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MEDIA ALERT – Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Fargo Public School District #1

BOOK VENDING MACHINE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Lewis & Clark Elementary School is adding a new vending machine to offer goodies and sweets to the school's students. Instead of offering candies and sodas, this new vendor will offer students the chance to acquire a good book and the sweet joy of reading.

WHAT: Book Vending Machine Ribbon Cutting
WHEN: **Friday, January 5** from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
WHERE: Cafeteria, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Stacy Anderson**, Lewis & Clark gifted and talented teacher, at 701.446.4860 or anderss5@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

Lewis & Clark Elementary School is celebrating the end of its first week back in session following the Winter Break with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The school will unveil its brand new Inchy the Bookworm Book Vending Machine as a surprise for the students at the ceremony on Friday.

The book vending machine will give students the opportunity to acquire new books to take home to add to or kickstart their own personal home library. Having books at home can help keep kids reading while away from school and energize their love of books. Students can earn credits for books by exhibiting a variety of positive behaviors.

Lewis & Clark Gifted and Talented Teacher Stacy Anderson applied for a grant to purchase the book vending machine, feeling it would promote literacy in the school, and received funding for half of the price. The school's Parent Teacher Association provided the rest of the money to purchase the machine. But it doesn't come stocked with books, the school still needed to raise money to purchase books to fill the vending machine.

The school received donations of books and money to purchase books from Muscatell Subaru, the Bell Bank Pay it Forward Campaign, Western State Bank, Vision Bank, Walmart, and the PTA. Library Media Specialist Rachel Lacher and Library Assistant Kay Reynolds each also donated new books to help fill the machine.

Representatives from each organization that contributed to the book vending machine have been invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. Students from each grade level at Lewis & Clark will attend the ceremony, as well as Anderson, Lacher, Reynolds, and Lewis & Clark Principal Jason Cresap.

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