



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**MEDIA ALERT** – Wednesday, January 18, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **AREA FIFTH GRADERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF JAZZ**

Modern elementary schoolers are familiar with hip hop, R&B, and rock-n-roll music, but do they know that those genres evolved from the sounds of jazz and blues greats such as Duke Ellington, John Coltraine, and Robert Johnson?

**WHAT:** FM Kicks Band “History of Jazz” Performances  
**WHEN:** **Thursday, January 19** at 9:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., and 1:50 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Horizon Middle School, 3601 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Moorhead  
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More than 2,600 Fargo-Moorhead area fifth graders will step into a time machine to visit the Jazz Age on Thursday, January 19. The FM Kicks Band will lead the students on a tour through the history of jazz music during a performance presented by the Learning Bank at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead with performances at 9:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., and 1:50 p.m.

During the concert, the FM Kicks Band, under the direction of Tim Johnson, will perform iconic jazz selections and give brief presentations about the musical era and legendary musicians of the genre. Topics they will cover include Dixieland jazz, 1920’s swing, cartoon themes, improvisation, call and response, and modern big band jazz rock.

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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