



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Fargo Public School District #1

The following information is for media outlets for the purpose of assigning staff coverage to the event.

FOURTH GRADERS TO SHOWCASE HIP-HOP SKILLS LEARNED DURING HIP HOP & HOPE PROGRAM

Bennett Elementary School fourth graders are grabbing the mic and learning valuable life lessons as they build upon and showcase their hip hop talents during a week-long “History of Hip-Hop” program.

- WHAT:** Bennett Hip Hop & Hope
WHEN: **Friday, November 22** from 1:10 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
WHERE: Bennett Elementary School, 2000 58th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Stacie Moffitt**, Bennett counselor, moffits@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4404 for more information.

This week, Bennett Elementary School fourth graders have been learning about the history of hip-hop and building hip-hop skills such as rapping, DJing, breakdancing, and art during the week-long “History of Hip-Hop” program hosted by Hip-Hop & Hope. And this Friday, the students are showcasing everything they have learned at an assembly in the school gym.

Michael Bloom of Hip-Hop & Hope, a former Fargo Police Department School Resource Officer who served Fargo Public Schools, has spent 40 minutes a day each day this week in all Bennett fourth grade classrooms, teaching students about hip-hop and hip-hop skills. He showed the students how the artform can bring people together, build community, and help people make a positive impact on those around them.

The program teaches students that their voices matter and that they can express their feelings through the core elements of hip-hop. Regardless of their family’s income, race, or background, students are encouraged to use their unique talents in DJing, MCing, dance, and art to share their perspectives and make a positive impact.

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