



UP FRONT

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Brandon, South Dakota 57005

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 09, 2015

Middle School Conferences

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

High School/Elementary Conferences

**TIMES: 2:30-5:30 PM
6:30-9:30 PM**

All schools will have early dismissal on those days. We urge that all students be represented by one or both parents.

Brandon Elementary, Robert Bennis Elementary, Fred Assam Elementary and Valley Springs Elementary Conferences are held in the students' classroom.

Middle School Conferences are held in both the East and West gyms.

Brandon Valley High School Conferences are held in the HS Commons.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Brandon Valley School District will be conducting their kindergarten screening during in March. Anyone in the district who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2015 is eligible to register. Parents are asked to call the elementary school within their boundary area to set up an appointment.

Please let your friends and neighbors know who may not currently have a child enrolled in the BV School District! Call today!

Fred Assam Elementary 582-1500
Robert Bennis Elementary 582-8010
Brandon Elementary 582-6315
Valley Springs Elementary 757-6285



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...



Superintendent David Pappone

The Brandon Valley School District will join districts across the state to thank school board members for their commitment to South Dakota public education during School Board Recognition Week January 12-16, 2015.

The governor designated this time to salute South Dakota's school board members for their leadership in setting direction for public schools and working to improve student achievement.

We have an outstanding group of men and women serving on our Board. They dedicate many hours each month to their Board activities as they represent the interface between the public and the district. They work hard to fulfill the core operating principle of the district: "Our business is the creation of learning environments that result in success."



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The board members who serve on the Brandon Valley School Board are responsible for setting the vision for the district. They work to provide a quality education for over 3,600 K-12 students.

The school board also hires quality educators, sets district goals, adopts policies and evaluates progress while keeping the interests of our students first.

As elected school leaders, board members make our schools a place where all children can learn. They play an important role in our representative government that guarantees local control of schools.

During School Board Recognition Week, the Brandon Valley School District invites students, staff and community members to take part in honoring its school board members.

Please take time to say "thank you" to Renee Ullom, Sue Hegland, Sandy Klatt, Gregg Ode, and Cary Schroeder for their service.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Brandon Valley School District and First National Bank have once again joined in partnership to recognize a Brandon Valley "Teacher of the Year" for the 2014-2015 school year.

Parents, students and teachers are encouraged to nominate a Brandon Valley teacher to receive this award. Nomination forms may be obtained from any district principal's office or the office of the superintendent. Forms need to be submitted with two (2) letters of recommendation attached no later than Friday, April 17, 2015.

Those teachers nominated will be sent an application form to be completed and returned to the Superintendent's Office for review by a selection committee consisting of representatives from school, business and parents. This committee will have the difficult decision of selecting one winner from the top three finalists. All candidates and finalists will be recognized at the Brandon Valley Retirement and Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Do you know an exceptional teacher in the Brandon Valley School District who you would like to see recognized? If so, please take a few moments to nominate him/her. It is an honor to be nominated and an even greater honor to represent the Brandon Valley teaching staff in this award.



Back Row L to R: Kraig Presler-BVHS Math, Deb Kresak-BVHS English/Spanish, Jonathan Peters-FAE Grade Five, Matthew Christensen-BVHS English & Jesse Gladdis. Front Row L to R: Kris Sellers-BE Early Childhood, Dawn Leenderts-FAE Special Education, Cindy Feyereisen-BVMS English, Stacia Ericsson-BVMS Science, & Pam Eitheim-BE Grade Four.

Teacher of the Year/Retirement/ Recognition Banquet Brandon Valley High School -- Commons Area

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Listed below are the names of staff and years of service to the Brandon Valley School District. Congratulations to all! Please mark your calendar for the above date and plan to attend to honor everyone listed and the Teacher of the Year candidates (to be announced at a later date). Tickets will be purchased available at any building office beginning in March).

