

Dundy County Stratton Elementary School
Principal's Report – October 2025
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The month of September and early October has been a productive period for Dundy County Stratton Elementary as we continue to focus on student learning, safety, and professional development.

Elementary teachers met to review and reinforce our ROAR expectations for behavior in the classroom, hallways, playground, cafeteria, and during special events. These expectations are central to maintaining a positive and consistent learning environment throughout the building.

A fire drill was conducted on September 24th, and all staff and students responded efficiently and appropriately. Another drill is scheduled later in October to meet our monthly safety requirements.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on September 26th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Attendance was outstanding across all grade levels, providing an excellent opportunity for teachers and families to discuss student progress and set goals for the remainder of the semester.

On September 30th, school administration met with Facility Advocates to discuss potential improvements to the elementary HVAC system. This discussion was the first step in evaluating options to enhance building comfort and energy efficiency.

Professional development has been a focus this month as well. On October 7th, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Piquet, and Mrs. Fahrenholz attended Pyramid Model training at the ESU, which supports our efforts in promoting positive behavior interventions and supports. On October 9th and 10th, Mrs. Gritzuk participated in MTSS training in Kearney, while Mrs. Marshall and I attended virtually. This training will help us strengthen both academic and behavioral supports for all students.

Looking ahead, our students and staff are excited for several upcoming field trips. The younger grades will be visiting local pumpkin patches, students who achieved their A.R. reading goals will attend the A.R. movie trip, and our sixth-grade students will participate in a hands-on economics experience at AmeriTowne in Wray.

Overall, it has been a strong start to the fall semester, and I appreciate the continued dedication of our staff, students, and families in making Dundy County Stratton Elementary a great place to learn and grow.

Respectfully submitted,
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Elementary Principal