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MEDIA ADVISORY – Friday, September 28, 2018

Fargo Public School District #1

PARENTS REPLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE DAY

Tess Coleman and her daughter Annabel ([Freaky Friday](#) book and movie characters) survived each other's lives, so how hard can the life of a sixth grader be, right? Some parents are about to find out!

- WHAT:** Sixth Grade "Parent Replace Your Child Day"
WHEN: **Monday, October 1, 2018**, at 8:10 to 8:35 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room, then **8:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** throughout the building
WHERE: Carl Ben Eielson Middle School, 1601 13th Avenue South, Fargo
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Parents of sixth graders at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School were invited to attend school in their child's place on Monday, October 1. Participating parents are expected to take notes, share in class discussions, eat lunch at the school cafeteria, and then help their student complete the classroom assignments for the next day. While one parent replaces their child at school, the child is encouraged to attend work that day with the other parent, or make pre-arrangements to volunteer within the community.

Fifty parents of 47 students (several parents are splitting the day with their spouse) are pre-registered to participate in this year's event, and will attend a short orientation meeting to begin their school day at 8:10 a.m. and then follow their child's assigned classes for the day, fully participating in all classes. There will be a reception and evaluation period for all participants immediately after the school day in the Multi-purpose Room.

Both parents and students seem to enjoy the day's exchange, and gain respect and a better understanding of each other's lives as a result.

Principal Brad Larson began the program at Agassiz Middle School 20 years ago, and then transitioned it to Carl Ben Eielson Middle School when the school opened in 2006. This is the twelfth year the program has been held at Carl Ben Eielson.

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