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MEDIA ALERT – Friday, January 13, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA HOSTING FUNDRAISER FOR FORMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER WHO REQUIRES SURGERY TO REMOVE BRAIN TUMOR

Lincoln Elementary School's teachers, students, and families are coming together for an afternoon of outdoor fun in support of a former teacher in need at an event hosted by the school's Parent Teacher Association.

WHAT: Fun in the Snow for Mr. O Fundraiser
WHEN: **Saturday, January 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
WHERE: Ice rink, Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9th Street South, Fargo
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The ice rink at Lincoln Elementary School will be full of students and their families this Saturday, January 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. as they have fun "Fun in the Snow for Mr. O." to raise money to help physical education teacher Ross Olson.

Olson, who taught at Lincoln for more than a decade, suffered multiple seizures while driving and was in a car accident in October. He was air lifted to Sanford Medical Center where it was determined he suffered severe shoulder damage and CT and MRI scans revealed a tumor in his temporal lobe, which controls motor functions on his left side.

Olson is recovering from surgery to reconstruct his shoulder socket and will need surgery to remove the tumor once he has recovered from the shoulder surgery. He will require physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

The "Fun in the Snow for Mr. O" kickoff event will feature free ice skating, boot skating and other outdoor activities in the snow. Money will be raised through a hot chocolate bar, a Puck-for-a-Buck contest, and a Penny War. Donations to Olson's [Lend a Hand Up](#) site receive a 20% match.

The Penny War will kick off at the event and continue through Friday, January 20. It pits each grade at Lincoln against each other to see which can raise the most money. Pennies and dollar bills count positively towards the grade's score, while nickels, dimes, and quarters count negatively, so students are encouraged to put their silver coins in other grade's jars. The winning grade will receive an ice cream party.

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