10 Years

Jodi Arneson
Dylan Briest
Gregory Clemetson
Andrew Johnson
Leah Lockner
Ginger Nelson
Gina Reif
Diane Sturgeon
Curt Vlaminck

15 Years

Kyle Babb
Brent Deckert

15 Years con't

Stacy Fiegen
Justin Lovrien
Jolene Roozenboom
Tim Sylliaasen

20 Years

Steven Boint
Vernon Dandurand
Bill Freking
Gary Griesse
Pamela Hedman

25 Years

Laurie Adam
Stacy DeBoer
Roxanne Geerdes
Paul Lundberg
Randy Megard

30 Years

Larry Beesley
Ann Beesley
Charles Plummer

35 Years

Merlyn Bosch

Parent Teacher Conference Schedule

Between Building & Part-Time Teachers

Elementary & High School conferences are Tuesday Feb. 10, 2015 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00

Middle School conferences are Monday Feb. 9, 2015 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FEB. 10</u>	<u>FEB. 9</u>
Berg, Shelly	MS-HS- Orchestra	HS 1:30-5:30	MS 6:30-9:00
Brandsrud, Teresa	BE-MS Speech	BE 1:30-9:00	
Mary Erickson	HS-MS-BE Librarian	HS 1:30-5:30	MS 6:30-9:00
Fode, Jeff	RBE-MS Music	RBE 1:30-7:00	MS 7:00-9:00
Jensen, Terri	District	BE 1:30-9:00	
Naser, Shelly	VSE-FAE Speech	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gibbons, Randy	FAE-RBE Art	RBE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gordon, Paula	FAE-VSE PE	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gullickson, Terry	MS-HS Vocal	HS 1:30-5:30	MS 6:30-9:00
Hubers, Del	BE/RBE/FAE Band	RBE 3:30-5:30	
		BE 1:30-3:15	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Miller, Jesse	VSE-HS Band	VSE 1:30-4:00	
		HS 4:30-5:30/6:30-9:00	
Ackerman, Jodi	BE & VSE Music	BE 1:30-5:30	
Waterbury, Brenda	District Gifted Ed.	BE 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Rieff, Erin	BE - VSE Art	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		BE 6:30-9:00	
Megard, Randy	District Adpt PE/PE Tchr.	BE 1:30-9:00	
Mork, Dianne	District PT	FAE 1:30-3:45	
Mutschelknaus, Am	District OT	BE 1:30-5:30	
		RBE 6:30-9:00	
Murtha, Christine	District ESL	FAE 1:30-9:00	
Nelson, Patti	RBE-FAE-BE-VSE Orchestra	FAE 1:30-5:30	
		VSE 6:30-9:00	
Klenner, Pamela	RBE, VSE, FAE Librarian	RBE 3:30-5:30	
		FAE 1:30-3:15	
		VSE 6:30-9:00	
Ralston, Annlee	District OT	FAE 1:30-3:45	
Rozier, Danylle	VSE-RBE-BE Computer	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		RBE 6:30-9:00	
Gile, Mary	FAE-BE Computer	BE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 5:30-9:00	
Rauk, Roxie	VSE & FAE Title	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Rus, Elizabeth	FAE-VSE Guidance	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Sewell, Marta	MS-HS Art	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Chambers, Anne	HS & MS	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
VanHorn, Lila	District	RBE 1:30-5:30	
		VSE 6:30-9:00	
Thompson, Lorelei	District PT	BE 1:30-9:00	

FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS DONATION



Mason Petterson



Analiese Evans



Devynn
Deffenbaugh



Mayer Matthies



Sabren
Bortnem



Our service project for the month of December was for the Humane Society. Students and their families were asked to donate items for the animals. Student Council delivered the numerous donations to the Humane Society and received a tour while they were there.



Brandon Valley School District
Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Thursday, January 22nd, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Brandon Elementary School
501 Holly Blvd. Brandon, SD 57005

Screening is free for all children from birth to age 4
who live in the Brandon Valley School District.

