



# Brookings School District

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

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## **Transportation Department**

March brought about some challenging weather conditions, but we're thankful for the overall good weather we've had this year!

At the last board meeting the Transportation Department was awarded the B.E.S.T award! We're honored to be recognized as a vital part of the Brookings School District. We have some great drivers that strive to be excellent in their work and service to the BSD and our community.

Our main focus is on continuing to bring awareness regarding stopping and waiting for students to load when the illuminated STOP arm is engaged. The Brookings community has been responding and the numbers of violations have decreased. We have worked closely with the Brookings Police Department and the Brookings Sheriff's Office. We have also been able to collaborate with the Brookings County Highway Department to remove and/or add "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs throughout the county. A huge thank you to all of these entities for working with the BSD to keep our students safe!

## **Grounds**

We're starting to plan for the summer grounds crew work. Hiring and arranging for proper care and maintenance of the BSD grounds is a big task! This year will involve our usual mowing, weed whacking and sidewalk edging. As we begin the grounds care season, I remember a line from a Dr. Martin Luther King quote: "...I can do small things in a great way."!

Thank you for serving on the Brookings School Board.

Respectfully,

**Nate Loehr**

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