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**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **PERCUSSION PERFORMANCES FOR AREA THIRD GRADERS**

Percussion is more than plain “drums,” as area third graders are about to discover. Timpani, bongo, marimba, xylophone, snare, bell, chime, wood block, conga – they will hear all these percussion instruments, and others.

**WHAT:** Learning Bank Experience – Percussion Performances  
**WHEN:** **Friday, April 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** and again at **1:00 p.m.**  
**WHERE:** Memorial Auditorium, Concordia College, 901 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Moorhead  
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The Learning Bank, a non-profit organization that brings musical, cultural and historical performances to elementary students across Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead public school districts and private schools, will host 2,650 area third graders in the Memorial Auditorium at Concordia College on April 5 to hear the Concordia Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Choir in performance. The musicians are Concordia College liberal arts students.

Fargo Public Schools will send 950 third grade students to the Learning Bank percussion performances.

The Concordia Percussion Ensemble and the Marimba Choir, under the direction of Dr. David P. Eyler, will perform percussion selections for the third graders and give brief presentations about various percussion instruments and the music genre.

Fargo Public Schools Performing Arts Curriculum Specialist and Learning Bank Executive Director Denese Odegaard said, “Our goal with Learning Bank is to expose students to a variety of musical, cultural and historical performance that will broaden their knowledge of musical genres and cultures. Children who start playing instruments at a young age tend to have better verbal memory and reading ability. Research has proven that playing a musical instrument is the only activity a person can do that uses the whole brain.”

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