



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Monday, December 18, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

LEWIS & CLARK HOSTS MAKERSPACE DESIGN CHALLENGE

Students at Lewis & Clark Elementary get a chance to combine their engineering skills with some holiday cheer as they compete to see who can construct the biggest toothpick snowman or spaghetti Christmas tree.

WHAT: Makerspace Design Challenge
WHEN: **Wednesday, December 20** from 7:45-8:10 a.m.
WHERE: Library, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Stacy Anderson**, Lewis & Clark gifted services teacher, 701.446.4860 or anderss5@fargo.k12.nd.us, for more information.

Lewis & Clark Elementary School students have been learning STEM skills all school year during Makerspace Monday events before school one day each month. Now they get to put those skills to the test with a design challenge from 7:45-8:10 a.m. on Wednesday in the school's library.

Students will partner to construct the largest snowman possible using toothpicks and marshmallows or the largest Christmas tree possible using miniature colored marshmallows and spaghetti. The team that builds the largest snowman and the largest Christmas tree that can stay upright for more than 20 seconds will win a prize.

During normal Makerspace Monday events, held on the second Monday of each month, South High School honors program students engage elementary students and encourage them to tinker, play, and discover. The younger students get to try out Little Bits, Ozobots, Gravitracks, Tower Blocks, Picasso Tiles, 3D printers, and other STEM activities with their high school mentors guiding them along the way. All Lewis & Clark students are invited to participate in Makerspace Mondays.

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