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**MEDIA ALERT** – Thursday, December 1, 2022  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **FIRST GRADERS ‘RING IN’ THE LOCAL HOLIDAY SEASON OF GIVING**

Washington Elementary School’s first graders are bringing holiday cheer, community giving, and a little joyful noise to the school lobby every morning through December 22.

**WHAT:** First Grade Red Kettle Bell Ringers  
**WHEN:** **Daily through December 22 from 8:17 to 8:32 a.m.**  
**WHERE:** Lobby area of Washington Elementary School, 1725 North Broadway, Fargo  
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The sounds of sleigh bells jingling, ring-ting-tingling is coming from the front lobby at Washington Elementary School. The school’s 63 first graders are taking turns before school ringing sleigh bells next to a Salvation Army red kettle each school day through December 22.

Washington students and their families have been asked to bring their pocket coins to donate in the kettle. All money raised will be given to the Salvation Army to support their community programs.

The first graders from Karla Volrath’s, Sandra Sterling’s, and Melodie Pochmara’s classes will ring the donation bells in groups of three to four students each day. For many of the first graders, this is their first time participating in a community giving program.

The 2022-23 Washington first graders continue an annual tradition of bell ringing at their school. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year the school’s first graders have participated in the activity. In the program’s 16 years, the Washington students and families have given more than \$5,000 to the Salvation Army with their red kettle donations.

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