EVENT NOTICE – Friday, October 30, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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

EIGHTH GRADE IMAGINATIONS ON DISPLAY AT CBE MECHANIZED PULL TOY PARADE

Gadgets and gizmos galore will be gliding through Carl Ben Eielson Middle School on Monday.

WHAT: Mechanized Pull Toy Parade
WHEN: **Monday, November 2** at 9:02 a.m., 9:58 a.m., 12:58 pm
WHERE: Carl Ben Eielson Middle School, 1601 13th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Alexis Yokom,** CBE STEM Teacher, yokoma@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.1864 for more information.

Carl Ben Eielson Middle School eighth graders will pull along rolling toys they have designed and created themselves as they put their imaginations on display at the CBE Mechanized Pull Toy Parade. The parade is the culmination of their learning about gears, gear trains, and what makes up a mechanism in STEM class this school year.

Students have applied their knowledge of speed, torque, power input, and work output as well as gears, gear trains, and mechanisms to create unique pull toys out of VEX robotics kits. Each pull toy is about a foot long, a foot wide, and a foot tall, and made of metal parts with a plastic gear train attached to wheels. When you pull the toy, the spinning wheels turn a gear attached to the axle, which turns another gear, which turns another gear, and so on until it moves a mechanism at the end of the train.

Each pull toy features a mechanism with an in-and-out or rotary motion or both. Examples of these mechanisms could include a pinwheel; a Ferris wheel; a whale blowing water out of its blow hole; a bumblebee flying up and down; a shark emerging out of the water; a person raising their hand; or an endless array of other up-and-down, in-and-out, or spinning actions. The possibilities for the flourishes on these pull toys are limited only by the creativity of the eighth graders.

Other classes have been invited to watch and cheer on their schoolmates as the processions of pull-along playthings progress through the school.

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