



## 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 7, 2018

#### **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Are you searching for a simple and fun way to volunteer at Middlefork? The lunchroom is looking to fill one biweekly volunteer slot (one hour of time every two weeks!). Contact April Toofan for information. [April.toofan@gmail.com](mailto:April.toofan@gmail.com)

#### **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).

#### **HAPP ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Happ Road will be milled, patched, and resurfaced between Willow and Winnetka Roads beginning September 10 and is anticipated to be complete by October 1, dependent on the weather. During construction, there will be intermittent lane closures and delays; however, the road will not be closed and there will be no impact to the signals at Winnetka Road. During construction, motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes, including Northfield Road. Happ Road is a Cook County road, and the County is funding the project.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b><u>Kids Concert:</u></b>	September 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m @ St James the Less Church. Justin Roberts and Liam Davis. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.
<b><u>School Closed:</u></b>	Monday, September 10, 2018
<b><u>PTO Meeting:</u></b>	September 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. @ Park District Community Center.
<b><u>Parent Connections</u></b>	September 12th from 8:45-10:15 a.m. @ Sunset Ridge. Open to all District parents/guardians.

**Ice Cream  
Social:**

September 12th from 6-7:30 p.m. @ Clarkson Park.  
For all families new to District 29, please join us for an ice cream social!

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

## MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT** is Thursday evening, 9/13. The schedule is provided below. Please join one of the two Tech Sessions (they are identical) before your child's class presentation. Also, our Fine Arts and Student Services staff members will be in the lobby before each classroom session. We'd love for you to stop by and meet them!

- 6:30-7:00 Tech Session 1\*\* (lunchroom)
- 6:45-7:15 Meet & Greet w/Fine Arts & Student Services (lobby)
- 7:15-8:00 Classroom Session 1 (K & 1st grade)
- 7:30-8:00 Tech Session 2\*\* (lunchroom)
- 7:30-8:15 Meet & Greet w/Fine Arts & Student Services (lobby)
- 8:00-8:45 Classroom Session 2 (2nd & 3rd grades)

\*\* Sheri Styczen, Director of Technology & Innovation will explain the new D29 website, and the District's principal communication vehicles, student devices, social media usage, and tech resources for parents.

**MAP TESTING:** Second and third graders will be taking the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) math and reading assessments over the next two weeks. MAP is a computer-based assessment that dynamically adjusts to each student's responses. Our teachers receive results within hours and use the data to create differentiated lesson plans based on students' strengths and areas for growth. Given that it's administered on the computer and that it adjusts to each child's performance level, our students generally take it in stride. In other words, it's just "another day at the classroom"! If you have any questions about MAP or the District's assessment program, please contact Dr. Greene.

**CODING UPDATE:** All classes are full and Mrs. Johnson will be contacting parents of participants to confirm days/times in the next week.

**SAFE PLACE DRILLS:** Each year we execute a series of practice drills for emergency situations, and ever present in our minds is the tender age of our students. In each instance, we explain to students that we practice moving to a specific "safe place" location so that Dr. Greene and our emergency responders know where everyone is at the same time during an emergency. To date, we have executed two schoolwide fire drills, as well as a bus safety drill for each class. Tuesday, 9/12 is our annual lockdown or "safe place" drill. If your child seems uneasy with anything practiced at school, please let the classroom teacher and/or me know right away.

**LOOSE PARTS PLAYGROUND PROGRAM DONATIONS:** Plans are underway to launch a special Tuesday lunch recess program for 1st-3rd graders, and that means we'll be collecting lots of "stuff"! Details on what you might contribute (think trash to treasure!) and how, will be included in next week's Friday News. We're talking cardboard tubes, buckets, milk crates, tarps, spoons, wood, rope, tubing, tree stumps, etc. Here's a link to a quick 2-minute video that should give you a hint of what we're planning! <https://www.playpods.co.uk/>

**DEDICATED DOLPHINS:** We are thrilled that 60 second and third graders have stepped up as leaders and joined the Dedicated Dolphins, Middlefork's own student council. The third graders are especially excited to don their safety vests as part of the 3:00 p.m. Safety Patrol on the school sidewalk!

**REMINDER:** To sign up to volunteer in the Learning Center, click here. [Volunteer Form](#)

**COMING UP:**

- 9/12 PTO Ice Cream Social for Families New to D29, 6-7:30 p.m. @ Clarkson
- 9/13 Back-to-School Night (see schedule above)
- 9/14 School Picture Day (<https://mylifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> Code = RN018011Q0)**
- 9/17 Kindergarten Dismissal changes to 12:50 p.m.
- 9/28 September Birthday Lunch w/Dr. Greene (includes Kinder August B-days, too!)

**MIDDLEFORK NEWS:**

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

**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**CURRICULUM NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who came out on Wednesday night. It was wonderful to hear so much supportive and enthusiastic feedback! We value opportunities like this to connect with families and share a snapshot of what is happening at SRS.

**SERVICE LEAGUES**

As part of our #D29Connect initiative, we are very excited to bring you Service Leagues. Service Leagues will offer students an opportunity to provide community service by partnering with an organization connected to their interests throughout the year. We will be focusing on five different areas: Transportation, Nutrition and Wellness, Families and Children, Environment and Literacy. We have partnered with some great organizations and can't wait to get started. The dates of the Service Leagues, which will be from approximately 9:00 - 12:30 are:

- October 19
- November 16
- January 18
- February 22
- April 12
- May 10

If you are interested in participating (we need many parent volunteers!) - please contact Dr. Sukenik.

### **WSRS NEWS**

Attention SRS! The WSRS News Club informational meeting will be this Wednesday, 9/12, from 3:30-4:00 in the Learning Center. WSRS is open to all! Students in WSRS write news stories, interview students and staff, practice being news anchors, and edit video footage. Mr. Garcia ([garciao@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:garciao@sunsetridge29.org)) and Ms. Gray ([grayl@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:grayl@sunsetridge29.org)) will be co-leading WSRS this year. If you have any questions, please contact them!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** We will be screening the documentary, *Angst*, on OCTOBER 2nd at 7:00 pm at Sunset Ridge. It is a film to educate our community about anxiety, the pressure and stress that many of our children feel as they navigate balancing their academic, social, and emotional lives. You can read more about it at [angstmovie.com](http://angstmovie.com). In addition, we will be hosting a panel of experts for discussion following the movie.

**WEBSITE RESOURCE:** We are building up our #D29Connect page on the website. This is where you can find all of our social media accounts, information about #D29Connect activities, and fliers for upcoming Community Education events. [Click here](#) to check it out!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

[Click here](#) for a great article from the *Washington Post* about what middle school is...and isn't.

### **COMING SOON:**

**9/10 NO SCHOOL**

**9/11** 4th, 6th, and 8th grade MAP Testing begins

Field Hockey vs. Lake Bluff @SRS - 4:00 pm

**9/12** 5th grade MAP Testing begins

Girls Volleyball Game @ Washburne - 4:00 pm

Soccer Game @ Glencoe - 4:00 pm

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

**9/13** Vision/Hearing Screening

Girls Volleyball Game vs. Sears @ SRS - 4:00 pm

Soccer Game vs. Marie Murphy @ SRS - 4:00 pm

**9/14** Picture Day

**9/17** 7th grade MAP Testing begins

Girls Volleyball Game @ CHA - 4:00 pm

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

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

**9/19** NO SCHOOL

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

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