



EVENT NOTICE – Friday, May 8, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN LOCAL HISTORY ON DOWNTOWN FARGO HISTORY WALK

Fargo Public Schools third graders are lacing up their walking shoes and plugging in their headphones to learn more about the history of their hometown.

WHAT: Downtown Fargo Walking Tour and History Presentation
WHEN: **May 11-14** (see schedule below)
WHERE: Fargo Theatre, 314 North Broadway, Fargo
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More than 550 third graders will learn the history of their hometown on a walking tour of downtown Fargo on May 11-14. Students from nine of the Fargo Public School District's elementary schools will hit the pavement as they walk to historic buildings and landmarks and view historical photographs to learn the history of the city. The tour is part of the Fargo history unit of the third-grade social studies curriculum. Other elementary schools took the tour in the fall.

Past FPS eighth graders researched and recorded podcasts that give the third graders a step-by-step description of their historical stops. Using those podcasts and a walking map to direct the journey, the third graders will stop at historical downtown buildings, including those that house Great Northern Bicycle Company, The Black Building, Hotel Donaldson, Royal Jewelers, Plains Art Museum, and First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to their walking tour, the third graders will witness a historical presentation at the Fargo Theatre. The presentation will include photographs of Fargo's growth in the past 100 years, despite setbacks by fires, floods, and tornadoes. The presentation is followed by the screening of a short silent film.

Somes classes have opted to participate in either the walking history tour or the Fargo Theatre presentation, while other will participate in both.

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 11, Ed Clapp and Washington Elementary Schools

Group 1 (Ed Clapp): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Washington): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12, Roosevelt and Longfellow Elementary Schools

Group 1 (Roosevelt): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Longfellow): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, McKinley, Clara Barton, and Lewis & Clark Elementary Schools

Group 1 (McKinley, Clara Barton): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Lewis & Clark): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, Jefferson and Eagles Elementary Schools

Group 1 (Jefferson): Walk 9-10 a.m., Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m.

Group 2 (Eagles): Fargo Theatre 10-11:30 a.m., Walk 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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