



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ADVISORY – Monday, November 5, 2018
Fargo Public School District #1

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY

It's a small gift and gesture of appreciation, but it means a lot to both the givers and the receivers.

- WHAT:** Veterans Day Guest Speakers
WHEN: **Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**
WHERE: Room 1030, Longfellow Elementary School, 20 NE 29th Avenue, Fargo
- WHAT:** Creation of Handmade Cards in honor of Veterans Day
WHEN: **Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
WHERE: Longfellow Elementary School, 20 NE 29th Avenue, Fargo
- WHAT:** Distribution of Cards and Miniature American Flags in honor of Veterans Day
WHEN: **Friday, November 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** to begin the walk from school to Veterans Administration facility; **11:00 a.m.** to leave Veterans Administration facility and walk back to the school.
WHERE: Longfellow Elementary School, 20 NE 29th Avenue, Fargo
and Veterans Administration Health Care System, 2101 N Elm Street, Fargo
CONTACT: **Sally Hamilton**, First Grade Teacher, 701.446.5018 or hamilts@fargo.k12.nd.us or **Karinn Davidson**, Voluntary Service Chief at Fargo Veterans Administration, 701.239.3700 ext. 9-3397 for more information.

The first graders at Longfellow Elementary School will commemorate Veterans Day 2018 through a classroom guest speaker on Tuesday, November 6, an activity on Wednesday, November 7, and an act of giving on Friday, November 9.

On **November 6 at 10:30 a.m.**, all first grade students will hear from Navy Chief Nathan Booher as he discusses the importance of Veterans Day. Chief Booher will be dressed in his full naval uniform as he shares what his job entails and what it means to be in the Navy.

On **November 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** the students will hold a classroom discussion about military service and what it means to be a veteran, chart their findings, and then craft handmade Veterans Day cards. The students are preparing the cards to deliver them to veterans receiving care at the Fargo Veterans Administration Health Care System facility a few days later.

The first graders will depart from Longfellow Elementary at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9** and will walk nearly one mile to Veterans Administration Health Care System to deliver the handmade cards and miniature American Flags to veterans at the facility. It will take the students about 20 minutes to arrive at their destination. The activity is in honor of Veterans Day, November 11. The students are scheduled to leave the VA facility at approximately 11:00 a.m. to walk back to their school.

MEDIA NOTE: The media are not allowed to film the exchange with the veterans inside the Veterans Administration Health Care System facility.

The miniature flags are a donation from the West Fargo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Club. Laurie Tostenson, a former Longfellow paraprofessional, is a member of the auxiliary and arranged the donation.

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