



EVENT NOTICE – Friday, February 13, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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

SCOUT THE THERAPY DOG TO VISIT DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL DURING KINDNESS WEEK

Discovery Middle School is getting a furry visitor who loves frisbees, chicken, and swimming and wants to help create a calm and supportive atmosphere for the students.

- WHAT:** Scout the Therapy Dog
WHEN: **Tuesday, February 17** from noon to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: Discovery Middle School, 1717 40th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Amy Herrick**, Discovery principal, herrica@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.3304 for more information.

As Discovery Middle School celebrates Kindness Week next week, it will be visited by Scout the Therapy Dog and his handler Lindsay on Tuesday and Wednesday. Kindness Week focuses on intentional, positive, and unexpected actions with the goal to build a culture of kindness through small acts, which improve mental health and community connections.

As a certified therapy dog, Scout specializes in improving mental health and creating community connections. His role during public visits is to be a safe, friendly, and supportive presence for those he interacts with.

Across the two days, Scout will spend about 15 minutes in each of Discovery's team centers, three teams each for grades 6-8. He will visit the eighth grade teams on Tuesday and the sixth and seventh grade teams on Wednesday. There will also be an opportunity for adults to meet Scout on Tuesday.

Scout will greet students in the team center and the students will get an opportunity to pet him in a structured and supervised environment. To break the ice, Lindsay will have Scout show off some of the tricks he knows and after everybody is warmed up, he will have the opportunity to greet students, lay near them, or sit beside them while they pet him. The goal is for Scout to help provide a calming atmosphere and give students a positive interaction. Students who do not wish to interact with the dog will be able to go into a different room.

This event was arranged by Discovery Middle School's Be the Change Club, which aims to spread kindness and create a positive school culture at Discovery.

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