



**EVENT NOTICE – Monday, December 1, 2025**  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

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## **FIRST GRADERS ‘RING IN’ THE LOCAL HOLIDAY SEASON OF GIVING**

For the 20<sup>th</sup> year, Washington Elementary School’s first graders are bringing holiday cheer, community giving, and a little joyful noise to the school lobby every morning.

- WHAT:** First Grade Red Kettle Bell Ringers  
**WHEN:** **December 1 to December 22 from 8:10-8:30 a.m.**  
**WHERE:** Lobby area of Washington Elementary School, 1725 North Broadway, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **Sandra Sterling**, first grade teacher, 701.446.5419 or [sterlis@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:sterlis@fargo.k12.nd.us) for more information.

The sounds of sleigh bells jingling, ring-ting-tingling have been coming from the front lobby of Washington Elementary School for 20 years. The school’s first graders are continuing the tradition of ringing sleigh bells next to a Salvation Army red kettle before school each school day from December 1 through December 22.

Washington students and their families have been asked to bring their pocket coins to donate in the kettle. All money raised will be given to the Salvation Army to support their community programs.

The first graders from Sandra Sterling’s and Hailey VonMosch’s classes will ring the donation bells in groups of three to four students each day. For many of the first graders, this is their first time participating in a community giving program.

The 2025-26 Washington first graders continue an annual tradition of bell ringing at their school. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the school’s first graders have participated in the activity. The Washington students and families have given about \$6,000 to the Salvation Army with their red kettle donations.

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