



# Brookings School District

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## MICKELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Todd C. Foster, Mickelson Middle School Principal  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: December 6, 2023  
November Highlights:

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students held their Person of the Past Wax Museum in November. This year the event was held on two nights at MMS. We had an awesome turnout and students raised over \$3,600 which was donated to the Brookings Humane Society.

## Veterans Day



Mickelson Middle School hosted Veterans in the Classroom in honor of Veteran's Day on November 9<sup>th</sup>.





### **Lions Club Good Citizens Award**

Each quarter the Brookings Lions Club honors selected 8<sup>th</sup> grade learners as the Lions Club Good Citizens. Learners are nominated by the faculty and selected for demonstrating self-discipline, a commitment to health, respect for others, compassion, good judgement, responsibility, honesty, scholarship, trustworthiness, and involvement. Our guest speaker for this event was current SDSU Men's basketball coach, Eric Henderson. The following learners were named the first nine weeks Good Citizens.





### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade “Touching Spirit Bear”

8<sup>th</sup> grade English students finished reading the book *Touching Spirit Bear*. As an end of unit performance task, students were assigned to create totem poles to represent personal life stories and lessons that have made them who they are today (which is what the main character of the book did, too). 8<sup>th</sup> graders then gave a formal speech and shared the stories behind the totems. Not only did they share about themselves, but, more importantly, they also learned more about their classmates.

### Pennies War/Student Council

The annual “Pennies War” contest between the homerooms at Mickelson Middle School was completed a couple of weeks ago. This year students at MMS donated \$3,285.36 which was used to buy the Brookings County Food Pantry 20 hams and 20 turkeys. The other part of the money went to buying gifts for Project Joy, a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to providing children and families living in Brookings County, who are in need, an opportunity to receive holiday gifts.





### **PBIS and Slime and Teacher Day**

MMS students had to earn 2,000 PBIS points during a one-week period in November. They reached their goal and more and students were able to purchase raffle tickets with their points to have a chance to “Slime a Teacher” of their choice. Below are pictures of the event.



## Lego League



(Left to right looking at picture)

Back Row - Coach Amanda Chapman, Eli Ellsworth, Tyson Springman, Kerrick Zhang, Madeline Enderson, Jonathan Scheff, Coach Sarah Stoltenberg

Front Row – Ciaran McGuinness, Catie Michna, Alesha Hofer, Jessica Martin, Jackson White – Not Pictured Atwood Ahmann

On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bobcat Builders Lego League Team competed at the First Lego League qualifying event in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Not only is it this team's first year and the team's first time in a competition, but the team's talent in Robot Design, Robot Game, Core Values, and Innovation Project put them on top to take first place out of 22 teams from the eastern side of South Dakota. Lego League is a friendly competition where teams of kids engage in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering – building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of the Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem. The Bobcat Builders will now go on to compete at the State Championship on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Augustana University. Go Bobcat Builders!