



# Brookings School District

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential.

## DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sarah Wiebersick, Dakota Prairie Elementary Principal

RE: Administrative Report

DATE: December 1, 2024

### ★ A Great Place To Learn

- Our 3rd grade Ambassadors are in charge of our morning announcements. They rotate turns reading the script over the loudspeaker every morning at 8:25. This work covers some of our speaking and listening skills. (Pictures below)
- This past week in Kindergarten and First Grade ACES, they learned about empathy and feelings through a fun "puppet theatre" activity with Mrs. Holm! Pammy Puppy had to visit the veterinarian, and the puppets helped students explore how to recognize and understand others' feelings—whether they are similar or different. They also modeled the importance of getting along with others and showing respect, which are key friendship skills. We hope learners tell their parents about Pammy Puppy's adventure! (Pictures Below)

### ★ A Great Place To Work

- Our Social Committee hosted a Friendsgiving celebration. Staff brought snacks to share and some staff were celebrated for big life events that have taken place.
- Staff enjoyed a turkey hunt in DP style. Turkeys were hiding around the building; if they found one, they took a selfie and hid it somewhere new. Pictures can be seen here:

### ★ A Great Place To Collaborate

- Grade-level teams met with Kim Buechler to continue working on Tier 1 alignment. This month, our focus is on vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

### ★ A School District of Excellence

- At our building-level MTSS meeting, we focused on adding to our pacing document to ensure a consistent Tier 1 approach. This ensures that every student receives the same rigorous curriculum and high expectations regardless of location or background. This is critical to fostering a more equitable learning environment where every student has the same opportunity to succeed.
- We held our annual Veteran's Day Program. Our learners have learned more every year as our program has grown. Kelsey Marker and Sue Carlson wrote a grate to the BSD Foundation and were awarded money that helped add activities to the program this year that extended to our families at home. Some of our 3rd-grade Ambassadors welcomed our guests and led them to their seats. (Pictures below)





Puppet show week at DP 🤪🦌🦌🦌👍



