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MEDIA ADVISORY – Friday, October 5, 2018
Fargo Public School District #1

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN HISTORY

Classrooms aren't the only place where learning is happening. Fargo Public Schools third graders are getting their history lesson in downtown Fargo.

- WHAT:** Downtown Fargo Walking Tour and History Presentation
WHEN: **Tuesday, October 9**, again on **Wednesday, October 10** and **Thursday, October 11**, 2018;
See schedule below.
WHERE: Fargo Public Schools District Office, 415 North 4th Street, Fargo
Fargo Theatre, 314 North Broadway, Fargo
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More than 300 third graders will get a history lesson on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, not out of a book, but on the streets of downtown Fargo. Five of the Fargo Public School District's elementary schools will take a walking tour of downtown Fargo and view historical photographs to learn the history of the city as part of their Fargo history unit of the third grade social studies curriculum. The remaining elementary schools will take the tour and see the presentation in spring 2019.

Using walking maps and listening to podcasts researched and recorded by Ben Franklin Middle School eighth graders over the past few years, the third graders begin a walking tour of downtown Fargo at the Fargo Public Schools District Office. They make stops at the historical buildings that house Zandbroz, MBA Architects, Great Northern Bicycle Company, Bison Apartments, Black Building, Hotel Donaldson, Royal Jewelers, Avalon, Gardner Hotel, Plains Art Museum, Federal Courthouse, Pioneer Mutual Life, Graver Apartments, and First Presbyterian Church.

The second part of the students' Fargo history lesson is delivered through a historical photographic presentation given by "Mr. History," Fargo actor and educator Steve Stark, at the historic Fargo Theater. Students see photographs of Fargo as the city grows throughout the last 100 years, despite setbacks by fires, floods, and tornados. The presentation is followed by the screening of a short silent film.

	<u>Tuesday, October 9</u>	<u>Wednesday, October 10</u>	<u>Thursday, October 11</u>
Walking Tour – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Lewis & Clark Elem.	Jefferson Elementary	Jefferson Elementary
Fargo Theater – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.			

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Walking Tour – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.			

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