News - 7:30 am
Photography Club - 4th Grade Girls
WSRS News - 3:30 pm
7th/8th Boys Basketball Shoot around - 3:40 pm
7th/8th Girls Basketball meeting - 3:30 pm
Student Council Movie Night for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade - 3:30 pm

10/25
Junior Achievement - all grades
Early Release at 12:00 pm

10/26
NO SCHOOL - Institute Day

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