FRIDAY NEWS
November 8, 2019

BEST PRACTICES IN SCHOOL SAFETY
If you were unable to attend the presentation on “Best Practices in School Safety” at the October Parent Connections meeting, the same information will be shared at the Education Committee Meeting (a subgroup of the District 29 Board of Education) next week. The meeting will be held in the Legacy Room at Sunset Ridge School at 6:00 p.m. on November 12, 2019. All are welcome to attend!

IASB RESOLUTION REGARDING ARMING SCHOOL STAFF
The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is a state-wide organization that provides legislative advocacy on behalf of the over 860 local public school districts in Illinois. Each year, the organization publicizes its proposed position statements (called “Resolutions”) regarding a variety of issues (e.g., legislation, finance, policies) facing public schools. Once ratified by the delegate assembly (comprised of one voting member from each public school district), the Resolutions serve to guide future IASB advocacy efforts. It is important to understand that IASB Resolutions are not proposed laws but simply position statements that guide the organization’s legislative advocacy efforts.

This year, the IASB is considering a particularly controversial Resolution. Under current law, only licensed resource officers may carry firearms in public schools. A proposed IASB Resolution would support giving local school boards the authority to allow staff members to carry firearms under specific criteria and conditions. The recommendation for this Resolution came from rural, downstate school districts that do not have timely access to local law enforcement in case of an emergency on campus.

The District 29 Board of Education will be discussing our District’s vote regarding this proposed Resolution at the November 12, 2019 Board of Education meeting. The District 29 Board has already stated that, regardless of the final vote on the IASB Resolution, the District 29 Board of Education would not support arming District 29 staff with firearms.

MORNING TRAFFIC SUPPORT?
You may have noticed that I have been absent from morning traffic support a few days this week. Unfortunately, I have been battling illness and have been absent from work. This is a good opportunity to remind parents that, technically, only law enforcement officials (and authorized construction workers) are allowed to stop traffic on Sunset Ridge Road. Despite numerous
attempts, we have been unable to locate a law enforcement officer who is interested in providing this service in the morning. Therefore, when I am absent, I cannot lawfully direct another District 29 staff member to engage in traffic control on Sunset Ridge Rd. I expect to be back to work next week. In the meantime, please be patient!

**NEWS FROM THE PTO**

Our Middlefork Book Fair is coming up next week! We could use a few more volunteers to help with setup on Tuesday morning, and there are shifts available throughout the week to assist the children in shopping and completing their purchases! If you would like to volunteer to work for a period of time, please see the Sign Up Genius link for available time slots. Please direct any questions to Joanna Soukoulis: joanna.soukoulis@gmail.com

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49A8AC2DABFC1-book1

Also, we've enabled a new feature this year, allowing families to shop from home in lieu of not being able to attend in person! Please see the link below to shop online, with direct ship to any address. You can also set your child up with an E-Wallet account, in lieu of sending cash or check to school when they browse the fair with their classmates. We hope you find this new functionality allows you and your student to enjoy the fair in many different ways!

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/middleforkprimaryschool

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Julie Morgenstern, time-management and productivity specialist and author will present “The Great Juggling Act; Balancing Life as a Parent” tonight (Friday, November 8, 2019) from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. At New Trier High School, Northfield Campus, Cornog Auditorium.

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

**MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES**

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS WALL OF HONOR:** All students are invited to write a message on the flag template, bring it to school, and post it on the Honor Wall anytime on Monday, 11/11. If your child needs another copy of the flag template, you can download it from the Middlefork webpage (see link below). Please help us keep this Middlefork tradition alive!

**MIDDLEFORK SPIRIT WEAR** order forms went home in backpacks this week. If you or your child would like to order Middlefork sportswear, please return the order form with a check payable to BFriends by Thursday, November 14. Orders will be fulfilled before Winter break. If you have any questions, email Matt Wilkinson @ Wilkinsonm@sunetridge29.org or Kellie Johnson at johnsonk@sunetridge29.org. We’re ready for Spirit Wear Fridays now!
IT’S MIDDLEFORK BOOK FAIR WEEK! Students will visit the Book Fair during the day on Wednesday and Thursday. Families are invited to attend after school on those same days, as well as on Friday morning.
- Tuesday: Set-up 9-12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: Class visits 9-3:00 p.m., Family visits 3-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Class visits 9-3:00 p.m., Family visits 3-5:00 p.m.
- Friday: Last shopping time 9-12:00 p.m., Break down 12:00-3:00 p.m.

