

Dundy County Stratton Elementary

Principal's Report – May

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April was a productive and eventful month at Dundy County Stratton Elementary. On April 7th, Teachers Piquet, Strand, Stroup, and Fahrenholz attended an MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) conference at ESU 15, where they gained valuable insights into student support strategies. Following that, on April 9th, we held a Teacher Inservice Day focused on curriculum alignment to ensure consistency and rigor across grade levels.

Our 6th grade students took a field trip on April 16th to Goodland, Kansas, for Career Day hosted by Fort Hays State Technical College. This was a great opportunity for students to explore potential future paths. We also welcomed Tate Toadman during the month for a State Review of our Title Program, and appreciate his feedback and support.

Financial literacy was introduced to our younger students when McCook National Bank visited on April 23rd to talk with K-3rd graders about the importance of saving money. A fire drill was successfully conducted on April 28th, and on April 29th, the 6th grade visited the high school for orientation—an important step in their transition process. April 30th saw our 3rd and 4th graders attend an Environmental Festival at Swanson Reservoir, and we also successfully concluded state testing across all grade levels.

Looking ahead, May is filled with exciting student activities. On May 6th, we are hosting the Polish Your Pearls event, and our Kindergarten students will be taking a field trip to the Forch Farm and the Fish Hatchery.

On May 15th, the 5th grade will host D.A.R.E. graduation, and we extend a special thank you to Officer Jones for his dedication and service throughout the program. The following day, May 16th, we will celebrate our youngest learners with Preschool Graduation at 10:00 a.m. and Kindergarten Graduation at 1:30 p.m. We'll also be hosting a 4th-6th grade Quiz Bowl that day.

May 19th will be our Elementary Track and Field Day, with K-3rd grade competing from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m., and 4th-6th grade from 12:00 to 3:15 p.m. On May 20th, we'll hold our annual 3rd-6th grade Kickball Tournament, and May 21st will be the A.R. Carnival from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. A huge thank you to Frank Merklin and the Lions Club for making this event possible. Please note that May 21st will also be an early dismissal day at 1:00 p.m.

Looking into summer, Summer School will run from June 2nd to June 26th, operating from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Additionally, we will offer a Summer Lunch Program from June 2nd to

July 17th, Monday through Thursday, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We anticipate a busy summer with several school projects scheduled.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our teachers and staff for the time, energy, and dedication they continue to invest in our students. Their commitment ensures our students receive the best education possible.

Respectfully,

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