***Please visit the Brandon Valley Special Services
website to register or call us at 582-3446.***

***If your child is eligible for Kindergarten in the fall, Kindergarten Screening will be
held March 2-6. Please contact your school office for those appointments.***



2015 PAC Events

January

- 15 – BVHS Financial Aid Information Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 18, 25 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 26 – BVHS Parent Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 29 – BVHS New Student Orientation @ 6:30pm
- 27, 28, 29 – Region One Act Play Contests @ 9:00am

February

- 1 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 3 – BVHS One Act Play Public Performance @ 7:00pm
- 9 – BVHS Symphonic Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 8, 15 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 11 – “Grease” Audition Information Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 17, 18 – BVHS Musical, “Grease” Auditions @ 3:30pm
- 20 – BVHS Chorus Variety Show @ 7:30pm
- 22 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 26 – BVHS Red, Black Bands’ Concert @ 7:30pm

March

- 1 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 4 – Middle School Music Festival @ 8:00am
- 8 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 9 – BVHS Jazz Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 10 – Brandon Elem. 1st Grade Concert @ 6:30pm
Robert Bennis Elem. 1st Grade Concert @ 7:30pm
- 12 – Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 15 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 17 – Fred Assam/Valley Springs Elem. 1st Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 22, 29 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am

April

- 5 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 9 – 11 – BVHS Musical, “Grease” @ 7:00pm
- 12 – BVHS Musical, “Grease” @ 1:00pm
- 14 – Fred Assam/Valley Springs Elem. 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 15 – Region Large Group Instrumental Contest @ 8:00am
- 18 – Alliance Communications Annual Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 19 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 21 – Brandon Elem. 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 25 – BVHS Band Turkey Supper @ 5:00pm
- 26 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am
- 27 – Valley Springs Elem. Concert @ 7:00pm
- 30 – Robert Bennis Elem. 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm



2015 BRANDON VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Planning is under way for the Brandon Valley Community Health Fair! There are new activities, events and exhibits being planned! A few of the highlights include:

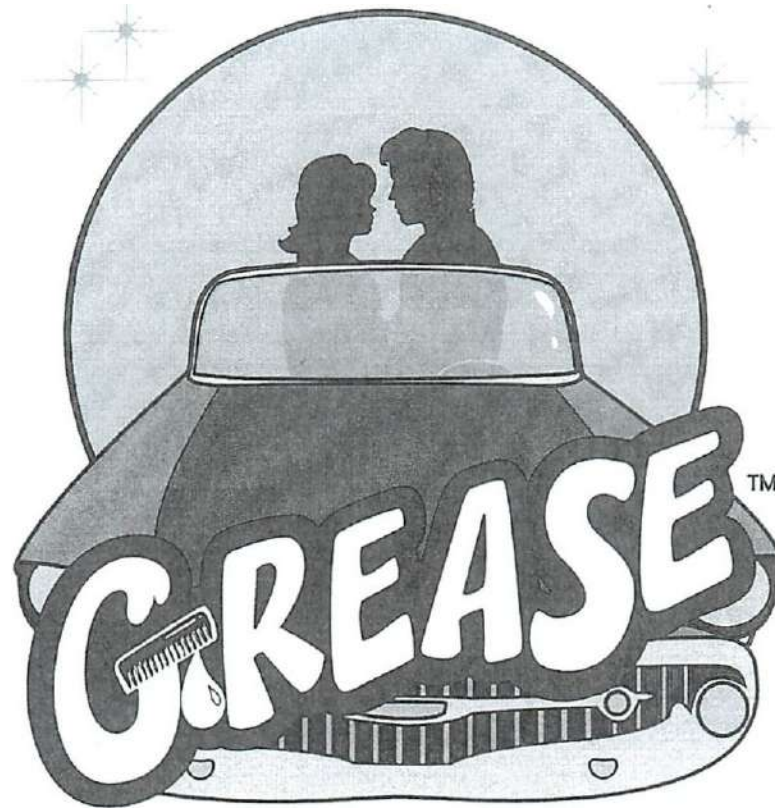
- ♥ **Sanford Health's MEGA heart exhibit** – An inflatable, walk-through heart that allows you to explore the heart, learn about cardiovascular functions and observe examples of various types of heart disease.
- ♥ **Heart Screenings** – Blood Pressure, Cholesterol check, BMI, Framingham, EKG, and a CT (calcium score). Results provided that day except for the EKG (must be read by a physician). Cost of screening is \$50. Participants must schedule their screening. More information to come.
- ♥ **Healthy Cooking Demonstration**
- ♥ **A Great assortment of prizes for adults and children**

