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## JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HOLD DAY OF COMPASSION

Fifth grade students will spend a full day on Friday learning the impact their actions have on others and how to ensure those impacts are positive.

WHAT: Day of Compassion WHEN: Friday, November 22

**WHERE:** Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

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more information.

Jefferson Elementary School fifth graders will spend their day on Friday participating in a "Day of Compassion" retreat aimed at promoting teamwork, respect, and kindness, led by Rollie Johnson, an inspirational speaker and lay pastor at First Lutheran Church. High school students will assist in leading the elementary schoolers in engaging activities, discussion, and experiential learning.

The retreat will feature games, skits, music, and small group discussions, fostering cooperation and addressing important issues such as bullying and exclusion. Through engaging presentations and heartfelt moments, students will explore how words and actions impact others.

The day will culminate with the "Sacred Circle" and candlelight campfire — a time for gratitude, forgiveness, and healing. This retreat's goal is to inspire compassion, respect, and a sense of community among participants.

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