

Brookings School District

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MEDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Medary Elementary School School Board Report May 2023

1. Construction Update: Crews arrived on site starting April 17. During the first week of work, playgrounds, asphalt and a couple trees to the south were removed. The tree that was planted in memory of Natalie Kuehl was moved and placed near out playgrounds on the Northeast side of school. Site prep work has continued during week two with plenty of digging, leveling and moving of dirt. Once the top soil is moved and stored at the back of the site, fill will be moved in to raise the location of our new building.



Week 1: April 17



Week 2: April 24



Week 3: May 1

2. Medary Habits of Mind: Every two or three weeks throughout the year we have focused on one of the sixteen habits of mind across the entire school.

We will be kicking off May with our last Habit of Mind. Discussions in classrooms and around the building will focus on Remaining open to continuous learning, as we learn from our experiences. After just one year of full building implementation, we have seen a big change in the language that our staff and learners use when referencing their learning and experiences. Medary is looking forward to implementing a deeper dive school wide in 2023-2024.

3. Family Engagement Night: Working with the South Dakota Family Engagement Center, Medary Elementary will be hosting a family engagement night on Thursday, May 18th at 5:30pm. The Medary staff decided to focus on STEAM activities with our learners and their families. Our hope is that we can provide an opportunity for a literacy night next school year. We have appreciated all the support that the SD Engagement Center has provided throughout the school year.