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, March 26, 2015

3:00 – 7:00pm

Brandon Valley High School Commons



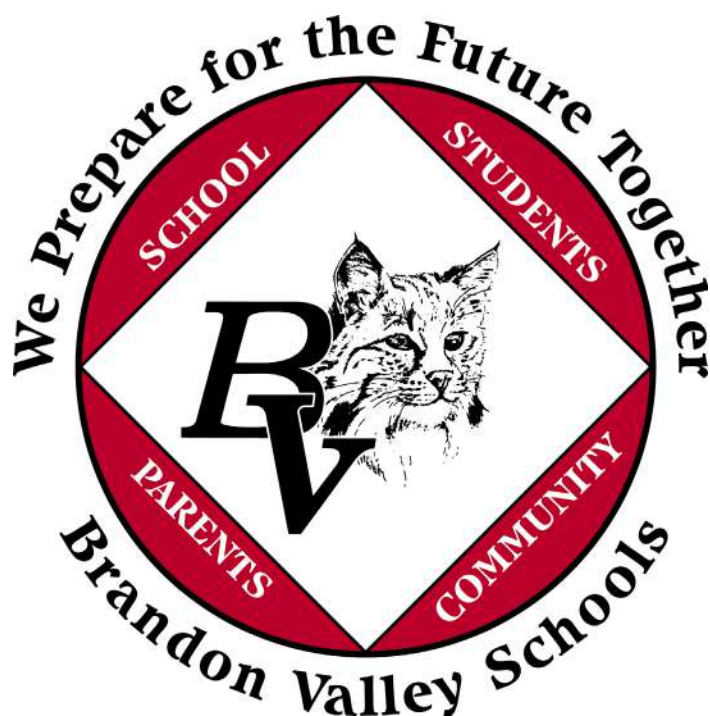
This spring, Brandon Valley Schools will present "Grease" on April 9, 10, 11, 12. This musical has been delighting audiences for years with its splash of high school life in the 1950's. This version was updated by the original authors and songwriters to be student and family friendly.

The large cast will include middle and high school students. Auditions will be held on February 17 and 18. Watch the middle and high school newsletters and the high school website for more information.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

www.brandonvalleyschools.com

Superintendent	582-2049
Business Manager	582-2058
Operations Manager	582-2058
Business Office Fax Number	582-7456
High School Principal	582-3211
Athletic Director	582-2886
Performing Arts Center/Community Ed	582-8235
High School Fax Number	582-2652
Middle School Principal	582-3214
Fred Assam Elementary Principal	582-1500
Brandon Elementary Principal	582-6315
Robert Bennis Elementary Principal	582-8010
Valley Springs Elementary Fax Number	757-6795
Valley Springs Elementary Principal	757-6285
Director of Special Services	582-3446
District Food Service Director	582-3926
District Transportation Department	582-3514
District Transportation Fax Number	582-3514



We urge that all students be represented by one or both parents at conferences. This is the parents' opportunity to visit their children's teachers.

EDUCATION.....A FAMILY AFFAIR

UPFRONT

The Brandon Valley UPFRONT depicts and discusses programs that are in progress in the Brandon Valley Schools and are of interest to all members of the community. Additional copies are available upon request. Community suggestions and contributions to its content are invited

In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio stations and/or local television stations for school closings.

School Reach Emergency Messaging System will also be utilized. Please remember to answer the call and if this isn't possible you then need to check your voice messages.

Brandon Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.