COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FEEDBACK
Thanks to all that were able to come out to the Parent Connections meeting this week. We discussed the District 29 communication systems (e.g., website, weekly news, Board newsletter) and received some great feedback on what folks find beneficial as well as areas for improvement. If you were unable to attend but have any feedback, please send me an email at stangee@sunetridge29.org.

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!

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.

**NSSED PRESENTS “IEP 101”**
Parent Academy: IEP 101: Getting into the IEP Goldilocks Zone  
When: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Where: New Trier High School; 7 N. Happ Road. Board Room C234, Building C, Northfield  
More Info: This session, DESIGNED FOR PARENTS, will cover the basic components of the IEP process and plan, provide specific strategies on how to make the meeting more meaningful to you as a parent, and how you can effectively contribute to the process and outcomes. Check out the Flyer or register online www.nssed.org.

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

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**MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES**

**MIDDLEFORK SPIRITWEAR** is now available for order. There are both child and adult sizes and two logo choices. Go to https://ultim8screenprinting.com/collections/middlefork-school to order before November 7.

**VETERANS DAY WALL OF HONOR:** Our tradition of the Middlefork Veterans Wall of Honor continues. Star templates went home in backpacks today; additional copies can also be downloaded from the Middlefork News webpage. All students are invited to write a message on a star, bring it to school, and post it on the honor wall in time for the 11/11 holiday.

**LEARNING CENTER NEWS:** Kick off Picture Book Month with a new reading challenge from Mrs. Johnson. Students are encouraged to read picture books from 20 different categories during the month of November. Click here to learn more! Additionally, second graders are invited to participate in a book club during lunch recess time. The featured title is *Lola Levine is Not Mean* by Monica Brown. The group will meet Monday and Thursday during lunch recess from November 27-December 20 (reading is done outside of school). If your child would like to participate, please click on the following link. Registration closes Monday, November 5 at 9:00 am. NOTE: Participation will be limited to a reasonably sized group for discussion, so if the response is greater than anticipated, we will simply host a second book club in January. Book Club Registration

**LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS START 11/13:** Your support of Middlefork’s long standing tradition of providing lunch for the homeless shelter at the First Baptist Church of Evanston is appreciated! We begin again on Tuesday, 11/13. Parents will hear from their child’s
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Middlefork collected 538 pairs of socks! Our third graders decided to support the Socktober Drive, as well as the charitable organization, Cradles to Crayons, after their social studies exploration of the concept of human rights. In addition to all the socks donated were baby wipes, diapers, and children's clothing. Thank you for supporting our children in their efforts to support others!

HALLOWEEN FUN!: Thank you to everyone who came out to the parade, helped with costumes, and planned classroom parties. Halloween’s always an exciting time for Middlefork students, and this year was no exception!

12 YEARS RUNNING, literally! If you are unfamiliar with Middlefork’s post-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, it’s quite simple. Just don your running/walking shoes and stop by the Middlefork gym to exercise away those excess Turkey Day calories with your child(ren)! See the Middlefork News web page for the individual grade level schedules. Each grade has a designated time slot, but ALL run times are before lunch!

WINTER CONCERT SEASON: Reserve the following musical dates on your calendars! You won’t want to miss the 1st-3rd graders perform on 12/19 @ 7:00 p.m. and the kindergartners on 1/17 @ 6:30 p.m.

QUICK REMINDERS:
*See “Loose Parts Recess” in the Photo Gallery on the Middlefork webpage.
*If you wish to purchase a jump rope or how-to-book from The Rope Warrior, contact Mrs. Kasper and she’ll give you the ordering information. <kasperd@sunsetridge29.org>
*Drop your extra candy off in the office and the Dedicated Dolphins will make sure it gets to SRS to be included in the piñatas being made for the families of the Northwestern Settlement House.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

STUDENT COUNCIL: Congratulations to our remarkable Student Council on their awesome Spirit Week activities. They brought awesome, positive vibes to the whole building and we all had a ton of fun!

SERVICE LEAGUES: We are still looking for volunteers to help with our next Service League day on Friday, November 16th. Please contact Mrs. Zogby if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Ms. Heilenbach on her wedding last weekend! She is now using the name Mrs. Albright. Coincidentally, Mrs. Albright also had another exciting
thing happen on her wedding weekend - we found out she received the highest honor given to PLTW teachers – PLTW Outstanding Teacher! PLTW Outstanding Teachers and PLTW Outstanding Educational Leaders are selected through a competitive nomination and selection process for their focus on empowering students to thrive in this evolving world. They have demonstrated a strong record of the following:

- Delivery of an inspiring and empowering student experience in the classroom; this includes success implementing high-quality PLTW programs and inspiring students to apply learning beyond the classroom.
- Expanded access to career learning for students in the school and community.
- Teacher leadership within the classroom, school, or district, using innovative methods to engage students in activity-, project-, problem-based learning, and active pursuit of professional and personal development.

Congratulations to Mrs. Albright on this outstanding achievement!

**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!

**HALLOWEEN CANDY:**
Want to get that leftover Halloween candy out of your house? We can help! It has long been a Sunset Ridge tradition for 8th grade Spanish students to build and decorate piñatas to donate during our holiday partnership with the Northwest Settlement House. Many of the families who receive services from the Northwest Settlement House are of Mexican descent, and a piñata is a Christmas tradition in Mexico. This project is always a terrific service learning experience for our students, and has been very well received by the Northwest Settlement House families.

We will be collecting donations, such as leftover Halloween candy, stickers, and small trinkets/toys to stuff our piñatas. Boxes will be set up in the lobby on November 1st, or you can bring donations directly to the office. ¡Gracias!

**#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 Foundations Committee has been busy! A few weeks ago the Foundations Committee continued professional development at a day long training. At this seminar we learned the
importance of positive to negative ratios when correcting students and that it is important to reteach expectations when there is a need, not just on a set date. During Institute Day, the staff made videos to reteach common area expectations. The videos will be available for viewing soon! The staff appreciates having common language to address students and we have seen improved behaviors in common areas.

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**

**11/5**  
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am  
Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am  
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess  

**11/6**  
Big Books Club - 5th Grade Recess  
PTO Fall Event - 3:30 @ SRS Gym  

**11/7**  
WSRS News - 7:30 am  
Photography Club (Girls) - 4th Grade Recess  
Yearbook - 3:45 pm  
WSRS News - 3:45 pm  

**11/8**  
4th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert @ SRS Auditorium - 7:00 pm  

**11/9**  
Student Council - 7:45 am  
Scholastic Bowl (7th/8th) - 11:00 am  
Photography Club (Boys) - 4th Grade Recess  
Veterans’ Day Concert @ SRS Auditorium - 2:00 pm  

**SUNSET RIDGE NEWS WEBPAGE**