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Fargo Public Schools Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019 opens online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registration on February 1, 2019. Child must be age 5 by July 31, 2019 to attend school in the fall.

Registration is a two-step process: online registration and document submission.

STEP ONE: Registration can be completed at home online anytime or at computer kiosks in the office at each Fargo Public elementary school building on the following dates with extended office hours:

- **February 25, 27, and March 1** – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **February 26, 28, and March 4** – 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

STEP TWO: *Once online registration has been completed, families MUST bring the following documents to the school their child will attend to finalize their child's registration:*

- Child's certified birth certificate
- Child's current immunization record
- Document (i.e. current city utility bill or bank statement) that includes parent/guardian name and address to verify the correct neighborhood school

If you do not know which school your child will attend, call 701.446.1043 or check online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps.

It's Parent Teacher Conference time

Feb 5, 7, 12 Conferences (4:15-7:45 – Tuesdays / 4:15-7:30 - Thursday)

Teachers have emailed and many sent home forms with assigned times.

If you have questions about the times for your scholar, please email or call the teachers for details.

Lion King, Jr.

Ben Franklin Drama Department will present *Lion King, Jr.* on the following dates:

Thursday, February 28 @ 7pm

Friday, March 1st @ 7pm

Matinee: Saturday, March 2nd at 2pm

All are welcome and there is no charge.

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Written Notification of Interactive Dashboard (School District Report Card)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

North Dakota has launched a new website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K-12 districts and schools. [NDInsights](#) features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success, including:

- Test scores
- Graduation rates
- English Learner progress
- Student attendance.

[NDInsights](#), or more commonly referred to as the “Dashboard,” is part of North Dakota’s new accountability system. It is the next step in a series of major shifts in public education that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing, and placed the focus on equity for all students. To learn more about the state’s accountability and continuous improvement, visit [North Dakota’s ESSA website](#).

To find out more information about our school, visit [NDInsights](#), select “Find My School,” and search alphabetically for our school.

Why a new system and new tool?

North Dakota is committed to informing communities about how well our schools are doing. North Dakota’s future success depends on tapping into the potential of all students, so they graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills and disposition to be successful. For schools to reach this goal, teachers, parents, and the community need clear and useful measures of progress. As an accountability tool, the Dashboard will help the state identify schools receiving additional support and assistance.

What is different?

In the past, the accountability system for districts and schools relied heavily on test scores. But one test taken on one particular day does not provide a complete picture of all the ways schools are helping students succeed. The Dashboard continues to provide information on different aspects of student performance, but also includes information on school growth and other factors reflecting a more comprehensive view. The Dashboard replaces the former School District Report Card and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports.

Please note, the data made available to the public masks or hides data for groups with 10 or fewer students to protect confidential information about individual students.

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What's next for our district?

We have strong plans for working to improve the educational programs at our school. We would like you and your child(ren) to continue to be active participants in our educational system. Please help support our high expectations for student achievement by participating in the school educational initiatives, offering input and support in our endeavors to raise student achievement, or volunteering at the school. Meeting our school's goals will take a united effort, and I look forward to working with our families to ensure success for each student.

School Support under ESSA

All schools engage in continuous improvement for general support; therefore our school will complete an AdvancED Continuous Improvement Plan annually.

Ben Franklin Middle School is not a participating Title I school, with a student membership count of 829. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school at 1420 North 8th Street or 701-446-3600.

Thank you,

Shane Martin

Important Phone Numbers:

Phone Numbers: Main Office: (701) 446-3600

Attendance: (701) 446-3610

Counseling: (701) 446-3611

Text a Tip: (701) 730-8885

Upcoming Non School Days:

February 18- Teacher Professional Development

March 11-15-Spring Break

April 22- Storm Day #1 ("C" Day for day lost Jan.30)

May 10-No School (Storm Day #2) unless needed