SUNSET RIDGE UPDATE
Today I sent an email update regarding the situation at Sunset Ridge School. Please contact me if you did not receive this update. The Board of Education has called a special meeting for this Sunday, January 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset Ridge School. Most of the meeting will be held in closed session to discuss a variety of closed session topics related to this incident. The Board will not be taking any action at the meeting and I do not expect to have any new information to share at this meeting. The agenda for this meeting is posted on our website (https://sunsetridge29.org/board_of_education/board_meetings/19-20_agendas). Consistent with all Board meetings, there will be an opportunity for public comment. The protocol for public comment at a Public School Board meeting can be found on our website at https://sunsetridge29.org/board_of_education/board_meetings, which includes a five-minute limit for individual comments, and up to 60 minutes allotted in total for those comments. As is Board procedure, the Board does not answer or respond to those comments during the meeting.

PARENT CONNECTIONS-DISCIPLINE PART II
Thank you to the parents/guardians that attended the Parent Connections Committee this week to share their feedback on District 29 student discipline practices. We reviewed the District’s discipline data from the current year, then gathered participant’s feedback regarding our values, behavioral expectations, on-going parental partnership opportunities, proactive social and emotional learning opportunities, reactive interventions and consequences, data collection, reporting systems, and communication systems. A copy of the presentation is available by clicking here on the Parent Connections page of our website. If you were unable to attend this meeting but would like to discuss this topic or provide feedback, please contact me directly. All of the feedback from this meeting will be shared with the District 29 Board of Education at the February 11, 2020 Education Committee meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Stange, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
CALLING ALL INCOMING KINDERGARTNERS Please spread the word! I know it seems like a long way off, but early prediction of enrollment numbers is crucial to our staffing plans for next year. We had a great turnout for registration, but it would be wonderful to solidify a third section of kindergarten this month. Thank you!

THE KINDERGARTEN WINTER SING delighted all last evening! Perennial favorites like *Mittens and Gloves*, *Snowman Joe*, and *One Snowman - Two*, along with a rockin’ new number *Winter Fun* were enthusiastically performed for a packed audience by the District 29 Class of 2028. Well done, kindergarten students, staff, and Mrs. Rosen!

¡FANTASTICO! SPANISH CLUB AT MIDDLEFORK SCHOOL! 2nd and 3rd grade students have the opportunity to attend 6 meetings of Spanish Club this year. The 3rd grade session will be held on Wednesdays afterschool from 3:10-4:00, February 12 - March 18. The 2nd grade session will meet Wednesdays afterschool from 3:00-3:50, April 1 - May 6. Participants will continue their journey of learning language through songs, games, stories and crafts. Registration for both sessions goes live this Monday evening, 1/27 at 6:00 p.m. Each session has a limited capacity. Please use the following to register: [Spanish Club Registration Link](#).

PAJAMA DAY is next Friday, January 31. Students should wear pajamas to school, but they should also be prepared with gym shoes and all outdoor recess gear. STUFFED ANIMALS are also permitted, but the stuffed toy should be no larger/longer than the child’s forearm (distance of hand to elbow).

2nd CUP OF COFFEE MEETING w/DR. GREENE is rescheduled for Thursday evening, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middlefork Lobby.

BELOW ZERO temps mean automatic indoor recess days. However, please send students with hats, gloves, and boots, just in case. A real feel temperature of 7 degrees and full sun can mean a delightful recess period, especially if there is fresh fallen snow! Also note that in the event of a winter time emergency evacuation (e.g., fire alarm goes off), we are prepared to evacuate to the Northfield Community Church. There is no danger that we would be outside in the frigid weather awaiting the arrival of the first responders.

2/14/20 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are coming up! Don’t forget to register online here. Registration closes on 2/12 at 8:00 p.m.

ALP CONFERENCES: If you would like to schedule a conference with ALP teachers, Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls, please contact them directly ([brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org), [paulsb@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:paulsb@sunsetridge29.org)) to set up a conference time. On 2/14/20, they will be at Middlefork School for morning conferences from 8:00am - 11:00am, and at Sunset Ridge School for afternoon conferences from 12:15pm - 2:30pm.
Dear Sunset Ridge Parents,

In the past week and a half, Dr. Stange has been sharing information with the community about the devastating situation at Sunset Ridge, while also working with law enforcement, the media, and legal counsel. As he has been leading our district through this, the rest of the team has been focused on keeping the school day as routine as possible for our students. We have all been deeply affected by this situation. The strength, professionalism, and dedication of our educators at Sunset Ridge is inspiring. The staff has rallied to support one another, the students, and our families. I am honored to work with such remarkable individuals. In addition, we are grateful for the outpouring of support from the parent community. The kind words, phone calls, emails, and texts help everyone feel appreciated and supported. We have a long road of healing ahead, but as we come together as a community, we only grow stronger.

With deep gratitude and thanks,
Ivy Sukenik

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL: In the spirit of service, we are planning two fundraisers next month to help the communities facing devastating fires in Australia. The first sale will be our yearly lollipop sale during the week of January 27th (next week!) you can purchase lollipops for 50 cents to be delivered to yourself or other people for Valentine's day. Sales will only be during lunchtime sold by your grade’s student council members. Then on February 4th and February 6th, we are hosting a hot chocolate sale after school. Bring $3 to buy a cup of Hot Chocolate and support the Australian fire relief. All profits from this sale will be donated to the Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief fund. The fires have currently destroyed homes, lives, and almost 500 million animals including many Koalas Bears. Together we can help make a difference one lollipop and hot chocolate at a time.

CONFERENCES: Click here for instructions on how to make an appointment for a February 14th parent-teacher conference. Registration is open and will end on February 12th at 8:00pm.

If you would like to schedule a conference with ALP teachers, Mrs. Brouilette and/or Dr. Pauls, please contact them directly (brouilettem@sunsetridge29.org, paulsb@sunsetridge29.org) to set up a conference time. On February 14th, they will be at Middlefork School for morning conferences from 8:00am - 11:00am, and at Sunset Ridge School for afternoon conferences from 12:15pm - 2:30pm.

GOOD LUCK: Our Sunset Ridge Robotics teams are competing this weekend at Wood Oaks. Good luck to all of our robotic engineers!

UPCOMING AT SRS:
1/29
8th Grade Graduation Pictures
1/31
SRS Geography Bee - 2:00 pm

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