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MEDIA ALERT – Friday, October 21, 2022
Fargo Public School District #1

AREA FIRST GRADERS TO ATTEND STEEL DRUM LEARNING BANK PERFORMANCES

Students from across the Fargo-Moorhead metro will get a brief respite from the crisp autumnal climate as they are transported to the tropics on Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25.

- WHAT:** Fuego Tropical Steel Drum Band performances
WHEN: **Monday, October 24** at 9:10 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and 1 p.m.; **Tuesday, October 25** at 9:10 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.
WHERE: Hansen Theater, Minnesota State University Moorhead, 1104 7th Avenue South, Moorhead
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The Learning Bank is hosting first graders from the Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead public school districts for a performance by the Fuego Tropical Steel Drum Band on Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25 at Minnesota State University Moorhead's Hansen Theater. Monday performances will be held at 9:10 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and 1 p.m. with Tuesday performances at 9:10 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.

During the 40-minute concert, the Fuego Tropical Steel Drum Band will perform steel band music from Trinidad, salsa music from Cuba and the Caribbean, gamelan music of Indonesia, and samba music from Brazil. Fuego Tropical features music students from MSUM, under the direction of Dr. Kenyon Williams, Chair, School of Performing Arts, Professor of Percussion, and Percussionist.

The Learning Bank is returning to in-person performances for the first time since before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Learning Bank provided virtual cultural experiences for students during the pandemic in lieu of in-person concerts.

The mission of Learning Bank is to promote, encourage, establish, and maintain coordinated educational programs among and between public and private elementary and secondary schools and other educational organizations, institutions and agencies in the Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo communities. Learning Bank is presently focused on delivering new and innovative approaches of quality arts experiences to each of the three school districts.

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