



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Friday, February 23, 2024
Fargo Public School District #1

FIRST GRADERS TO LEARN ABOUT HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM OF UNITED STATES FLAG

First graders around the Fargo-Moorhead metro are set to witness a presentation meant to instill within them a sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the country's public servants and military members.

WHAT: Flags for First Graders
WHEN: **See schedule below**
WHERE: See schedule below
CONTACT: School principal (see below) for more information.

Members of the Cass County 40 & 8, Fargo AMVETS, and Fargo American Legion are touring elementary schools in the Fargo-Moorhead area to give Flags for First Graders presentations about the history and importance of the United States flag in February and March.

During the presentation, Flags for First Graders Coordinator Dave Rice covers the history of the flag from its creation in 1777 through the modern day. He explains the significance and symbolism of the stars and stripes and the colors red, white, and blue, and explains how the flag changed over time into its current design. He covers flag code, including proper ways to display the flag, etiquette for the National Anthem, folding the flag, retiring the flag, and more. And he recognizes the members of the U.S. Military and public servants such as police officers, firefighters, EMT's, medical professionals, and teachers. At the conclusion of the presentation, each student is given a U.S. flag and a brochure about the flag provided by Fargo AMVETS Post 7.

The full Flags for First Graders tour includes 30-minute presentations in 37 schools with a total combined audience of more than 2,240 students.

Tuesday, February 27 at 10 a.m.

Madison Elementary School, 1040 29th Street North, Fargo
Principal: Lori Conmy, conmyl@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5102

Tuesday, February 27 at 1:10 a.m.

Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo
Principal: Becky Folden, foldenr@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.46.4404

Wednesday, February 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Kennedy Elementary School, 4401 42nd Street South, Fargo
Principal: Karrie Pederson, pedersk@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4204

Thursday, February 29 at 9 a.m.

Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9th Street South, Fargo
Principal: Megan Kiser, kiserm@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4904

Wednesday, March 6 at 9 a.m.

Washington Elementary School, 1725 Broadway North, Fargo
Principal: Cathy Selberg, selberc@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5404

Wednesday, March 6 at 11:05 a.m.

Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 29th Street South, Fargo
Principal: Jennifer Schuldheisz schuldj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.2904

Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North, Fargo
Principal: Leandra Ostrom, ostroml@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5304

Friday, March 8 at 8:45 a.m.

Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo
Principal: Jason Cresap, cresapj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4804

Monday, March 18 at 9 a.m.

Centennial Elementary School, 4201 25th Street South, Fargo
Principal: Bobby Olson, olsonb4@fargo.k12.nd.us or 071.446.4304

Wednesday, March 20 at 12:05 p.m.

McKinley Elementary School, 2930 North 29th Street, Fargo
Principal: Cheryl Janssen, janssec@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5204

Thursday, March 21 at 10:15 a.m.

Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4th Avenue South, Fargo
Principal: Beth Olson, olsone1@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4704

Thursday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo
Principal: Jennifer Jung, jungj2@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.3904

Friday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Bennett Elementary School, 2000 South 58th Avenue, Fargo
Principal: Sara Schafer, schafes@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4004

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