A SPECIAL TEACHER PERFORMANCE will be held on Wednesday afternoon @ 4:15 p.m. Bring your children to see a Readers’ Theater performance by some of their favorite teachers!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE to volunteer, and we still have openings for Tuesday morning (set-up), Wednesday afternoon (3-5:00 p.m.), and Friday morning and afternoon (12-3:00 p.m.). Simply click on the following link! [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49A8AC2DABFC1-book1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49A8AC2DABFC1-book1)

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS START 11/12: Your support of Middlefork’s long standing tradition of providing lunch for the homeless shelter at the First Baptist Church of Evanston is appreciated! We begin again on Tuesday, 11/12. An explanatory note went home in backpacks this week. For a full schedule of lunch donations, you can also see the Middlefork webpage. Thank you

AFTERNOON PICK-UP REMINDERS: Parents and caregivers picking up 1st and 2nd graders by car are asked NOT TO ARRIVE before 3:00 p.m. Students are dismissed from their classrooms at 3:00 P.M.. and with the extra coordination of jackets, hats, gloves and backpack, they are not exiting the building until a few minutes after 3:00 - at the earliest. Cars arriving before that time often cause back-ups down to Willow Road, creating tension and traffic issues. Thank you!

UPCOMING:
- Post-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, Monday morning 12/2
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Winter Sing Concert, 12/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Winter Sing on 1/23 @ 6:30 p.m.

MIDDLEFORK NEWS:
[http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school___k-3](http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school___k-3)

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

CONGRATULATIONS to our 4th graders on an outstanding performance last night! It was wonderful to have so many families out to see and hear all of their musical growth. Thank you to all of the families who came out to our Fine Arts Fusion Night also - we love having the opportunity to share the awesome things students are doing at SRS.

FULL OF GRATITUDE We are so thankful for the anonymous SRS parent who brought our staff ice cream and pie this week! It was such a fabulous surprise and much appreciated treat. We are so lucky to work in such a generous, thoughtful community!
POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL - please be sure you have created an account through the parent portal in PowerSchool. Report cards will be delivered to the portal on December 9th. Since the portal for Fourth and Fifth grade parents is blocked you can still create an account but will only see a message that your account was created successfully. Please contact Oscar Garcia if you have any questions - garciao@sunsetridge29.org

BRING CHANGE AND IMPROVE LIVES: World Bicycle Relief is on a mission to change the lives of students everywhere. The bikes they provide allow students to get to school faster and safer. Students who get to school have a brighter future. Imagine you had to walk many miles to get to school! Transportation Service League students will be out during dismissal several days in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving break, collecting change to support this global organization. Our goal is to collect enough to provide 20 bicycles to students. As one student said during our field trip last week, "Every quarter you give is one quarter closer to a child going to school." Thank you in advance for your support!

LOST AND FOUND: We are donating all of the lost and found on November 22nd. Please have your child check if they are missing something.

UPCOMING AT SRS:

11/12
PTO Meeting @ Sunset Ridge - 9:00 am
JV/V Girls’ Basketball vs. Washburne @ SRS - 4:00 pm
JV Boys’ Basketball @ Washburne - 4:00 pm
Education Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm @ SRS Legacy Room
Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm @ SRS Legacy Room

11/13
JV/V Girls’ Basketball @ Glencoe - 4:00 pm
JV Boys’ Basketball vs. Glencoe @ SRS - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Boys’ Basketball @ Baker - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Girls’ Basketball @ Baker - 5:00 pm

11/14
6th Grade Boys’ Basketball vs. OLPH @ SRS - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Girls’ Basketball vs. OLPH @ SRS - 5:00 pm

11/15
6th Grade Social Dance - 7:00 pm

11/19
JV/V Girls’ Basketball @ CHA - 4:00 pm
JV Boys’ Basketball vs. CHA @ SRS - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Boys’ Basketball @ Winkelman vs.Field - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Girls’ Basketball @ Winkelman vs.Field - 5:00 pm
5th Grade Music Concert - 7:00 pm

**11/20**
Parent Connections @ SRS Large Conference Room - 8:45 am
JV/V Girls’ Basketball @ Wilmette - 4:00 pm
JV Boys’ Basketball vs. Wilmette @ SRS - 4:00 pm
SELPAC - 7:00 pm

**11/21**
6th Grade Girls’ Basketball @ Winkelman vs.Field - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Boys’ Basketball @ Winkelman vs.Field - 5:00 pm

**11/22**
End of Trimester 1

**SUNSET RIDGE NEWS:**
http://sunsetridge29.org/schools/sunset_ridge_school_4-8_