



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO HOLD WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISERS

Elementary school students across Fargo Public Schools are lacing up their walking shoes and preparing to walk as far as their legs will carry them to raise funds this fall.

This September, several of FPS' elementary schools will be holding walk-a-thon fundraisers to raise money to fund school projects, charities, and their school Parent Teachers Associations. See dates and times for each school below.

The walk-a-thons provide students a healthy way to build communities and fundraise. Students collect pledges to donate money based on the distance they cover by walking, running, or jogging around the course. Family and friends are invited to join the students either to cheer them on or to walk with them as they make their way around the course.

WALK-A-THON SCHEDULE:

McKinley Elementary School, 2930 8th Street North, Fargo

- September 18
 - First Grade: 8:30 a.m.
 - Second Grade: 9:15 a.m.
 - Kindergarten: 10:10 a.m.
 - Third Grade: 12:15 p.m.
 - Fourth Grade: 1 p.m.
 - Fifth Grade: 1:50 p.m.
- Funds raised will be used for various activities for McKinley students, including such the school carnival, a movie night, and field trips.
- CONTACT: Cheryl Janssen, Principal, Janssec@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5204 for more information.

Bennett Elementary School, 2000 58th Avenue South, Fargo

- September 22
 - Fourth Grade: 8:50 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
 - Fifth Grade: 9:25 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.
 - Kindergarten: 10:15 a.m. to 10:45a.m.
 - First Grade: 10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
 - Second Grade: 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.
 - Third Grade: 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- CONTACT: Sara Schafer, Bennett Principal, schafes@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4004 for more information.

Ed Clapp Elementary School, 3131 28th Street South, Fargo

- September 23
 - First Grade: 9:40 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
 - Fifth Grade: 10:20 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 - Fourth Grade: 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
 - Second Grade: 12:20 p.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Kindergarten 1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.
 - Third Grade: 1:45 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
- Students who raise the most funds will get to be Principal for the Day, Physical Education Teacher for the Day, and Librarian for the Day on a future date. Classes who raise the most funds will win extra recess.
- If they meet the overall goal of raising \$12,000, principals will surprise students from the roof that morning.
- CONTACT: Jennifer Schuldheisz, Ed Clapp Principal, schuldj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.2904 for more information.

Longfellow Elementary School, 20 29th Avenue North, Fargo

- September 23 & 24
- Students will walk during their scheduled physical education time.
- Funds raised will sponsor multiple Parent Teacher Organization events including Kindergarten Welcome, Fall Festival, Breakfast Buddies, BINGO Night, Book Fair, Spelling Bee, FMCT on Road, Talent Show, Science Night, Book Club, Field Day, Fifth Grade Farewell, Gingerbread Houses, Walk & Bike to School Day, and more.
- CONTACT: Eric Henrickson, Longfellow Principal, henrice@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5004 for more information.

Clara Barton Hawthorne Elementary School

- September 25
- At Hawthorne Elementary School, 555 8th Avenue South, Fargo
- Third, fourth, and fifth grade students from Clara Barton will walk to Hawthorne and pair up with a grade level for the walk-a-thon, with one grade level walking while the other cheers.
 - Fourth Grade: 9:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 - Second Grade: 9:35 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.
 - First Grade: 10:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 - Fifth Grade: 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
 - Kindergarten: 12:50 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
 - Third Grade: 1:25 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Donations help pay for school-wide events such as the Fall Festival and Family Winter Dance; faculty and teacher appreciation gifts; teacher supplies; student field trips, such as the pumpkin patch, the zoo, and more; and other CBH and community needs.
- CBH will have a spirit week during the week of September 21-25 to get fired up for the walk-a-thon.
- CONTACT: Rebecca Folden, CBH Principal, foldenr@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4404 for more information.

Eagles Elementary School, 3502 University Drive South, Fargo

- September 25
 - Kindergarten: 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 - Second Grade 10:20 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.
 - First Grade: 10:50 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
 - Fourth Grade: 11:15 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
 - Fifth Grade: 11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
 - Third Grade: 12:15 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.
- Funds will benefit the Eagles PTA to be used for school activities and engagement opportunities.
- The top 20 earners will slime and silly string Principal Dr. Jennifer Jung and Assistant Principal Jennifer Spitzner.
- The top three classrooms will win a Courts Plus indoor playground trip with their buddy classroom.
- CONTACT: Dr. Jennifer Jung, Eagles principal, 701.446.3904 or jungj2@fargo.k12.nd.us

Kennedy Elementary School, 4401 42nd Street South, Fargo

- September 25
 - First Grade: 10:45 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
 - Second Grade: 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
 - Kindergarten: 11:25 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 - Third Grade: 11:25 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 - Fourth Grade: 11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
 - Fifth Grade 12:05 p.m. to 12:25 p.m.
- Funds raised will be used for staff appreciation; physical education equipment; teacher supplies; family engagement events; and yearbook funding.
- CONTACT: Dr. Karrie Pederson, Kennedy Principal, pedersk@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4204 for more information.

Washington Elementary School, 1725 Broadway North, Fargo

- September 25
 - Fifth Grade: 10:05 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
 - Fourth Grade: 11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
 - Kindergarten: 11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
 - Third Grade: 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 - Second Grade: 1:20 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.
 - First Grade: 1:40 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Funds raised will support teacher appreciation; PTA sponsored activities, such as class field trips, school movies, family game nights, and carnivals; providing additional classroom supplies; and soccer nets for the green playground space.
- Prizes will be awarded for the top earning class and the top running class. Each class that raises at least \$1,000 will receive \$50 towards buying games or activities for their classroom.
- Rewarding opportunities will be given to students as they reach school goals including silly string a staff member; pie a staff member in the face; slime a staff member; and make a principal nacho.

- CONTACT: Jim Keal, Washington Principal, kealj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5400 for more information.

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