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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

COMMUNITY INVITED TO EXPERIENCE ACTIVE, OUTDOOR READING EXPERIENCE AT ED CLAPP STORYWALK OPEN HOUSE

A band of hobbits venturing across Middle Earth to destroy a ring, an ever-late White Rabbit frantically dashing through Wonderland checking his pocket watch, Charlie and his Grandpa Joe walking their way through a guided tour of a wondrous and magical candy factory, literature is full of fantastical adventures unfolding around protagonists as they set off on foot. That experience of walking wonder has been pulled out of the pages and blended with real life at Ed Clapp's StoryWalk, where individuals experience a story playing out on the page as they follow a trail along the school's walking track.

WHAT: Ed Clapp StoryWalk Open House
WHEN: **Thursday, October 5** from 5 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: 3131 29th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Matthew Evensen**, Ed Clapp Library Media Specialist, evensem@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.2922 for more information.

Ed Clapp Elementary School is hosting an open house to celebrate the installation of its new StoryWalk from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday. Community members are invited to enjoy the active, outdoor reading experience.

The StoryWalk features book pages that are printed in large format and posted along the walking path at Ed Clapp. Readers see the story play out in front of them as they progress from page to page along the path. The story winds its way through the narrative as the track winds its way through the school grounds, finally reaching its climax and resolution at the end of the path.

The Ed Clapp StoryWalk was created, planned, and funded as a joint effort between Ed Clapp Elementary School, the Fargo Public Library, Friends of the Fargo Public Library, and the Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation. As time passes, Ed Clapp Library Media Specialist Matthew Evensen will maintain and update the StoryWalk. New stories will be added several times throughout the year.

The StoryWalk will be available for families and community members to view and experience at the Ed Clapp walking track outside of school hours, but only students and school staff are allowed on school property while school is in session.

In an effort to further encourage reading in the community, open house attendees are invited to take a book from the Ed Clapp Lending Library. The Lending Library was collaboratively planned and funded by Ed Clapp teachers and opened at the beginning of this school year.

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