



# Brookings School District

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

## MEDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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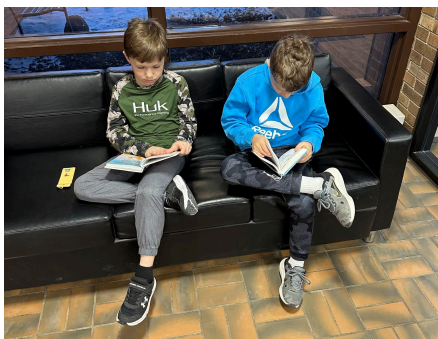
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### School Board Report April 2024

#### 1. Literacy Month

March was an incredible month of literacy throughout our building as students immersed themselves in the joy of reading. Many classrooms welcomed guest readers, held read-aloud sessions, lively book discussions, and our school community came together to celebrate the power and magic of literature.

One of the highlights of our reading month was the culmination event that took place just last week. We provided our students with a unique opportunity to spread out throughout the building, finding cozy nooks and comfortable corners to delve into the world of books. It was heartwarming to see our hallways and common areas transformed into quiet and comfortable spaces to enjoy a good book.



#### 2. Construction Update:

We've continued to see a lot of progress on the new building. A big highlight to note is that we have begun the punch list process in areas B and C. We look forward to closing these areas up and begin the moving process into the new building in the coming months.

### **3. First Book in the New Medary**

Over the past several weeks, students in Mrs. Fraser's Kindergarten class have been busy brainstorming, writing, and illustrating a book that celebrates their favorite things about Medary Elementary. Among these favorites were snack time, encore classes, their siblings, lunch and of course the teachers. On March 22 these students had a chance to tour the building, and read their newly published book in what will be the future library in our new building.



### **4. Kids Heart Challenge**

We are thrilled to share some incredible news with you all. Our students have once again demonstrated their generosity, compassion, and dedication to making a positive difference in the world. Our Physical Education Teacher Mrs. Kristi Raab teamed up with the American Heart Association and Kids Heart Challenge to bring awareness into our school and promote healthy hearts. Through some hard work and dedication from our students Medary Elementary was able to raise \$7,671.32 to support young children with special hearts.

### **5. Guest Readers Galore**

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful guest readers who joined us during Read Across America Week! We enjoyed the opportunity to have parents, grandparents, district staff and school board members sit down and read to different classrooms around the building. Your participation made this event truly special and memorable for our students.

Your willingness to share your time, energy, and love of reading with our students is greatly appreciated. Seeing familiar faces from our community come together to celebrate the joy of reading reinforces the importance of literacy and lifelong learning.

