ILLINOIS 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY
The Illinois 5Essentials is a state-mandated annual climate survey administered to all students in grades 4-12. District 29 Students will complete the survey at school between November 2018 and January 2019.

The parent form of the survey is now available to all parents, guardians, or other caregivers with a child in grades pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If parents have more than one (1) child that attends the same school, they may elect to participate multiple times. For parents with children enrolled in multiple schools, the state recommends that they complete a survey for each school. Click the following link to access the parent survey http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/

These survey results are published on our annual district report card and are utilized by administration and staff in school improvement efforts. Please take a moment to give your feedback!

PARENT CONNECTIONS TO DISCUSS COMMUNICATIONS
The next Parent Connections meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Sunset Ridge School. The main topic for discussion will be District Communications, and will include our website, teacher webpages, the Weekly News, and the Board Newsletter. Planning for the annual District 29 Family Service Night will also take place.

PTO FALL FEST & DANCE PARTY
Please join your fellow District 29 community members for a fun afternoon of fall games, crafts, snacks and dancing on Tuesday, November 6 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm in the Sunset Ridge Gym. District 29's own RB City will be providing the music. Prizes awarded. We hope to see you there!

PTO BENEFIT
The PTO Benefit will be held in March of 2019. The Benefit includes a fundraising auction to bring parents, teachers, and administrators together for a night of fun! Items donated by the D29 community help to create essential auction packages needed for a successful fundraising event. Please consider making a donation. For donation ideas, and information on how to donate, please click the following link: http://www.district29pto.org/2018/10/auction
We are also looking for corporate / personal sponsors. You or your business could be featured in the promotions leading up to the event and displayed prominently at the event itself. For more information on sponsorships please contact the benefit team at benefit@district29pto.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/29/2018

This Important Moment: A Conversation with "Ask Polly" Advice Columnist Heather Havrilesky will be presented at 7pm at North Shore Country Day School. Visit familyactionnetwork.net for more information about this event and more.

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

10/31 HALLOWEEN DETAILS:
- Kindergarten parade through classrooms & gym @ 11:15 a.m.
- Kindergarten dismissal @ 11:50 a.m.
- 1st-3rd grade parade @ 1:55 p.m. w/regular dismissal times
- **NOTE:** Bring your extra Halloween candy to the Middlefork office next week, and the Dedicated Dolphins will donate to a good cause.
- Extend Halloween to children with food sensitivities. Learn more about the Teal Pumpkin Project @ http://www.foodallergy.org/teal-pumpkin-project#.VimOaBCrQ0o.

OFFICER FRIENDLY VISIT: Thank you to the Northfield Police Department for their continued support of the Officer Friendly safety curriculum for our students. Among the safety messages conveyed to Trick-or-Treaters on Wednesday of this week were:
- Wear make-up, not masks, & well-fitting costumes.
- Only take candy from good strangers.
- Only approach houses w/lights & in well-lit, familiar neighborhoods. Never go inside!
- If a bad stranger approaches, do whatever it takes to get away: scream, kick, run, call 9-1-1!

VETERANS’ WALL OF HONOR: We will continue our custom of paying tribute to U.S. military veterans. Star templates and instructions will go home in backpacks next week. Students are invited to decorate a star in honor of a family member or friend who served in the armed forces and to display it on the Middlefork Veterans’ Wall of Honor in the main lobby. General messages of appreciation to veterans are also welcome! Decorated stars may be returned to school any time from 11/1 through 11/12.

BUILDING OUR VOCABULARIES: This week’s Principal Challenge asked students to use as many VocabuPets words as possible to describe their impressions of The Rope Warrior, our assembly guest from last week. Among the entries was a collaboration by 3rd graders Maggie, Jenny, and Kelsey that used 4 VocabuPets words: “I gasped when he jumped rope sitting down. I
was perplexed when he jumped rope while bouncing a ball. It was cool when he jumped rope with 6 companions. I think he was exhausted by the end.”

ONE MORE TIME:
1) The Dedicated Dolphins’ Socktober and Cradles to Crayons Drives end on 10/31.
2) 11/19 Parent-Teacher conferences @ http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration. Make ALP conference appointments directly with Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls.
3) Catch a glimpse of “Loose Parts Recess” in the Photo Gallery on the Middlefork webpage.
4) Check out the literary-themed pumpkin projects in the lobby on Halloween!
5) If you wish to purchase a jump rope from The Rope Warrior himself, contact Mrs. Kasper and she’ll give you the ordering information. <kasperd@sunsetridge29.org>.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

CHAMPIONS: A huge congratulations to the conference champion Girls Varsity Volleyball team. Under the direction of Coach Mattera and Coach Murphy, along with incredibly enthusiastic family support, these student athletes not only came out victorious at the conference tournament but also completed an undefeated season. Way to go, Eagles!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: Student Council has been working to raise money to support the Transportation League’s efforts to donate 20 bikes. We have had concessions at the Volleyball Tournament (congratulations to the varsity team!) and hosted a Movie Event yesterday after school for our 6th/7th/and 8th graders. So far this month we have profited just over $300. This amount allows us to donate 2 bikes to the Transportation League! We have also collected 32 pairs of socks to donate to Cradles 2 Crayons.

Our final October fundraiser is NEXT WEEK. It is the 4th and 5th Grade Halloween Party. The party is on Tuesday (10/30) from 3:30-4:30. It costs $5 and includes a donut, apple cider, and a pumpkin to decorate. The money will be added to the Transportation League. 4th and 5th graders, come and help us raise money to donate even more bikes! We will also accept more donations for NEW socks.

SPIRIT WEEK!
Monday, 10/29: SRS Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, 10/30: PJ Day
Wednesday, 10/31: Door Decoration Competition
Thursday, 11/1: Grade Color Day
(4th- Blue, 5th-Purple, 6th- Red, 7th-Green, 8th-White)
Friday, 11/2: Hat Day

HALLOWEEN: 4th and 5th graders are permitted to wear costumes to their parties on Halloween. Sixth-eighth graders will be celebrating with awesome parties as well.

PARENTING DISCUSSION: Please join former middle school teachers and parenting consultants, Ronda Franks and Susan Zolin, for a conversation about helping our children to navigate the challenges of adolescence and build resilience in the face of mistakes and failures. They will be discussing current research and facilitating a conversation about the shared experiences of parents in our community.

The discussion will be on **Monday, October 29th at 9:30 am** in the Sunset Ridge Large Conference Room.

RSVP at: [https://goo.gl/forms/IfzcqD4T24tZHtpb2](https://goo.gl/forms/IfzcqD4T24tZHtpb2)

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: Dr. Kristen Mattson will be at Sunset Ridge on **November 14th at 7:00 pm** to discuss social media, digital citizenship and literacy. Please join us for this important conversation about helping our kids navigate the digital world!

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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](https://www.d29connect.com) for a direct link to the #D29Connect page!

Each #D29Connect committee has been very busy! During our School Improvement day, the Social Justice, Colleague-Colleague, Foundations, and Service Leagues Committees will all lead our staff in activities and learning experiences. We’ll be creating school expectations videos, planning for future Service Leagues projects, discussing how Social Justice impacts our classroom and school environments, and evaluating feedback from our staff. D29Connect has a lot planned, so stay tuned for further updates!

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**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT WEEK**

10/29
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am
Parent Discussion Group @ SRS - 9:30 am
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