SUNSET RIDGE UPDATE
The Board of Education’s regular meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11, 2020, and start at 6 p.m. Progress has been made in our internal investigation, and at the end of the Tuesday February 11, 2020 Board meeting, lawyers for the District, in closed session, will report to the Board on the preliminary results. The Board will discuss those preliminary results in closed session. After the meeting, a special Board meeting will likely be scheduled, which would occur before the scheduled March 10, 2020 regular Board meeting, to discuss potential disciplinary actions and revisions to current policies and procedures.

Tuesday’s meeting will also consist of public comment at the beginning of the meeting and routine agenda items before the Board enters closed session.

The agenda for this meeting is posted on our website (https://sunsetridge29.org/board_of_education/board_meetings/19-20_agendas).

We want to point out that the scheduled Education Committee meeting for February 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. has been moved to March 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

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. As is Board procedure, the Board does not answer or respond to those comments during the meeting.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE PARENTAL FEEDBACK
At the January Parent Connections meeting, participants were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the District’s student discipline practices. A summary of that feedback is available for public viewing on the Parent Connections page of our website at https://www.sunsetridge29.org/parents/parent_connections. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to give your feedback, please send me an email or drop off your confidential feedback at the Sunset Ridge School office.

We originally planned to share this feedback with the Board of Education at the February 11, 2020 meeting. However, given the importance of debriefing recent events at Sunset Ridge, we are
moving this discussion to the March 10, 2020 Education Committee meeting to be held at 5:30p.m. at Sunset Ridge School.

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

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**MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES**

**MIDDLEFORK SERVICE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!** We are pleased to announce the revival of Middlefork Service Night - a wonderful evening for Middlefork families to engage in service activities for communities near and far. The event begins at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11.** Students and their parents/caregivers rotate among service stations to pack breakfast bags for the homeless, make bracelets for sick children, create adoption bandannas for shelter pets, and color cards of appreciation for service men and women. Look for more information from the Dedicated Dolphins and the Friday News email in the coming weeks. **In the meantime, mark your calendars for 3/11/20, 6:30-7:45 p.m. @ Middlefork School!**

**THE DEDICATED DOLPHINS** kicked off American Heart Health Month by creating posters to promote their ideas for how to stay healthy. They hung the posters around the school to remind their classmates and teachers to eat fruits and vegetables, stay active, play sports, run, skip and dance. Students are encouraged to wear red on Thursday, February 13th, to support Heart Health Month! They also received a lovely thank you letter from the Northfield Food Pantry for last month’s food drive.

**CONFERENCE DETAILS:** Next Friday’s Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you’ve not already done so, please sign up ASAP. The online sign-up ends this Wednesday; if you miss that, please contact your child’s teacher directly. [https://sunsetridge29.org/parents/parent_teacher_conferences](https://sunsetridge29.org/parents/parent_teacher_conferences)

**LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS** are being generously donated by families in grades 1 & 3 this Tuesday, February 11. Thank you!

**2ND CUP OF COFFEE w/DR. GREENE** is Thursday, February 13 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Middlefork Lobby. For parents unable to attend the recent (daytime) Parent Connections meetings at Sunset Ridge that focused on the topic of discipline, Dr. Greene will host an informal discussion of Middlefork’s discipline philosophy and practices.

**VALENTINE’S DAY** is another popular, celebratory day in Middlefork classrooms, although this year we acknowledge this fun day on the 13th! If a child chooses to bring Valentine cards, it is customary to do so for *all* of the students in the class. Candy or edible treats may *not* be attached to cards or distributed separately. The classroom teachers and room parents will coordinate all festivities!
MIDDLEFORK HEALTH OFFICE: The incidence of influenza in third grade has decreased. We have had new reports of influenza in the lower grades this week, but in smaller numbers than last week and only one case of strep throat. Please continue to reinforce the importance of proper and frequent handwashing and covering your cough or sneeze with your elbow with your children. For more information regarding the flu, please see the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm

KINDERGARTEN MATH NIGHT: is February 20 at 6:30 p.m., so mark your calendars! Look in your kindergartner’s backpack today for more details and RSVP instructions.

COMING UP:
2/10 Officer Friendly Visit (Household Drugs & Poisons)
2/13 2nd Cup of Coffee w/Dr. Greene 6:30 p.m.
2/14 Parent-Teacher Conferences Register online here before 2/12
2/20 Kindergarten Family Math Night, 6:30 p.m.
2/21 February Birthday Lunch
2/28 August ½ Birthday Lunch

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

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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 (this Wednesday!) at 8:00pm.

If you would like to schedule a separate meeting with any student services teacher, including Mrs. Furman (4th), Mrs. Bauer (5th), Mrs. Rasso (6th), Ms. Koliopoulos (7th), Mrs. Schur (8th), Mrs. Allen (Psychologist), Mrs. Dorsey (Behavior Interventionist), Mrs. Hope (Psychology Intern) or Mrs. Pengiel (Speech- Language Pathologist), please contact that teacher directly to set up a time.

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.

Please remember that conferences are student-led, so your child should join you and reflect on their learning and goals this year.

MESSAGE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL: Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that supported the Valentine's Day Lollipop Sale and Hot Chocolate Sale this past week. All of the
profits from these sales will be donated to the Australian Red Cross. Lollipops will be delivered on Thursday, February 13th.

8th GRADE FAMILIES: If you signed up for registration meetings with New Trier on Tuesday, please arrive a couple of minutes early so they stay on schedule. If you need a reminder of your time, contact Dr. Sukenik.

UPCOMING AT SRS:

2/10
Boys’ Volleyball vs. CHA @ SRS - 4:00 pm

2/11
PTO Meeting - 9:00 am
New Trier Registration Meetings @ SRS - beginning at 2:30 pm
Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm

2/12
Boys’ Volleyball vs. Sears @ SRS - 4:00 pm

2/13
5th grade Field Trip

2/14
NO SCHOOL
Student-Led Parent-Teacher Conferences - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

2/17
NO SCHOOL

2/19
SELPAC - 7:00 pm

2/22
Robotics Competition at Hillside

SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:
http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school__4-8_