A Mystery Message

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NARRATOR 1:
Today is the 100th birthday of Elm Street School. To celebrate the important milestone, the school is holding a number of special events.
One of those events is taking place right now in Mrs. Diaz's classroom. Let's take a look.

MRS. DIAZ:
Boys and girls, our special guest today is Dr. Harold Brown, a history professor and filmmaker. Dr. Brown has something special he'd like to share with us. Dr. Brown?

DR. BROWN:
Thank you, Mrs. Diaz. One hundred years ago, my father was the first principal of Elm Street School. He told me many fascinating facts about this building. I used the information – as well as my own research -- to create a short movie. I'd like to show it to you now.

NARRATOR 2:
As Dr. Brown is setting up his film, city workers are repairing a cracked sidewalk in front of the school. Suddenly, Tom, one of the workers, hits something hard. He stops and calls to another worker.

TOM:
Hey, Betty, take a look at this!

BETTY:
It looks like some kind of box.... Hey, can someone give us a hand?

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