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**MEDIA ALERT** – Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **ED CLAPP AND LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY WITH GUEST READERS**

Acquiring a love for reading early in life can lead to lifetime of learning and imagination. Ed Clapp Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School hope to create a big group of lifelong readers with their Read Across America Day celebrations.

- WHAT:** Read Across America Day celebrations
- WHEN:** **Thursday, March 2** from 9 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. at Ed Clapp;  
from 8:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Lincoln
- WHERE:** Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 28<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo  
Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo
- CONTACT:** **Jennifer Schuldheisz**, Ed Clapp Principal, [schuldj@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:schuldj@fargo.k12.nd.us) or 701.446.2904 for more information; or **Meghan Kiser**, Lincoln Principal, [kiserm@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:kiserm@fargo.k12.nd.us) or 701.446.4904 for more information.

Notable names and community leaders from the Fargo-Moorhead area will visit Ed Clapp Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School to read to students and demonstrate the importance of reading on Read Across America Day on Thursday, March 2. Read Across America Day is the signature program of the National Education Association. It is the nation's largest celebration of reading, focusing on motivating children and teens to read.

At Ed Clapp Elementary School's "Readers Make Leaders" event, each class will rotate to see multiple readers from a variety of backgrounds and professions. Guest readers will include Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney, North Dakota State University athletes, staff from the BOB 95 radio station, and more. The variety of individuals reading to the students will demonstrate that reading is important no matter what you want to do with your life.

Lincoln Elementary School will host readers from Fargo Public Schools, the Fargo Board of Education, and representatives from Lincoln's Adopt-A-School Program partner Noridian Health Systems. Each of the school's classes will have the opportunity to listen to a reading from two guests.

Guest readers include School Board members Robin Nelson and Melissa Burkland, FPS Director of Equity and Equality Dr. Tamara Uselman, FPS Director of Standards Based Instruction Dr. Liann Hanson, and School Resource Officers Coordinator Sergeant Cristie Jacobsen of the Fargo Police Department.

The Adopt-A-School program matches individual schools with area businesses, services clubs, colleges, universities, and other organizations. These partnerships bring business employees and community members into schools to assist with reading programs, tutoring, career awareness, special events, mentoring, extra-curricular clubs, community service projects, field trips and other activities.

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