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## BRANDON VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RENEE ULLOM PRESIDENT



Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District for 22 years. Renee and her husband, Ron, a Communications Electronic Technician at Sanford USD Medical Center, have two daughters; Haley will be a sophomore at USD and Emily is an 11th grader at BVHS.

Renee is an RN, PA-C at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. She is actively involved with the Brandon/Valley Springs/Garretson Girl Scouts, supports the BVHS Marching Lynx Band Program and is the secretary for the Fine Arts Boosters..

She will serve as chair of the Alternative Education Committee and as a member of Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology and the Transportation Committees. She is also the Board President of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative Board, dba as Teachwell Solutions.

Her term will continue through June of 2016.

### SUE HEGLAND VICE PRESIDENT



Sue Hegland has lived in Brandon for fourteen years with her husband Luther and their three children: Michael is a 2011 BVHS graduate and is attending SDSU. Shannon will be a freshman at SDSU this fall, and Jacob will be a 11th grader at BVHS. Luther (Mike), is also a graduate of Brandon Valley.

Sue has served as committee chair and volunteer for the PTA, and has volunteered in elementary and middle school classrooms. She is an active member of Brandon Lutheran Church, and has been a Girl Scout leader and

Destination Imagination team manager.

She works as an Orton-Gillingham trained private tutor. She also serves as Vice President of the Upper Midwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Sue will serve as chair of Personnel Welfare Committee & Curriculum & Technology Committee and will be a member of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee and alternate to Alternative Education Committee.

Her term will continue through June of 2017.

### SANDY KLATT MEMBER



Sandy Klatt is an active mom of four and is passionate for kids. Sandy and her husband of 19 years, Kevin, have four children: Carter, a sophomore; Courtney, a freshman; Caleb, a 7th grader; and Colten, four years old. Kevin is a Sales Agronomist with Cargill AgHorizons and Sandy is blessed to be a stay-home mom who loves to attend and support the kids' activities.

She is Brandon Valley's delegate to ASBSD, a member of Brandon's Board of Equalization, and a member of the Fine Arts and Athletic Booster Clubs and the BVMS PTSO. She is also a member of First Evangelical Free Church where she has enjoyed ministry to children through Awana for 14 years. She was just elected to the SDHSAA Board of Directors, where she will serve a term through June of 2018.

She will serve as a member of Safety Committee and Chair of the City Affairs & Legislation and Child Nutrition & Wellness Committees. Her term will continue through June of 2015.

### GREGG ODE MEMBER



Gregg Ode has spent his entire life living in the Brandon Valley School District. Gregg and his wife, Jane are the parents of two children, Alex graduated from BVHS in 2005 and from SDSU in 2010 and Elisabeth graduated from BVHS in 2010 BVHS and from SDSU 2014.

Gregg is currently involved, with his brother, in a dairy and grain farming operation.

He will serve as chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee and the Transportation Committee. He will also

serve as a member of the Personnel Welfare Committee.

His term will continue through June of 2015.

### CARY SCHROEDER MEMBER



Cary Schroeder and his wife, Jan moved to Brandon in 1999. They have three daughters, one of which is in college and two are currently students at Brandon Valley High School.

He has been in the financial services industry for 28 years and currently is a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

Cary will serve as chair of the Safety Committee and will be a member of the Buildings & Grounds and Child Nutrition/Wellness Committee.

His term will continue through June of 2016

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th

# ADMINISTRATION CENTER PERSONNEL

David Pappone  
Superintendent



David Pappone is beginning his ninth year as the district's Superintendent. As superintendent, he is committed to advancing the Core Operating Principle: Our Business is the creation of learning environments that result in success. He praises the staff and students in the district for the successes of the past and thanks the community for providing the resources to invest in the education of the district's students.

The district has established a set of goals that help define "success" in the Core Operating Principle. Each building designs plans and building level goals that direct the continuous improvement of that building. The results are reported to the board of education annually.

The district is planning and implementing for the on-going growth of the district. The Five Year Plan outlines future budget needs. The Facilities Plan establishes a planned progression for adding new facilities using a set of enrollment triggers that alert the district to the next need. The Organizational Plan likewise sets triggers to add supervisory level personnel as the district doubles in size. These plans, when taken together, provide an orderly and proactive set of responses to the growth.

The district continues to focus its resources on the accomplishment of the Core Operating Principle using conservative budgeting practices. The district has benefitted from a long history of public trust and Mr. Pappone is committed to continuing to earn that trust and support from the community.

Sharon Madsen  
Administrative Assistant



Sharon Madsen is the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education. She handles correspondence and reports for the Superintendent and Board and assists in the compilation of district publications and state reports.

She looks forward to welcoming everyone back for the school year.



Paul Lundberg  
District Business Manager

Paul Lundberg is serving his 25th year as District Business Manager. Budgeting for the school district is a major responsibility of his office as well as the accounting of all funds. He handles bid letting, legals, minutes of the board meetings and financial management of the district.



Jim Schobert  
Assistant Business Manager

Jim Schobert is beginning his 17th year in the Brandon Valley Business Office under the direction of Mr. Lundberg. Jim is in charge of accounts payable, purchasing, trust and agency accounting, and other duties relative to district bills and claims.



