

Dundy County Stratton Elementary Principal Report September 2025

August was a busy and exciting start to the 2025-2026 school year at Dundy County Stratton Elementary.

- On August 5th, we held a meeting for the parents of prospective preschoolers to share information and answer questions.
- August 11-13th were teacher and staff work days, where we prepared classrooms, finalized plans, and readied the building for students.
- The first day of school was held on August 14th, and we are off to a positive start.

We have had several special events and visits to begin the year:

- On August 20th, State Senator Teresa Ibach visited our new PK/Childcare facility. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Noffsinger and Mr. Stamm for their efforts in assembling furniture for Tiger Tots Childcare and for representing Dundy County Stratton so well.
- On August 22nd, BWTELCOM provided watermelon to both elementary and high school students, continuing a tradition that has lasted more than 70 years.
- On August 25th, we hosted the first day of preschool, with Mrs. Shaylee Davis beginning her first year as our preschool teacher. On the same day, we also held an assembly with the Dundy County Sheriff's Department to thank them for directing traffic during construction and for their ongoing work to keep our county safe.
- On August 26th, our crisis team met before school. I would like to extend sincere appreciation to ESU 15, Hitchcock County, Maywood-Hayes Center, and Wauneta-Palisade for providing counselors to support our students during this time.

Safety drills were also completed as scheduled:

- Our monthly fire drill was held on August 29th.
- A bus evacuation drill was conducted on September 2nd.
- School picture day took place on September 3rd.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Homecoming later this month and for Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for September 29th from 3:00–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elementary Principal

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