



## SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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*Cultivating a learning community that engages the hearts and minds of students, one child at a time*

### FRIDAY NEWS September 14, 2018

#### **USGBC OFFICIALLY DESIGNATES NEW SRS AS LEED PLATINUM**

This week, the US Green Building Council (USGBC) officially designated the new Sunset Ridge School as “LEED Platinum.” According to their records, we are the first public elementary school in Illinois to receive this designation. See the official “scorecard” of the project at <https://www.usgbc.org/node/10643283?view=scorecard>.

#### **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/>

#### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

This year we will again be collecting BOXTOPS for education! Thank you to all who contributed last year! After only four months, Middlefork & Sunset Ridge collected 1660 BOXTOPS! We will continue to collect throughout the year so please look for them on food and household products and remember that each one is worth 10¢ to the school that submits it. For program details, explore [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

#### **NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING**

New Trier High School is requesting your input as they plan for the future of the district. Below is a link to a survey from their independent research firm, Hanover Research. This survey asks about your goals and priorities in areas such as curriculum, extracurriculars, climate and culture, and facilities and operations. Please take a few minutes to share your opinions and give their planning committee feedback as they develop their new strategic plan.

[https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bwQD8k0YEsF7oqN?District=4](https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwQD8k0YEsF7oqN?District=4)

#### **PTO DUES, CLASSROOM PARTY FEES AND 8TH GRADE FEES**

PTO dues (per family), Classroom Party Fees (per student), and 8th Grade Fees (8th grade families only) are collected each year. PTO Dues help fund the academic and enrichment activities for our students provided by the PTO. Classroom Party Fees contribute to the student classroom parties hosted by Room Parents throughout the year. The 8th Grade Fee covers a portion of the many special 8th grade activities throughout the year. For your convenience, PTO Dues,

Classroom Party Fees, and 8th Grade Fees can be paid together online via the MySchoolBucks link on the District 29 website or at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

### **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**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for last evening's Back-to-School Night. It's always a wonderful way to launch a new year of growing and learning. We appreciate your partnership!

**KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL** extends to 12:50 p.m. this Monday, 9/17, as kindergartners remain at school through lunchtime.

**COLLECTING COOL STUFF!** Middlefork parents Dina Donaldson and Joanna Brown are assisting us with getting the Loose Parts Playground Project off the ground, literally! You can help, too, by parting with objects and materials our students can create with. Look for an email tonight that contains a list of desired "loose parts" stuff, as well as directions for drop-off at Joanna's house or pick-up from your front door on 9/18 and/or 9/25. Our goal is to kick off the program during lunch recess on Tuesday, October 2.

**SAFETY PRACTICES:** On Wednesday, we continued practicing our "safe place" procedures with a school-wide lockdown drill. Additionally, 3rd grade Dedicated Dolphin members signed up to work the Middlefork Safety Patrol. Safety Patrol members help to maintain order during afternoon dismissal by reminding their peers of our safety rules and by setting good examples themselves.

**PICTURE DAY** was today, but don't fret if your child was absent! School Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 18. We'll remind you when the date draws closer. And thank you Seong McGarry and April Toofan for priming our little one before photos! There's a lot of activity - from recesses to lunch to PE between 8:30 a.m. and picture time, and hair products applied at 8:00 a.m. only last so long.

**CELL PHONES IN THE DRIVEWAY:** Drivers should cease using their cell phones during pick-up or drop-off time, when students are present on the sidewalk. We understand that some people arrive early, but once the students appear, the potential for distraction makes cell phone

usage *unsafe*. (It's also a violation...) Thank you for putting down your phones while there are children on the sidewalk!

**LEARNING CENTER:** All classes in grades 1-3 have gone through a Makerspace orientation session with Mrs. Johnson. The Makerspace opened this week for students during morning and afternoon recesses. Click [here](#) to see photos from this week's Makerspace explorations!

- MWF @ 10:00 = 3rd grade
- MWF @ 1:45 = 1st grade
- T/Th @ 10 & Th @ 1:45 = 2nd grade

**COMING UP:**

- 9/17, 9/20, 2nd grade MAP testing
- 9/24 Officer Friendly teaches about “Stranger Danger”
- 9/25 Lunchtime fire drill
- 9/28 Vision & Hearing Screenings, September B-day Lunch

**MIDDLEFORK NEWS:**

[http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork\\_school\\_k-3](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school_k-3)

## SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

**PARKING LOT:**

We continue to have drivers come through the lot at accelerated speeds, particularly when bringing students late in the morning. Please be conscientious of arriving students and staff, along with other visitors to the building. In addition, please remember to be off your phone in our parking lot.

**BIKE REMINDER:**

Please remind your children to wear their helmets when riding bikes to school.

Also, we have 2 areas with bike racks - one on the south side of the building, close to Willow and one on the north side, close to the parking lot. The one next to Willow is often crowded, so please encourage your child to try the other one when they arrive.

**6th Grade Social Dance:**

The PTO is excited to officially roll out 6th grade social dance to all 6th grade students. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Belian 847-417-2210 or Cheri Tracy 847-987-8758, your co-chairs.

**LEARNING CENTER NEWS:**

Check out the first Learning Center newsletter of the year! <https://www.smores.com/v07s3>

### **Tech Agency Club (TAC)**

Are you interested in apps, computers, and trending technology? Do you like to experiment and find solutions to problems? Tech Agency Club gives our students a chance to step up as technology leaders at our school. Join TAC to learn about up and coming technology, learn about the inner workings of the tech department, build tech skills, and troubleshoot with students and teachers. Be a tech leader for your teacher, friends, class, grade, and school!

Our informational meeting will be Monday, 9/17 at 7:30am in the Learning Center. TAC meetings will be on Monday mornings before school (7:30-8:15) in the LC. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Gray ([grayl@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:grayl@sunsetridge29.org)).

### **Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB)**

Do you have ideas about how we can make our Learning Center even more amazing? Do you want to help order books, make library displays, and create fun activities with Ms. Gray? Join Student Library Advisory Board! The LC is a space for students, and we want our students to express themselves and share their voices!

Our informational meeting will be Thursday, 9/20 at 7:30am in the Learning Center. We will decide as a group when we will hold our weekly meetings! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gray ([grayl@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:grayl@sunsetridge29.org)).

### **COMING UP AT SRS:**

9/17 7th grade MAP Testing begins

Girls Volleyball Game @ CHA - 4:00 pm

Field Hockey vs. Latin @SRS - 4:00 pm

8th Grade Parent Night - 7:00 pm

9/18 Soccer Game @ Sears - 4:00 pm

9/19 NO SCHOOL

9/26 Soccer vs. Baker @ SRS - 4:00 pm

9/27 Field Hockey @ Deerpath - 4:00 pm

Soccer @ CHA - 4:00 pm

10/2 *Angst* Documentary Screening and Expert Panel - 7:00 pm

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