



Brookings School District

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MEDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Board Report December 2023

1.A Visit to the Humane Society:

Medary Elementary School students in Mrs. Stuart's 2nd grade class decided to do something special for both themselves and the furry residents of the humane society. With brightly colored books clutched in their hands and hearts full of excitement, they embarked on a field trip to the nearby animal shelter. Leaving the shelter, the students chattered excitedly about their experience, their hearts brimming with a sense of fulfillment. They had not only shared the magic of storytelling but also provided a moment of joy and solace to the lovable cats awaiting their forever homes.

Brookings Register Article Below



Mrs. Stuart's first-grade class from Medary Elementary have been preparing for a field trip to the Brookings regional humane society since the beginning of November. These first-grade learners have been writing stories about all the adoptable cats currently at the humane society. Each learner wrote a story about a different cat. In preparation for their trip to the humane society the class also read many books about taking care of pets and how to treat them with kindness. On Nov. 21, 19 students loaded a bus with their stories they authored in hand.

It was truly an exciting and joyful experience for both the kids and adults. The cats all were immediately loving the attention and words they heard the students read. Students were fascinated when

they found the cat their stories were written about.

Mrs. Stuart and her class would like to thank the humane society for all their efforts in preparing for our trip as well. All the cats were so friendly and welcoming to the class. This allowed us to have such a unique opportunity to practice our reading and writing skills. It is amazing to see how loved and well taken care of the cats were. When it was time to go, the whole class kept asking to stay. It seemed as if all the students had "claimed" a cat they would adopt if they could. It is a trip and experience Stuart and the first graders will not forget. The students are already asking when they can return and do it again.

— Hailey Stuart

2. Medary McTeachers of the Month:

Congratulations to Medary Kindergarten Teacher Hannah Fraser (October) and Junior Kindergarten Teacher Kalee Greve (November) on being recognized as McDonalds McTeachers of the Month.



3.Fall Family Fun Night Recap:

On Thursday, November 16th from 5:30-7:00pm the Medary PTA hosted a family night. Roughly 125 visitors enjoyed a variety of games that were set up throughout our gym. Families had the opportunity to enjoy some family friendly competition and socialize with others. Our PTA also provided a meal for all attendees in our cafeteria. We are thankful for the support of our PTA and all the families that attended to make what we hope will continue to be a fun and memorable opportunity for years to come.

4. Construction Update:

It seems like just days ago that crews were hauling truck load after truck load of fill to bring the building site up to the appropriate level. It is with excitement that eight months later we are looking at an enclosed building with so much progress both on the exterior as well as the interior.

Exterior: Over the last month the building has been fully enclosed outside of the gymnasium which is hoped to be completed by the new year. Exterior brick along the western most classrooms, administrative spaces, library and a good portion of the ECE wing has been completed as well.

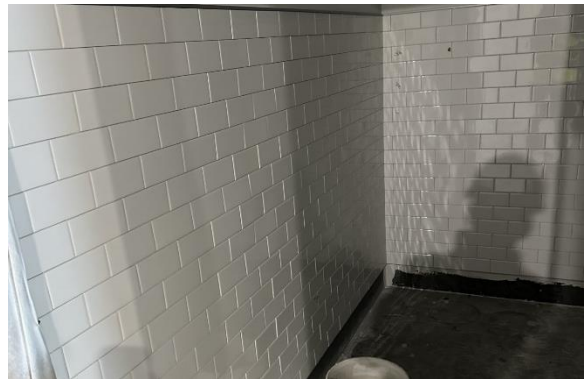
Interior: With the building closed up crews have been able to run some temporary heat and begin the process of interior finishes. Sheetrocking, mudding and tapping has begun moving west to east with completion in the administrative spaces, music, art, counseling technology and behavior wing. Paint in these spaces is scheduled to begin before we head into winter break as well. The eastern side of the new building continues to have walls and rooms take shape as well as rough ins for plumbing and electrical.



Art Room: Sheetrock, Tape, Mudded and Primed.



ECE Exterior: Brick work moving along well.



Bathroom Tile

Turkeys on the Loose:

A few of our kindergarten classes collaborated to host a Medary Parade complete with large Macy's Day style balloons. Our Kindergarten Turkeys walked the halls as they celebrated all that they are THANKFUL for.



