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**MEDIA ALERT** – Friday, September 29, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN LOCAL HISTORY ON DOWNTOWN FARGO HISTORY WALK**

Fargo Public Schools' third graders are hitting the streets for a history lesson as they take a walking tour of historic downtown Fargo.

**WHAT:** Downtown Fargo Walking Tour and History Presentation  
**WHEN:** **October 2-4**  
**WHERE:** Fargo Theatre, 314 North Broadway, Fargo  
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Nearly 400 third graders will learn the history of their hometown on a walking tour of downtown Fargo on October 2-4. Students from six of the Fargo Public School District's elementary schools will hit the pavement as they walk to historic buildings and landmarks and view historical photographs to learn the history of the city. The tour is part of the Fargo history unit of the third-grade social studies curriculum. Other elementary schools will take the tour in the spring.

Past FPS eighth graders researched and recorded podcasts that give the third graders a step-by-step description of their historical stops. Using those podcasts and a walking map to direct the journey, the third graders will stop at a number of historical downtown buildings, including those that house Zandbroz Variety Store, Great Northern Bicycle Company, The Black Building, Hotel Donaldson, Royal Jewelers, Plains Art Museum, and First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to their walking tour, the third graders will witness a historical presentation at the Fargo Theatre. The presentation will include photographs of Fargo's growth in the past 100 years, despite setbacks by fires, floods, and tornadoes. The presentation is followed by the screening of a short silent film.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday, October 2, Lincoln, Kennedy, Bennett Elementary Schools**

Group 1 (Lincoln & Kennedy): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Bennett): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, October 3, Madison, Clara Barton, Centennial Elementary Schools**

Group 1 (Madison & Clara Barton): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Centennial): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 4, Bennett Elementary School**

Group 1: Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

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