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### **Bucket drumming beats COVID limitations for some Oak View Elementary School students**

*Music teachers, like other areas, have gotten more creative to meet standards this year*

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021)** –In order to create safer learning conditions for children during the pandemic, teachers must creatively redesign learning activities in order to teach academic standards. One such example is music teachers focusing more on rhythms, reading music and using instrumental tools to teach music academic standards rather than vocals or using wind instruments.

Oak View’s Kristen Lemley started researching bucket drumming.

“The students love it, especially the upper grades who can more easily grasp the harder rhythms,” said Lemley, music teacher, Oak View Elementary School. “Since the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are missing out on leading songs for the school and performing a musical this year, I thought maybe we could do a bucket drumming performance for FAME and for the parents by sending out videos.”

A Carroll High School Studio 415 video student will film Oak View’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade bucket drumming Friday, Feb. 26, Thursday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 10 so all sections can “perform” for FAME and their families.

Some other things Lemley is doing differently this year include playing ukuleles with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, going to the cafeteria to play recorders 6 feet apart and going outside to dance, weather permitting. NACS elementary students can sing this semester while masked and 6 feet apart, so Lemley is looking forward to getting outdoors to sing in the spring.

**EDITOR’S NOTE: Media are invited to Friday’s taping. Please arrive by 10 a.m. and check in at the front office at Door 1. Contact Lizette Downey in advance, if other arrangements are needed.**

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