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Fargo Public School District #1

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS TO CELEBRATE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

The Fargo Public Schools 2023-24 school year is about to hit the century mark and students and staff around the District are ready to celebrate.

- WHAT:** 100th Day of School Celebrations
- WHEN:** **Thursday, February 1**
- WHERE:** Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo
Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo
Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North, Fargo
Madison Elementary School, 1040 29th Street North, Fargo
McKinley Elementary School, 2930 8th Street North, Fargo
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Seeing the number of school days held during the school year reach into the triple digits is cause for celebration. Thursday, February 1 is the 100th day of school for the 2023-24 school year and several of Fargo Public Schools' elementary schools are observing the milestone with events, activities, and theme days related to the number 100.

Explorer Academy students will participate in a day full of 100-themed activities, snacks, and prizes. Activities will include constructing a cup structure out of 100 cups, designing a pattern of the numeral 100 using blocks, tracking their odds of flipping heads or tails on 100 coin flips, crafting a necklace using 100 beads, and creating posters with artistic recreations of the events of the first 100 days. Students and staff will also participate in a scavenger hunt and have a goal of reaching 100 acts of kindness.

Jennifer Cantler's kindergarten class at Hawthorne Elementary School will create a Museum of 100 Things, a craft to create 100 glasses or crowns, a writing project about what they think they will be doing when they turn 100 years old, and will be surprised with a picture of themselves with a filter to make them look 100. For the Museum of 100 Things, the students have been

tasked with bringing in a bag filled with 100 of a small item such as cheerios, beads, pennies, or chocolate chips. The students will place them in a circle and get a chance to see what 100 of each item looks like.

Mrs. Oliphant's kindergarten class at Lewis & Clark Elementary School will spend the day learning to count to 100 via numerous activities. They will chew bubble gum 100 times, build a Lego train out of 100 Legos, read 100 words, construct a 100th day tower, make a 100 out of Bingo dobbers, and more.

Instead of 5-and 6-year-olds, the desks in Tawny Brolin's kindergarten class at Longfellow Elementary School will be filled with 100-year-olds. Students have the option to dress up as centenarians with gray hair, canes, and spectacles. The elderly kindergarteners will spend the day counting to 100 with a variety of activities and will wear 100th day crowns and necklaces.

All students at Madison Elementary School have been invited to dress up like they are 100 years old or to wear a shirt that represents the number 100. Kindergarten and first grade classes will participate in 100-themed activities, enjoy snacks of 100 items, and will craft 100th day hats.

Kindergarteners at McKinley Elementary School will make Froot Loop necklaces with 100 Froot Loops, will create and wear hats with 100 stickers on them, and will participate in a scavenger hunt to seek and find 100 Hershey's Kisses hidden around their classroom. Students have also been invited to dress up like they are 100 years old.

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