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**MEDIA ALERT** – Friday, March 17, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR LEUYEN PHAM TO VISIT CLARA BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The students at Clara Barton Elementary School will get to meet award-winning children’s book author and illustrator LeUyen Pham and learn how she has created some of their favorite books.

**WHAT:** LeUyen Pham author visit  
**WHEN:** **Monday, March 20** (see schedule below)  
**WHERE:** Library, Clara Barton Elementary School, 1417 6<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **Rebecca Folden**, Clara Barton-Hawthorne principal,  
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Award-winning children’s book author and illustrator LeUyen Pham will give a presentation and be available for a book signing and meet and greet with each of Clara Barton Elementary School’s three grades in the school library on Monday.

Students will gather in the library for a 40-minute presentation by Pham where she will discuss her journey in the publishing world, how she got to where she is, and her personal background. She will also take the students behind the scenes into the creation of some of the more than 120 books. In preparation for the visit, some of Clara Barton’s classrooms have been reading Pham’s books.

After the presentation, Pham will hold a book signing and meet and greet. Students will have the opportunity to meet the author and get their books signed. Students have been provided books to take home.

A select number of students have been chosen to participate in a Graphic Novel Masterclass led by Pham in the afternoon. In the half-hour session, students will learn about the graphic novel format and how to create their own.

Pham has written and illustrated more than 120 books, including board books, pictures books, chapter books, and graphic novels. and won the Caldecott Honor in 2020 for her

illustrations in the book “Bear Came Along.” She is a New York Times bestseller for the illustrations in the books “Grace for President” written by Kelly DiPucchio; “Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully” written by Julianne Moore; and “The Princess in Black” written by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale.

**Schedule:**

Third grade presentation: 8:20-9:10 a.m.

Third grade signing: 9:10-9:30 a.m.

Fifth grade presentation: 9:45-10:35 a.m.

Fifth grade signing: 10:35-11 a.m.

Fourth grade presentation: 12:15-1:05 p.m.

Fourth grade signing: 1:05-1:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Masterclass: 1:40-2:10 p.m.

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