



**EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, February 12, 2025**  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

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**JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HONOR LOCAL HEROES AND HELPERS AT ALL-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Jefferson Elementary School students and staff are coming together to honor local heroes and helpers from the Fargo-Moorhead community at an all-school assembly.

- WHAT:** Heroes and Helpers Assembly  
**WHEN:** **Friday, February 14** at 8:20 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Jefferson Elementary School, 1701 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **Beth Olson**, Jefferson principal, [olsone1@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:olsone1@fargo.k12.nd.us) or 701.446.4704 for more information.

Jefferson Elementary School is holding an all-school assembly Friday to honor local individuals whose selfless actions have made an impact in our community. Jefferson has invited several guests to speak to the students about how they make Fargo a safer and better place to live.

The guest speakers include David VanderArk, who saved an individual from drowning in the Red River; Families United for Self-Empowerment Founder and Executive Director Victoria Johnson; Fire Fighter Craig Nelson; Nurse Mikayla Roerick; FUSE Community Outreach Coordinator and Youth Mentor Marcus Dahn; Fargo Police Department Officer Matt Neimeyer; Jenna Simpson of the Army National Guard; and a Sanford EMT. Each speaker will provide a firsthand account of their experiences working to help the community and will aim to inspire students to do what they can to make Fargo the best place to live that it can possibly be.

The assembly aims to educate students about the roles these individuals play in our society, fostering a deeper appreciation for their contributions and the importance of service and community involvement.

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