



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, January 31, 2023
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 through the month of February.

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 45 30-minute presentations in 37 schools with a total combined audience of about 2,320 students.

Fargo Public Schools schedule:

Wednesday, February 1 at 9 a.m.

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

Friday, February 3 at 11:05 a.m.

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

Wednesday, February 8 at 9 a.m.

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

Thursday, February 9 at 9 a.m.

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

Monday, February 13 at 9 a.m.

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

Monday, February 13 at 12:40 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 14 at 8:20 a.m.

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

Wednesday, February 15 at 9 a.m.

Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo
Principal: Tanya Wrigley-Lingle, wriglet@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.2904

Wednesday, February 15 at 2 p.m.

Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North East, Fargo
Principal: Eric Henrickson, henrice@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5004

Tuesday, February 21 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

Wednesday, February 22 at 9 a.m.

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

Friday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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