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## NORTH HOSA CLUB TO VISIT LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

Is your stuffed puppy as sick as a dog? Does your rubber chicken have chickenpox? Does your favorite mammoth stuffy have elephantiasis? Longfellow Elementary School first graders will find out if their stuffed animals are suffering from any of these maladies or if they are as healthy as an ox at the Teddy Bear Clinic.

**WHAT:** Teddy Bear Clinic

**WHEN: Friday, April 25** from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Fargo CONTACT: Kelsey Walter, North Health Science Teacher and HOSA Advisor,

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Members of the North High School HOSA-Future Health Professionals club are visiting Longfellow Elementary School this Friday to host a Teddy Bear Clinic for the school's first graders. The elementary schoolers will bring in their stuffed animals to go through a medical checkup with the high schoolers acting as healthcare providers.

The goal of the clinic is to educate the young students about healthcare and healthy habits and to reduce their anxiety around their own medical visits. By taking their stuffed animals to the Teddy Bear Clinic, they will know what to expect when they go to in for a checkup.

The high schoolers will check the teddy bears' heartbeats and vital signs and provide bandaging and first aid demonstrations. They will also teach the younger students about the importance of handwashing and proper hygiene and emphasize the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

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