



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: May 1, 2025

★ A Great Place To Learn

- Our third graders recently completed the state assessment. We've been working hard to help them understand that this test is a way to show what they've learned and practiced all year. While we emphasize learning over testing, we also teach students that high-stakes assessments are one way to demonstrate their growth and readiness for future challenges. We celebrated at the end with extra recess and a popcorn party.

★ A Great Place To Work

- By working together, Dakota Prairie teachers received \$14,840 in gift cards this year, and the BSD Foundation received \$1,693.52 to use for classroom grants and other projects!

★ A Great Place To Collaborate

- The Gayne Family prepared snacks for our 3rd-grade learners to give them energy during testing! Pictures below.
- Gap put together our new beehive. We have been involved in the grant work done in SD with bees. Last spring, we lost our hives, and this spring, we will be replacing them.

★ A School District of Excellence

- Our NWEA data for the year is complete. This data drives instruction for our core instruction in math and ELA. This information also helps us understand each student's academic strengths and areas for growth.



Gayne Family



3rd Graders Enjoying The Snack



GAP is building our beehive.



3rd Grade Popcorn Party