



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

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**EXPLORER ACADEMY STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE HIP-HOP SKILLS
LEARNED DURING HIP HOP & HOPE PROGRAM**

Explorer Academy students are grabbing the mic and stepping up to the turntables as they perform their own original raps at the end of a week-long Hip-Hop & Hope program.

WHAT: Explorer Academy Hip-Hop & Hope
WHEN: **Friday, March 14** from 8:27 a.m. to 12:37 p.m.
WHERE: Explorer Academy, 1780 17th Street South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Justin Lien**, Explorer Academy principal, lienj@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.4104 for more information

This week, Explorer Academy students have been led by Michael Bloom and the Hip-Hop & Hope program as they spent time in their music and language arts classes. The students learned about the history of hip-hop and developed skills needed to be a DJ and rapper. The week-long program culminates on Friday as the students will have the opportunity to write their own raps and perform them for a small audience.

This unique opportunity encourages students to combine their writing skills with a music genre that they enjoy. It also requires students to step outside of their comfort zone and perform a rap of their own creation. Students learned about expressing themselves through their writing and demonstrating the social-emotional skills they have been practicing all year. Explorer Academy will be recording each student's demo rap and sharing it at a larger school assembly later in the year.

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