SUNSET RIDGE ATHLETES
At the October Board of Education meeting, the Board recognized all of our Sunset Ridge School fall athletes (and coaches)! Along with the note from Dr. Sukenik below, I too want to commend all of our athletes for demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, grit, and character during the fall season. Additionally, I too want to send a big THANK YOU and congratulations to our 2019 Varsity Girls Volleyball Conference Champs! Their perseverance through a rough start and season of highs and lows certainly paid off in the end!

SCHOOL SAFETY DISCUSSION
Thanks to all of the parents that were able to attend the Parent Connections meeting this week, and participate in the discussion about school safety. We reviewed the six key features (and related elements) of school safety articulated in the research literature. We also discussed how each feature/element is addressed in District 29. Several areas for continuous growth and improvement were identified. This information will be shared with the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. Click here to see a handout of the 6 key features (and related elements) of school safety. Items highlighted in yellow were identified for further analysis. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns related to this topic.

PTO DUES
The PTO is still in the process of collecting dues and classroom fees, as the holiday parties are fast approaching! Please log on and pay, or at least confirm that you have paid, as some families can’t recall, or believe they have done it, when in fact they have not. If you could take a minute to verify either way, we would appreciate it!

Sincerely,
Edward J. Stange, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
10/31 HALLOWEEN DETAILS: Thursday is an exciting day for Middlefork Dolphins! Parents and caregivers are welcome to view the kindergarten and 1st/2nd/3rd grade parades according to the schedule below. Parents, please review the costume guidelines as outlined in Dr. Greene’s Halloween letter sent home in backpacks on 10/4. A copy is also posted on the Middlefork webpage.

- Kindergarten parade through classrooms & gym @ 11:15 a.m. (parents view in gym)
- Kindergarten dismissal @ 11:50 a.m.
- 1st-3rd grade parade @ 1:55 p.m. in gym (regular dismissal times)

OFFICER FRIENDLY VISIT: Thank you to the Northfield Police Department for their continued support of the Officer Friendly safety curriculum for our students. Among the safety messages conveyed to Trick-or-Treaters on Wednesday of this week were:

- Wear make-up, not masks, & well-fitting costumes.
- Only take candy from good strangers.
- Only approach houses w/lights & in well-lit, familiar neighborhoods. Never go inside!
- If a bad stranger approaches, do whatever it takes to get away: scream, kick, run, call 9-1-1!

PLAYPODS: We welcomed new kindergarten members to our PlayPods this week! Students got to share common interests through the game “The Witch Flies for Everyone Who...” Also in the spirit of Halloween, students practiced learning each others’ names and reviewed Halloween manners by playing “Caught with Sticky Fingers.”

VETERANS’ WALL OF HONOR: We will continue our custom of paying tribute to U.S. military veterans. Flag templates and instructions will go home in backpacks next week. Students are invited to decorate a flag in honor of a family member or friend who served in the armed forces and to display it on the Middlefork Veterans’ Wall of Honor in the main lobby. General messages of appreciation to veterans are also welcome! Decorated stars may be returned to school any time from 11/1 through 11/11.

BUILDING OUR VOCABULARIES: This week’s Principal’s Challenge asks students to use as many VocabuSPORTS words as possible to describe what they like best about Halloween - the tricks, the treats, or the costumes. VocabuSPORTS word choices include: Autumn, curmudgeon, value, essential, jittery, peachy, independent, pristine, several, and linger.

THE TEMPERATURE’S DROPPING...and that means chillier recess days so please make sure your child comes to school prepared. It’s easy to forget when one moves from a heated house to a heated garage and car, and finally a toasty school! It also helps when your child’s name is “sharpied” inside his/her clothes. The Lost & Found is already filling up!

MIDDLEFORK BOOK FAIR is coming up! Mark your calendars to attend with your child. Students will visit the Book Fair during the day on November 13-14. Families are invited to attend
the Book Fair after school on those days as well. On the 13th, the Book Fair will also be open in the early evening. Look for more specifics in next Friday’s News. In the meantime, please mark your calendars to attend the first-ever D29 Book Fair dedicated specifically to young readers and held in our beautiful new space!

**SCHOOL PICTURES:** We are still awaiting delivery...

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

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**SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Girls Varsity Volleyball Team who brought home the conference championship! They showed tremendous heart and hustle throughout the entire season to make sure the trophy stays at SRS for another year. Congratulations also go out to our soccer teams and volleyball teams on completing their seasons. They represented Sunset Ridge with awesome sportsmanship and passion in every game!

**FROM STUDENT COUNCIL:**
**Halloween Door Decoration**

Each homeroom can decorate their classroom door. There will be one winning door per grade this year as well as one school wide winning door. Doors should be done before Monday, October 28th for judging.

The **4th and 5th Grade Halloween Party** will be on **Tuesday, October 29th from 3:30-5:30**. The kids will decorate treat bags, trick-or-treat to the decorated classroom doors for movie snacks, and watch Hotel Transylvania. The cost is $5.

The **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Movie** will be on **Wednesday, October 30th from 3:30-5:30**. The movie will most likely be **A House with a Clock in its Walls**. The cost is $5 and includes pizza. Concessions sold separately.

**PICTURE RETAKES:** Due to delays in shipping from Lifetouch, picture retakes have been moved back to Tuesday, December 3rd.

**UPCOMING AT SRS:**
**10/28**
7th/8th grade Girls and Boys Basketball Begins

**10/29**
Student Council Movie - 4th and 5th Grade - 3:30 - 5:30 pm

**10/30**
Student Council Movie - 6th - 8th Grade - 3:30 - 5:30 pm

10/31
Happy Halloween!

11/1
6th Grade Social Dance - 7:00 pm

11/7
4th Grade Music Concert

11/8
6th Grade Social Dance - 7:00 pm

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