



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 28, 2018

LAST CALL FOR THE DISTRICT DIRECTORY

We will be finalizing the printable directory next week. This is the LAST OPPORTUNITY to confirm family information or sign up for the directory for new families. Unconfirmed students (this means you have not selected your child's teacher's name in MySchoolAnywhere) will not show up in class lists, and families who aren't signed up will not appear in the directory at all. Please check your email for notifications from MySchoolAnywhere or contact Ana Miyares (ana@anamiyares.com) with questions.

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 format 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)

INCIDENT IN WILMETTE

The Wilmette police reported the following information today in a press release. On Sunday, September 16, 2018, a concerned parent of a Wilmette student contacted the Wilmette Police after discovering loaded firearms in the child's bedroom. Evidence of experimenting with explosives was also discovered, but no devices were completed. The Wilmette Police Department continues to thoroughly investigate this incident. Preliminary information does not indicate a threat or plan

of an attack at any school. This incident has highlighted a few lessons. The parent involved in this case made the appropriate, yet difficult, decision to involve the Wilmette Police Department who were able to intervene in a safe manner. The necessity for educating our youth to tell an adult if they hear or see something concerning is a priority.

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

LOOSE PARTS PLAY is almost ready to launch on Tuesday, 10/2, thanks to the efforts of Joanna Brown and Dina Donaldson and a myriad of “creative castoffs” from our school community. And it’s not too late to get in the act! If you are able to donate an hour on any Tuesday from 12:00-1:00 p.m., please text Dina Donaldson @ 858.243.3110. We would love your help managing the loose parts closet during lunch recess. As a bonus, you also get a ringside seat to the children’s creativity and engineering talents!

LETS PLAY! is an initiative sponsored by The Alliance for Early Childhood. The Alliance is committed to supporting families in finding balance with screens in everyday life and getting back to the basics with our youngest children. This year, in lieu of the traditional ScreenBreak week in the Spring, The Alliance is providing ongoing opportunities for families to engage in creative, imaginative, and enriching free-play, times to truly unplug and connect throughout the entire year. So unplug and connect October 14 and 15 at the first, Let’s Play! Event - fort building @ Lloyd Park, 799 Sheridan Road, Winnetka. Click on the link below or see The Alliance’s website for more details! [Let’s Play! Fort Building Flyer](#)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH brought 19 Middlefork K-3 students with birthdays in September and 3 kindergartners with birthdays in August together today for lunch and fun stories. A longstanding Middlefork tradition, students with October birthdays will celebrate together on 10/19.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS: All Middlefork students were screened today. Students who did not pass today’s screening will be rescreened on October 12. After that date, if a more thorough exam by a doctor is recommended, Mrs. Mertes will be in contact with the parents.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY: On Monday, 9/24, Northfield police officers spoke to the children about “Stranger Danger”. Students learned about common situations for children walking or playing alone/unsupervised and strategies for dealing with “bad” strangers who approach them. The “Big 3” include: 1) Say NO loudly; 2) Run away; and 3) Tell a safe adult. Additionally, we conducted a school wide fire drill from the lunchroom on Tuesday morning.

KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL changes to 1:50 p.m. on Monday, 10/8, and remains so through June 2019. One exception is October 31 (Halloween); on this day kindergarten dismisses at 11:50 a.m. A letter about the 10/31 schedule will go home in backpacks next week.

MIDDLEFORK NEWS:

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

PICK-UP:

If you allow your younger children to play on the playground while waiting to pick up an SRS student, please park your car in the parking lot and not on the north-south entrance road. When vehicles are parked on this road during dismissal it leaves gaps in the cuing lane and traffic backs up onto Willow Road. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

#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!

SERVICE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are able to volunteer for our service leagues, we would love for you to join us! [Click here](#) for the Sign Up Genius.

ANGST:

Thank you to those of you who have RSVP'd for the screening of Angst, the documentary about kids and anxiety, on Tuesday. It's not too late! [Click here](#) for the RSVP and we'll see you on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm at Sunset Ridge.

FOUNDATIONS:

Foundations is our school-wide initiative focused on behavior expectations throughout the building. So far this year:

- We established and explicitly taught expectations for common areas throughout the school
- We had a fun opening day assembly about the expectations
- We are increasing positive interactions between all members of our school community

Stay tuned for Foundations updates throughout the year!

COMING UP AT SRS:

10/2 Volleyball @ Glencoe - 4:00 pm

Field Hockey @ Sears - 4:00pm

Soccer vs. Baker @ SRS - 4:00 pm

Angst Documentary Screening and Expert Panel - 7:00 pm

10/3 Volleyball @ Sears - 4:00 pm

Field Hockey @ WJHS - 4:00pm

10/4 Parent Connections at Sunset Ridge - 8:45 am

Volleyball vs. CHA @ SRS - 4:00 pm

10/8 Soccer vs. CHA @ SRS - 4:00 pm

10/9 PTO Meeting at Northfield Park District - 9:00 am

Volleyball @ Marie Murphy - 4:00 pm

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

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 Soccer vs. Glencoe @ SRS - 4:00 pm

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