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FIRST GRADERS TO LEARN ABOUT HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM OF UNITED STATES FLAG

First graders around the Fargo-Moorhead metro are set to witness a presentation meant to instill within them a sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the country's public servants and military members.

WHAT: Flags for First Graders
WHEN: See schedule below
WHERE: See schedule below

CONTACT: School principal (see below) for more information.

Members of the Cass County 40 & 8, Fargo AMVETS, and Fargo American Legion are touring elementary schools in the Fargo-Moorhead area this February and March to give Flags for First Graders presentations, focused on the history and importance of the United States flag.

During the presentation, Flags for First Graders Coordinator Dave Rice covers the history of the flag from its creation in 1777 through the modern day. He explains the significance and symbolism of the stars and stripes and the colors red, white, and blue, and explains how the flag's design has evolved over time. He covers flag code, including proper ways to display the flag, etiquette for the National Anthem, folding the flag, retiring the flag, and more. And he recognizes the members of the U.S. Military and public servants such as police officers, firefighters, EMT's, medical professionals, and teachers. At the conclusion of the presentation, each student is given a U.S. flag and a brochure about the flag provided by Fargo AMVETS Post 7.

The full Flags for First Graders tour includes 30-minute presentations in 38 schools with a combined audience of more than 2,000 students.

Wednesday, February 12 at 9 a.m.

Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4th Avenue South, Fargo Principal: Beth Olson, <u>olsone1@fargo.k12.nd.us</u> or 701.446.4704

Thursday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North, Fargo Principal: Eric Henrickson, henrice@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5004

Tuesday, February 18 at 10 a.m.

Madison Elementary School, 1040 29th Street North, Fargo Principal: Lori Conmy, conmyl@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5102

Wednesday, February 19 at 1:10 p.m.

Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo Principal: Becky Folden, <u>foldenr@fargo.k12.nd.us</u> or 701.446.4404

Thursday, February 20 at 10:15 a.m.

Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North, Fargo Principal: Leandra Ostrom, ostroml@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5304

Friday, February 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Bennett Elementary School, 2000 South 58th Avenue, Fargo Principal: Sara Schafer, schafes@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4004

Monday, February 24 at 9 a.m.

Centennial Elementary School, 4201 25th Street South, Fargo Principal: Bobby Olson, <u>olsonb4@fargo.k12.nd.us</u> or 071.446.4304

Thursday, February 27 at 8:15 a.m.

Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo Principal: Dr. Jennifer Jung, jungj2@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.3904

Wednesday, March 5 at 11:05 a.m.

Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 29th Street South, Fargo Principal: Jennifer Schuldheisz schuldi@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.2904

Thursday, March 6 at 9 a.m.

Lincoln Elementary School, 2120 9th Street South, Fargo Principal: Megan Kiser, kiserm@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4904

Friday, March 7 at 8:45 a.m.

Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16th Street South, Fargo Principal: Jason Cresap, cresapj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4804

Monday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Kennedy Elementary School, 4401 42nd Street South, Fargo Principal: Karrie Pederson, pedersk@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4204

Wednesday, March 12 at 9 a.m.

Washington Elementary School, 1725 Broadway North, Fargo Principal: Cathy Selberg, selberc@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5404

Wednesday, March 12 at 12:05 p.m.

McKinley Elementary School, 2930 North 29th Street, Fargo Principal: Cheryl Janssen, janssec@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5204

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