



# Brookings School District

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

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## DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sarah Wiebersick, Dakota Prairie Elementary Principal

RE: Administrative Report

DATE: November 1, 2024

### ★ A Great Place To Learn

- SDSU Ag Club was run by the Pre-Vet Club this month. The lesson focused on common procedures, tools, and materials used by vets in the livestock industry. The learners enjoyed bingo games to show what they learned. Pictures below.
- Our first-grade classes are lucky enough to be within walking distance of a fire department. Fire safety is a focus in October, so our first graders all got to tour the department and speak with firefighters.
- Our learners earned a prize from the Brookings Public Library this summer for participating in the reading program. AJ and Ellie Marker arrived at DP in style! Pictures below.
- Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15-Oct. 15. Students at Dakota Prairie have been learning more about famous Hispanic musicians such as Shakira, Celia Cruz, Tito Puente, and Lin-Manuel Miranda. During lunch, our playlist features music composed or performed by some of these famous musicians. In third-grade music, we read biographies of these musicians, work on traditional circle dances, and dig deeper into cultural connections. The hallway display (pictured below) gives students a chance to learn more about some Hispanic musicians as they are walking to and from music class.

- The specialty program run by Josie Sauer sold BOO BAGS for staff to purchase and send to other people in the building. The learners worked together to build the bags by following directions and delivering them. They sold 200 BOO BAGS.

★ **A Great Place To Work**

- Our DP DEETS newsletter is sent out every Friday at 2pm. Staff voted on receiving information for the following week on Friday before they left for the day so they could prepare. This is a newsletter from October: <https://secure.smore.com/n/q2fns>
- Manners Moose has his very own music video now featuring Dakota Prairie Elementary. Mrs. Holm produced a song and had it recorded by a singer! Please take a minute to watch Manners at DP: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nF3Vi7hRt8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nF3Vi7hRt8)

★ **A Great Place To Collaborate**

- Learners who have earned tickets for positive behavior through PBIS enjoyed a special lunch with Mannors Moose and Mrs. Holm. See picture below.
- Kim Buechler worked with staff on an early release day on using their data create small groups to focus on strategies that the learners needed most to improve their reading.

★ **A School District of Excellence**

- Our professional development work on the 11th focused on literacy and helped align our work across the elementary grade levels. All staff learned more about explicit instruction and different aspects of The Science of Reading.
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