PTO MEETING ON TUESDAY
Are you looking for more information about #D29Connect? Want to hear about this year’s PTO Teacher Gifts proposals and how your donations and fundraising efforts are being spent? Come to the PTO meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 9 a.m. at the Park District Community Center. All are welcome!

ILLINOIS 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY
Please take a moment to complete the Illinois 5Essentials Survey!

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. 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.

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.

CONFERENCE SIGN UP
Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 19, 2018. If you have not already done so, please click the following link to register http://sunsetridge29.org/parents/fall_conference_registration
**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 still available! The ordering deadline has been extended to this Wednesday, 11/14. Click here for online ordering instructions: [Spirit Wear flyer](#).

**VETERANS DAY WALL OF HONOR:** Our tradition of the Middlefork Veterans Wall of Honor continues. Students are invited to honor a family member or friend who is a veteran or to offer general notes of appreciation. STAR templates when home in backpacks last week and additional copies can also be downloaded from the Middlefork News webpage (see link below). Stars have been posted on the honor wall in time for the 11/11 holiday, but we’ll still accept on Monday!

**LEARNING CENTER NEWS:** ALL students are invited to participate in a picture book reading challenge this month. Click [here](#) to learn more!

**THE TEMPERATURE’S DROPPING...**and that means chillier recess days and - oh yes - SNOW! So please make sure your child comes to school prepared. It’s easy to forget when one moves from a heated house to a heated garage and car, and finally a toasty school! It also helps when your child’s name is “sharpied” inside his/her clothes. The Lost & Found is already filling up! Here are the clothing parameters for recess play when there is snow on the ground: students with snow pants, boots, coats, hats & gloves can play anywhere there is snow (fields, grassy areas, wood chips, play equipment). Without snow pants and/or boots, students are restricted to the cleared areas of the blacktop.

**LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS:** Our program begins again on Tuesday, 11/13. Thank you in advance for supporting this ongoing lunch program at the First Baptist Church of Evanston. And special thanks to Buggie O’Grady, Middlefork parent alum, for once again transporting the lunches to Evanston on Tuesday morning!

**QUICK REMINDERS:**  
*Middlefork’s 12th Annual Post-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot is 11/26/18! See the Middlefork News web page for the individual grade level schedules.
*Winter Concerts: 1st-3rd grades 12/19 @ 7:00 p.m., Kindergarten 1/17 @ 6:30 p.m.
*November Birthday Lunch w/Dr. Greene, Friday, 11/16 @ 11:30 a.m.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

RECESS GEAR: Even though none of us want to admit it, winter weather is here! The students will continue to go out every day for recess, so they should come prepared with coats, hats and gloves.

LOST AND FOUND: We have an outrageous amount of things in our lost and found at this point. There are sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles and more. Please encourage your child to take a look if he or she is missing something. We’ll leave it out through parent teacher conferences on November 19th and then donate what is not claimed.

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!

STUDENT STAFF CONNECT: “SS Connect” is a mentoring program for grades 4th – 8th. There is a growing need, in schools across the country, to provide extra support to students who may be struggling in school or with friendships. Building a caring relationship with a staff member is one of the most impactful factors in creating positive outcomes for students. We are excited to provide this opportunity to our students!

SS Connect is a student-staff mentoring program designed to support and increase the student’s engagement with school, engagement with friends, and motivation to learn. The SS Connect mentor relationship provides an additional level of support, beyond the advisor relationship, that is highly personalized (one-on-one time) and serves to boost the student’s feelings of:

- “I can” achieve and excel academically
- “I want to” define my personal values and achieve my personal goals
- “I belong” to this community and feel socially connected to peers and teachers

AM REC: There will be NO AM Rec for 4th and 5th graders on Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mattera or Mr. Sislow.

UPDATE FROM THE LC: Here is our October/early November update from the LC!
https://www.smore.com/tnfme
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!

ATTENTION LITERACY LEAGUE FAMILIES: We need your help!
We are asking for new or gently used picture books and children's books (no novels). Our Literacy League students will be recording themselves reading these books and donating the books, along with our student-created audio recordings to Laurie’s Children Hospital. Any donations can be dropped off at the SRS Learning Center. Let us know if you have any questions!

#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 distributed a survey to teachers regarding curricular and non-curricular instruction regarding issues of ethnicity, gender/gender identity, and impairments. The survey data is being used to determine areas for opportunities in addressing issues of social justice in and out of the curriculum.

UPCOMING AT SRS:
11/12
Tech Agency Club - 7:30 am
Tanks A Lot - 7:45 am
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess

11/13
PTO Meeting at NFPD - 9:00 am
Big Books Club - 5th Grade Recess
Education Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm @ SRS
Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm @ SRS
11/14
WSRS News - 7:30 am
Photography Club (Girls) - 4th Grade Recess
Yearbook - 3:45 pm
WSRS News - 3:45 pm
Kristen Mattson - Digital Citizenship Presentation - 7:00 pm

11/15
NO AM REC
6th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Baker @ SRS - 4:15 pm
6th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Baker @ SRS - 4:15 pm

11/16
NO AM REC
End of Trimester
Student Council - 7:45 am
Service Leagues - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

11/17
8th Grade New Trier Testing (see
http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/Calendars/Student_Services/Testing/8th_Gr__Placement_2018/ for
more information)

SUNSET RIDGE NEWS WEBPAGE