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MEDIA ALERT – Monday, October 24, 2022
Fargo Public School District #1

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR DERRICK BARNES TO VISIT FPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Award-winning children's book author Derrick Barnes will be visiting each of Fargo Public Schools' elementary schools this week.

WHAT: Derrick Barnes Elementary Author Visits
WHEN: **Tuesday, October 25-Friday, October 28 (see times below)**
WHERE: Fargo Public Schools elementary schools (see locations below)
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From Tuesday to Friday this week, students in all of Fargo Public Schools' elementary schools will have the unique opportunity to witness a presentation from bestselling children's book author Derrick Barnes.

Barnes is the author of acclaimed children's books, including *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, *The Queen of Kindergarten*, *The King of Kindergarten*, *I am Every Good Thing*, and *Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice*. *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* won the Ezra Jack Keats Award, Newberry Honor, Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King Author Honor, and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor. And *Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice* was a National Book Award Finalist.

The District's elementary school librarians have read a variety of Barnes' books with the students and completed projects in anticipation of his visit. At each school, Barnes will give a 35-40-minute presentation focused on his background and path to becoming a professional writer. After he is finished with his presentation, he will conduct a question and answer period and sign books as time allows.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 25

- 8:30-9:20 a.m.: Kennedy Elementary School, 4401 42nd Street South, Fargo
- 10:15-11:30 a.m.: Centennial Elementary School, 4201 25th Street South, Fargo
- 1:15-1:45 a.m.: Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 28th Street Southwest, Fargo

Wednesday, October 26

- 8:20-9:20 a.m.: Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9th Street South, Fargo
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.: Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4th Avenue South, Fargo

- 12:15-1:15 p.m.: Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo
- 1:45-2:45 p.m.: Madison Elementary School, 1040 29th Street North, Fargo

Thursday, October 27

- 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Washington Elementary School, 1725 Broadway North, Fargo
- 10:15-11:15 a.m.: Roosevelt Elementary School, 1026 10th Street North, Fargo
- 11:30-12:30 a.m.: Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North East, Fargo
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: McKinley Elementary School, 2930 8th Street North, Fargo

Friday, October 28

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo
- 10-11 a.m.: Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo
- 1-2:10 p.m.: Bennett Elementary School, 2000 58th Avenue South, Fargo

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