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MEDIA ALERT – Friday, May 3, 2024
Fargo Public School District #1

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN LOCAL HISTORY ON DOWNTOWN FARGO HISTORY WALK

Fargo Public Schools' third graders are taking to the streets for a history lesson as they tour historic downtown Fargo by foot.

WHAT: Downtown Fargo Walking Tour and History Presentation
WHEN: **May 6-9**
WHERE: Fargo Theatre, 314 North Broadway, Fargo
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About 350 third graders will learn the history of their hometown on a walking tour of downtown Fargo from May 6-9. Students from eight of the Fargo Public Schools' elementary schools will hit the pavement as they walk to historic buildings and landmarks and view historical photographs to learn the history of the city. The tour is part of the Fargo history unit of the third grade social studies curriculum. Other elementary schools took the tour in the fall.

Past FPS eighth graders researched and recorded podcasts that give the third graders a step-by-step description of their historical stops. Using those podcasts and a walking map to direct the journey, the third graders will stop at a number of historical downtown buildings, including those that house Zandbroz Variety Store, Great Northern Bicycle Company, The Black Building, Hotel Donaldson, Royal Jewelers, Plains Art Museum, and First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to their walking tour, the third graders will witness a historical presentation at the Fargo Theatre. The presentation will include photographs of Fargo's growth in the past 100 years, despite setbacks by fires, floods, and tornadoes. The presentation is followed by the screening of a short silent film.

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6, Ed Clapp, Washington Elementary Schools

Group 1: Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7, Lewis & Clark, Longfellow Elementary Schools

Group 1 (Lewis & Clark): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Longfellow): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, Jefferson, Eagles Elementary Schools

Group 1 (Jefferson): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Eagles): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, Roosevelt, McKinley Elementary Schools

Group 1: Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

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