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## NDSU RUGBY COACH TO TEACH MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ABOUT THE GAME IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Take the pitch and try to score a try. The next great rugby star could be at Discovery Middle School, they just haven't had a chance to learn the sport yet. Perhaps all they need is exposure to a new game and they could be destined to compete in the Premiership or represent the United States on the world stage.

**WHAT:** Rugby in Physical Education Class

WHEN: Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Discovery Middle School, 1717 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo

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Discovery Middle School students have an opportunity to try out a sport with vast global popularity but limited exposure in the United States on Monday and Tuesday. Cory Schlack, North Dakota State University rugby coach and Red River Youth Rugby elementary director, will be visiting physical education classes at Discovery to teach students about rugby.

Schlack will walk students through the rules and basics of the sport, lead them through rugby drills to familiarize them with the necessary skills to play, and facilitate playing the game.

Rugby demonstrations will happen all periods of the day Monday and Tuesday except during lunch. Classes attending demonstrations will mostly consist of eighth graders, with some sixth graders also attending.

Red River Youth Rugby has a vision to enrich the lives of youth in the Fargo-Moorhead area by promoting the sport and inclusive culture of rugby. It offers rugby opportunities for students in Grades K-12 and adults.

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