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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH AT EXPLORER ACADEMY

The students and staff at Explorer Academy are moving and grooving to the music this March with activities focused on music education.

WHAT: Music in Our Schools Month at Explorer Academy
WHEN: **Through the end of March**
WHERE: Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
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During Music in Our Schools Month this March, the students and staff at Explorer Academy are participating in fun music-related activities and games to get them excited to learn about music. Upcoming activities at Explorer Academy include the Battle of the Band Name, Explorer Academy's Got Talent, a song lyric scavenger hunt, and a whole-school game of Musical Buddies.

On Thursday, March 23 and Friday, March 24, the students and staff will compete in the Battle of the Band Name. On Thursday, they will submit a name that they think would be great for a musical group. And on Friday, the submissions will be sent out to everyone in the school and they will get to vote on their favorite. Each class will complete the activities at a time that works best for them.

On Tuesday, March 28, students will vote on winners for "Explorer Academy's Got Talent." Staff members will pre-record videos of themselves showing off a talent, such as lip synching, dancing, or performing karaoke. Each class will view the videos at a time that works best for them and the students will vote for their favorite talent.

On Thursday, March 30, students and staff will compete in a song lyrics scavenger hunt. Note cards with song lyrics written on them will be numbered and hidden throughout the school and the students and staff will try to collect as many as they can. Students will be searching for cards with lyrics from theme songs, while staff will search for songs by the band Queen.

On Friday, March 31 at 11 a.m., everyone at Explorer Academy will participate in a game of Musical Buddies. Similar to musical chairs, the participants will move around the room while music is playing, but when the music stops, the game leader will call out a number and everyone will need to join a group with that number of people and those without a group will be eliminated. The number of participants will dwindle until the last several competitors will be eliminated.

For more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music in Our Schools Month the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children, and to remind citizens that all children should have access to music at school.

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