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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR ANDREA WANG TO VISIT FPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Award-winning children’s book author Andrea Wang will be visiting each of Fargo Public Schools’ elementary schools this week and next week.

WHAT: Andrea Wang Elementary Author Visits
WHEN: **October 11-13, 16-18 (see times below)**
WHERE: Fargo Public Schools elementary schools (see locations below)
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From Wednesday to Friday this week and Monday to Wednesday next week, students in each of Fargo Public Schools’ elementary schools will have the opportunity to witness a presentation by award-winning author Andrea Wang.

Wang is the author of seven non-fiction children’s books, including *Watercress*, *The Many Meanings of Meilan*, *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando*, *The Nian Monster*, and more. Her books explore themes of culture, creative thinking, identity, and environmentalism, a topic she knows well as a former environmental consultant with a master’s degree in environmental studies. Wang’s semi-autobiographical third picture book, *Watercress*, was awarded the Caldecott Medal, a Newberry Honor, and the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Her debut middle-grade novel, *The Many Meanings of Meilan*, received a New York Times Best Books of 2021 designation.

The District’s elementary school librarians have read a variety of Wang’s books with the students and completed projects in anticipation of her visit. At each school, Wang will give a presentation including information about her author journey, a book reading, and a discussion of the themes of the book. There will then be a question and answer session and opportunities for book signings.

These author visits were made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation, Valley Reading, the North Dakota Library Association, and Fargo Public Schools.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 11

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Clara Barton Elementary School, 1417 6th Street South, Fargo
- 10:15-11:15 a.m.: Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo
- 1-2 p.m.: Bennett Elementary School, 2000 58th Avenue South, Fargo

Thursday, October 12

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo
- 10:15-11:15 a.m.: Kennedy Elementary School, 4401 42nd Street South, Fargo
- 1-2 p.m.: Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo

Friday, October 13

- 1-2 p.m.: Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North, Fargo

Monday, October 16

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: McKinley Elementary School, 2930 8th Street North, Fargo
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Madison Elementary School, 1040 29th Street North, Fargo
- 1:40-2:25 p.m.: Washington Elementary School, 1725 Broadway North, Fargo

Tuesday, October 17

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Centennial Elementary School, 4201 25th Street South, Fargo
- 10-10:45 a.m.: Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9th Street South, Fargo
- 1-1:45 p.m.: Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 28th Street South, Fargo

Wednesday, October 18

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4th Avenue South, Fargo
- 10-10:45 a.m.: Roosevelt Elementary School, 1026 10th Street North, Fargo
- 11:05-11:55 a.m. Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North, Fargo

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