FRIDAY NEWS
October 5, 2018

BICYCLE SECURITY
This week, it was reported to us that a bicycle that was left unlocked overnight at Sunset Ridge School was stolen. We strongly encourage students to not leave bicycles on the property overnight and always use a lock. If you have any information about this incident, please contact our main office or the Northfield Police Department.

PARENT CONNECTIONS DEBRIEF
Thanks to all those that were able to attend the Parent Connections meeting this week. We reviewed and discussed the District’s progress reporting and parent-teacher conference protocols, and participants gave written feedback regarding the benefits and opportunities for improvement with each topic. I will be summarizing the data received and sharing it with the Board of Education and staff to see how we can continue to make these critically important activities even better!

PARENT CONNECTIONS DISCUSSION TOPIC-PROGRESS REPORTS
The main discussion topic for the upcoming Parent Connections meeting is Progress Reporting. We will be reviewing the current K-8th Grade District Report Card formats and discussing opportunities for improvement. The meeting will be held on October 4, 2018 from 8:45-10:15a.m. in the conference room at Sunset Ridge School. All are welcome to attend!

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/

SAVE THE DATE
The 2018 PTO Book Fair is scheduled for October 16th from 8:15 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. & October 17th from 8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday October 17th the 1st-3rd grade Middlefork students will be bussed over. You can send money with your children so they can purchase an item. Please sign up to volunteer at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FA8AE2BA5FE3-sunset. Please contact Megan Waite with any questions (meganwaite@comcast.net)

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 2pm. Please use the following link to find out more information, buy tickets or make a donation.  https://foundation.nmh.org/katebowyer

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

**HOORAY FOR LOOSE PARTS PLAY!** What a fabulously imaginative, collaborative afternoon we had during Tuesday’s lunchtime recess! Students created trains, forts, offices, monsters, and drum sets from buckets, tarps, blocks, fencing, keyboards, cardboard, spoons, wood, rubber mats, red wagons, laundry carts, and more. A special “thank you” to the donor of the drums (I think!); if Tuesday’s recess is any indication, SRS is going to have to expand their percussion program...clearly we can make drumsticks out of ANYTHING!

**KINDERGARTEN HOURS** change to 1:50 p.m. on Monday, October 8 and remain so through June 2019. The only exception is October 31, when kindergartners are dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

**SAFETY CORNER:**
**** APPS: This week I was grateful to a parent who shared a concern about an app being talked about amongst our young students. It’s unclear how the app comes to be known by the children; perhaps they are confusing it with another app with a similar name. Regardless, what is clear is that they are unaware of its purpose and the potential danger involved. The app is called Liveme, and I pass on this information in the event that your child brings it up.

**INTERNET SAFETY & YOUNG CHILDREN:** Please join Dr. Greene, Sheri Styczen (D29 Tech Director) and Kellie Johnson (Library/Media Specialist) for a 2nd Cup of Coffee Meeting on Wednesday 10/10 at 9:00 a.m. We’ll talk about how to create and communicate safe parameters for young children’s smartphone and tablet use, ways to monitor their usage, as well as various ways that students may be exposed to inappropriate apps/content when they are not under your supervision.

**TORNADO DRILL:** In the final safe place drill for the school year, we will practice where to go and what to do in the event of a tornado warning. The drill takes place the morning of 10/10/18.

**SPIRITWEAR FRIDAYS:** All students are invited to wear the school colors (blue, white, grey) and anything dolphin every Friday. Keep an eye out for spiritwear information from the Dedicated Dolphins. They are planning a spiritwear sale and will send home flyers in backpacks soon.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** are 11/19 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Online signup will go live on Monday, October 15. Look for specific instructions in next week’s Friday News email.
**10/31 HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE:** A letter went home in backpacks this afternoon detailing the schedule for Halloween, as well as guidelines for student costumes. A copy is also posted on the Middlefork News webpage.

**LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS:** With your continued support, the Middlefork School community will once again provide lunches to the meals program at the Second Baptist Church in Evanston. Last school year we provided over 900 lunches! Our first donation includes lunches from every grade level, and the scheduled date is November 13. There are six donation dates in all, with each grade level assigned four dates. See the Middlefork News web page for more specifics on this 20+ year tradition.

**VocabuPETS PRINCIPAL’S CHALLENGE = STAMINA!** This year’s building wide theme is VocabuPETS - Words are our friends! One of our first VocabuPETS words on the wall is STAMINA. This week students were challenged to describe something at school for which they need stamina. Among the responses were MAP testing, reading, and running long distance!

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

## SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

**SCREENING:** Thank you for attending the documentary *Angst*. It was a great opportunity to welcome our community and discuss the very important problem of childhood anxiety.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are welcoming Kristen Mattson on **November 14th at 7:00 pm** to discuss Digital Citizenship, Social Media and Media Literacy. Please join us to learn more about how to help support our children as they navigate this high interconnected digital world.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Our lost and found next to the Commons is very full. Please remind your child to look for any missing items there. We will be donating what is left on Friday, October 12th.

**DEAR EVAN HANSEN:** We have an AMAZING author visit coming up next Friday. Val Emmich is a writer, a singer-songwriter, and an actor. He is the author of *Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel*. Benj Pasek is half of the composing team Pasek & Paul. They composed the score for the six-time Tony Award-winning Dear Evan Hansen, their original musical for which they received an Obie Award, a Drama Desk Award, and the Tony Award for Best Score. Mr. Emmich and Mr. Pasek will be visiting Sunset Ridge on Friday, 10/12 at 1:00. This special event is open to all 7th and 8th graders, as well as their family and friends. We have plenty of room! Please join us!

**PARTNERSHIP SURVEY:**
As you know from your child’s homeroom teacher or advisor, SRS staff are partnering with the Museum of Science and Industry to enhance students' experiences in STEM instruction. As part of
our work, we are asking you to think about your professional and personal acquaintances and share those that could enrich students' learning at school, whether in STEM or other subject areas. The survey is short, and we hope, sweet. Thank you for participating! Here is the link in case you need it: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeB_Grx2V-gHVZavi0FLkDRb9C4F2mA7Sfasoa7OHAtxy2BBA/viewform

#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 Colleague-Colleague committee has been reading through staff responses from our first institute day. They are currently planning a role play activity for staff that will take place during our October SIP Day. Based on staff feedback, the committee updated their mission statement: The Colleague-Colleague committee will develop a professional community that fosters respect, hard work, and fun built on a foundation of trust and communication.

Please stay tuned for weekly D29Connect committee updates!

COMING UP AT SRS:

10/8 Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess
Soccer vs. CHA @ SRS - 4:00 pm

10/9 PTO Meeting at Northfield Park District - 9:00 am
Big Books Club - 5th Grade Recess
Volleyball @ Marie Murphy - 4:00 pm
Field Hockey vs. Deerpath @ SRS - 4:00 pm
Soccer @ Marie Murphy - 4:00 pm
6:00 Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
7:00 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm

10/10 WSRS News - 7:30 am
Photography Club (4th Grade Girls) - 12:20 pm
Soccer vs. Glencoe @ SRS - 4:00 pm
WSRS News - 3:30 pm
10/11
Volleyball vs. Washburne @ SRS - 4:00 pm

10/12
Student Council - 7:45 am
Scholastic Bowl (7th/8th Grade) - 11:00 am
Photography Club (4th Grade Boys) - 12:20 pm
Benj Pasek and Val Emmich (Dear Evan Hansen) author visit - 1:00 pm

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