



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Friday, November 3, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

EXPLORER ACADEMY STAFF TO MAKE TIE BLANKETS AND PILLOWCASES TO DONATE TO WARM BLANKET HUGS

As temperatures drop, the staff at Explorer Academy wants to help ensure those in need are warm and comforted by partnering with Warm Blanket Hugs.

WHAT: Explorer Academy Warm Blanket Hugs Staff Event
WHEN: **Tuesday, November 7** from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Justin Lien**, Explorer Academy principal, lienj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4104 for more information.

More than 20 members of the staff of Explorer Academy will get crafty after school on Tuesday as they work together to make tie blankets and pillowcases to donate to Warm Blanket Hugs. Through its donation of blankets and pillowcases, the staff at Explorer Academy hopes to provide a sense of comfort and security individuals who need some encouragement.

Warm Blanket Hugs was founded by a 16-year-old girl named Olivia who was hospitalized during her diagnosis with epilepsy in 2009. She was gifted a homemade blanket during her stay and being able to snuggle with it brought her comfort. She continued to carry the blanket with her after she left the hospital. So, she founded the organization to help provide a warm blanket to people all over the world so they can feel that same sense of comfort.

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