



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

The following information is for media outlets for the purpose of assigning staff coverage to the event.

EXPLORER ACADEMY HOSTS FAMILY DATE NIGHT

Explorer Academy is creating a judgement free restaurant for students to practice their social skills and enjoy a dinner out with their family at the Moonlit Wolf Bistro.

WHAT: Family Date Night
WHEN: **Thursday, January 30** from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Justin Lien**, Explorer Academy Principal, lienj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4104 for more information.

Explorer Academy is transforming into a restaurant as the school's Family Engagement Committee hosts students and their families for Family Date Night on Thursday. The restaurant's name, The Moonlit Wolf Bistro, is inspired by the school's wolf mascot and its motto of PACK, which stands for persistent, accountable, creative, and kind.

Students will have the opportunity to practice their community and social skills with the bonus of a free meal. They will order their dinner themselves off the menu and will be served by Explorer Academy staff, who will perform the roles of host, server, dishwasher, chefs, and patrons.

The meal will consist of Caesar salad, juice, pasta, meatballs, sauce of their choice, baguette or garlic toast, and a dessert.

Explorer Academy is north Dakota's first K-8 special education day school with integrated project-based STEAM and motor program opportunities. It strives to support the whole child by embedding social-emotional learning in all facets of their educational experience. The Explorer Academy staff strive to build relationships with every student to guide and engage them in self-regulation skills to enhance their academic and social-emotional growth.

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