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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are starting our 4th quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We almost made it through the year without having to close due to weather. We had a mild winter which allowed for the elementary students to spend more time outside enjoying the winter weather. Spring weather tends to be messy so mud boots are good to have for recess time.

Last month, a notice went home about Lost and Found items at both buildings, but specifically at Keewatin Elementary. You are able to go through the Lost and Found items this week and next week during the regular school hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. On April 12th, we will be taking any unclaimed items to the local charities.

The School Board approved a contract with Palmer Bus Services to provide transportation to our families for the remainder of the school year. As with anything new, there will be bumps along the way until things are figured out. We are happy with our new contractor and are confident in their ability to provide safe transportation of our students.

Kindergarten Round Up will be held on April 18th from 3:30-6:00 pm. Your new Kindergartner can come in and meet his/her teacher and tour the school. We also have a great opportunity this summer for our incoming Kindergartners...Kinder Camp! Kinder Camp will be a three-day session in August where our little ones can come to the school for fun, engaging learning activities.

At the construction site of our new school and community, we are anxiously awaiting the return of warm weather. Once the ground thaws and conditions improve, it will be all hands on deck! I am told that we can eventually expect over eighty people to be on-site each day working on various aspects of construction.

Work over the last couple of months has continued to include lots of concrete, iron and masonry work to establish the buildings' internal structure. Most recently, the roof of what will become the main gymnasium was installed. It's amazing to think that in a year from now, these spaces will be nearly finished and ready for our students to enjoy! If you would like to see more updates on the project's progress, please visit NK SpartanStrong.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at rvillebrun@isd319.org or my cell phone is (701) 278-1599.

Sincerely,

Dr. Villebrun