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EXPLORER ACADEMY EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION AND END OF YEAR CARNIVAL

The students and staff at Explorer Academy are celebrating the completion of the school year, and for some, the completion of their time at the school, at the Eighth Grade Graduation and End of Year Carnival.

WHAT:	Explorer Academy End of Year Celebration
WHEN:	**Thursday, June 5**
	• Eighth Grade Graduation from noon to 1 p.m.
	• Carnival from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Parking lot, Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT:	**Dr. Justin Lien**, Explorer Academy Principal, lienj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4104 for more information.

Explorer Academy is hosting an Eighth Grade Graduation Celebration followed by an End of Year Carnival on Thursday, to honor the school's eighth graders, who will be moving on to high school and to celebrate the end of the school year.

The eighth grade graduation celebration will feature a graduation walk ceremony, student recognition awards, staff and student reflections on their time at the school, and a farewell video commemorating the eighth graders.

Following the graduation ceremony, students, staff, and guests will enjoy the fourth-annual End of Year Carnival. The carnival is a celebration of the work of each student and staff member this school year and one final opportunity for students to enjoy each other's company before summer break. This year's carnival is hosted by Y-94 and will feature music selected by Y-94 DJs.

Students and staff will enjoy a sponsored grilled lunch. Following their lunch, the students will enjoy yard games, Wack-A-Mole, human bowling, kickball darts, mini donut eating challenge, mat races, basketball pong, flamingo ring toss, fishbowl pong, beanbag tic tac toe, and more. Sanford's AirMed helicopter plans to make an appearance during the carnival, pending any emergency calls.

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