

Dundy County Stratton Elementary School Board Report April 2025

March was a full and exciting month at Dundy County Stratton Elementary, with a wide range of academic, safety, and community-building activities taking place. Here's a recap of the highlights:

- **March 3rd–7th: Breakfast Challenge Week**

We celebrated National School Breakfast Week with a variety of fun and engaging events. Kindergarten and 1st grade students participated in a coloring contest, while our 5th and 6th graders completed a breakfast survey. We hosted a well-attended Firefighter Appreciation Breakfast, with 30 community members joining us. Students also enjoyed breakfast with our school administrators, a themed taste test event, and a “Tie-Dye Music Day” that brought lots of color and fun to the building. We're proud to share that our school earned the top prize of \$400 in the challenge—an improvement from last year’s 2nd place finish. We were just one-point shy of a perfect scorecard!

- **March 5th: CPR Training**

Our 6th-grade students traveled to the high school to participate in CPR training. This is an important life skill, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to prepare our students for emergency situations.

- **March 6th: Spelling Bee**

We held our annual 5th–8th grade Spelling Bee, and we are proud to announce that 6th grader Riley Kassian emerged as the champion. Congratulations, Riley!

- **March 12th: Pep Rally**

The elementary students showed their school spirit by attending the Boys Basketball Pep Rally at the high school.

- **March 17th: Leprechaun Visit**

St. Patrick’s Day brought some mischief to our Kindergarten room, courtesy of a surprise visit from a playful leprechaun!

- **March 18th: ESU Quiz Bowl**

Our Quiz Bowl team competed in the ESU Quiz Bowl in Bartley and brought home 2nd place honors. We are incredibly proud of their performance and teamwork!

- **March 19th: Snow Day**

A classic Nebraska blizzard led to a school closure. Unfortunately, this also meant our top readers and Mrs. Krug were unable to attend the Battle of the Books competition in Sutherland, which they had earned through dedicated reading of assigned books.

- **March 24th: Kindergarten Round-Up**

We welcomed 10 sets of parents and 16 incoming students for our Kindergarten Round-Up. It was a great opportunity to introduce families to our school community.

- **March 26th: Statewide Severe Weather Drill**

We participated in the Nebraska statewide severe weather drill to ensure our students and staff are prepared in case of emergency.

- **March 28th: AR Movie Celebration**

Students who met their AR goals were treated to a showing of *Despicable Me 4* as part of our Accelerated Reader program reward.

- **March 31st: Monthly Fire Drill**

We ended the month with our routine fire drill, continuing our commitment to safety and preparedness.

March was a busy month filled with learning, celebration, and safety preparation. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff.