



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

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

FIFTH GRADERS TO HOLD MOCK TRIAL AS PART OF UNIT ON ‘KADDO’S WALL’

The Court of Seno is in session and the people of the town of Tendella are trying Kaddo for an act of inhumanity.

WHAT: Mock Trial
WHEN: **Friday, March 28** at 1 p.m.
WHERE: Clara Barton Elementary School, 1417 6th Street South, Fargo
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Clara Barton Hawthorne Elementary School’s fifth grade gifted literacy group is holding a mock trial on Friday based on the West African folktale “Kaddo’s Wall,” which they read recently. Students will take on the roles of prosecutors, defendants, judge, and jury as they put Kaddo on trial.

The prosecution is accusing Kaddo of an act of inhumanity for intentionally causing the people of Tendella to suffer famine and starvation when he had so much excess food, he could use it to build a wall. He had so much wealth, he would sit on the wall whenever townspeople came to visit and refused to share with those around him who needed it.

In the story, Kaddo is a rich man who harvests much more corn than he could eat himself. He stored corn in his granary but decided not to share it with hungry people in town. Instead, he had his corn ground into flour and used it to make bricks and mortar to build a wall around his house. After building the wall, Kaddo’s fields were barren for many years. Eventually, he ran out of food and had to eat his flour wall. When his wall was gone and he was starving, he traveled a long distance to visit a king. The king gave him many bags of seed corn to take home to plant a field to support himself into the future. But in his hunger, he ate all of the corn before he got home and died of overindulgence. His descendants are said to be poor to this day.

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