Merry Bauer  
Payroll & Benefits Specialist

Merry Bauer begins her 17th year with the district and tenth year in the business office.

She works with the business manager and operations manager in all areas of the business office including payroll & benefits, purchasing and district correspondence



Ty Hentschel  
Operations Manager

Ty Hentschel is Operations Manager of the school district, working out of the administration center under the direction of the superintendent of schools. He supervises the areas of district maintenance, buildings and grounds, transportation and child nutrition.



## Brandon Valley Lynx

vs

## Huron Tigers

Saturday, September 06, 2014

The Brandon Valley High School Booster Club will be hosting the Fourteenth Annual Brandon Valley Pigskin Classic on Saturday, September 06, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

The schedule for this day includes a 3K Walk/Run, Cheer Camp, 3-on-3 Basketball, a youth Pedal-Pull, the first home football game of the season, tailgater and so much more. Mark your calendars and be ready for a full day of fun!

## BIRTH CERTIFICATE LAW

It is a requirement that schools have on file a copy of a certified copy of a birth certificate for each newly enrolled student. This law affects students who move into the district, as well as all incoming kindergarteners.

A certified copy of a birth record may be obtained from the South Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records Office, 523 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501. Birth records may also be obtained from the South Dakota county where a child was born. (Records for adopted children or children born out-of-wedlock are available only at the state office). Birth records of children born out-of-state must be obtained from that state. The address of the appropriate office in any state may be obtained from the Vital Records Office, 1-605-773-4961.

To receive a certified copy of a birth record, send the child's name, date of birth and the appropriate fee to the county or state office. The certified copy of the birth record must be presented on or before the date of enrollment in school.

Y.E.S.

After School Program  
Available at BE, RBE & FAE  
Elementaries  
Contact Y.E.S. @ 338-8061

**HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?  
PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO UPDATE  
THE SCHOOL'S MAILING LIST.**

## "NEW" TEACHERS JOIN STAFF 2014-2015

Kate Bergstrom-FAE Physical Education  
Alyssa Blake-BE Grade Four  
Andrea Brown-VSE Grade Three  
Jeff Ganschow-FAE Grade Three  
Matthew Gappa-BE Grade Three  
Nicole Anderson-Gappa- FAE K1 (PT)  
Timothy Gebhart-BE Grade Five  
Alyssa Hansen-RBE Grade One  
Sarah Harte-FAE Grade Four  
Katie Hartz-BVHS Counselor  
Kelsey Hoff-BVMS 9th Grade Math  
Nicole Hutchinson-FAE Communication Facillitator  
Brian Iverson-FAE Art  
Angie Kautz-FAE Grade Two  
Kyla Kemp-FAE Grade Two  
Erica Kline-BE Grade Kindergarten  
Chelsea Mattson-BE Grade Kindergarten  
Amanda Maycroft-BVMS 8th Grade Earth Science  
Amy Nolz-BE Grade One  
Danylle Rozier-District Elementary Computer  
Stephanie Sinclair-District Psychologist  
Jennifer Smedsrud-BVMS 7th Grade English/Language Arts  
Jayna Specht-RBE Grade Two  
Caitlyn Swisher-BVMS Consumer Science  
Rebecca Van Roekel-BVMS 6th Grade Math  
Jerrid Van Sloten-BE Grade Two  
Christophe White-BVHS Math

## "NEW" CLASSIFIED STAFF 2014-2015

Kristi Christensen-BVMS Child Nutrition  
Jennifer Christensen-FAE-ELL Education Assistant  
Jeri Dieters-BVHS Special Services EA  
Randall Hoek - Custodial Subsitute  
Nicole Hutchinson - FAE Communication Facilitator EA  
Darla Kjelden-BE Child Nutrition  
Stephanie McKenna-BE ECH SpEd Education Assistant  
Wendy Olson-VSE Special Education EA  
Douglas Petersen - RBE Spec Services EA  
Paul Scott-District Groundskeeper

ALL ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Thursday, August 14, 2014**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m.**



## FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5

### Susan Foster Principal

Welcome to a new school year at Fred Assam Elementary School! As the school year progresses, I would encourage you to take an active role in your child's educational experience. Children are eager to share their school experience and love to have guests visit the classroom and have lunch with them. The staff and I are committed to providing a positive learning environment as we prepare students to be life long learners and productive citizens.

The school day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students walking or being dropped off at school should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m. Drop-off/pick-up lane: this lane has stopping, moving up, and students entering/exiting vehicles; students enter/exit on curb side only; do not linger -- move to allow others to drop off/pick-up behind you. DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended. Driving Lane: Continuous movement to parking lot; do not have students enter/exit vehicle; yield to allow vehicles leaving the drop off/pick-up lane. Parking lot: parents should park and walk over to/with students. Signs are posted for no parking areas. We know that there is congestion at the entrance/exit, but if all drivers would follow this procedure I believe traffic would flow much smoother. Thanks for your patience and cooperation!

A very noticeable difference is the entrance of the building. All guests and visitors will enter through a secure area during the school day. Once acknowledged by school staff, they will enter and sign in through the building office.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work with the parents, students, and staff of this beautiful school and exceptional school district. One powerful way to strengthen our community is by continuously improving the relationships between parents and schools. As we enter into the school year, I want to personally thank you for your time and encourage you to be an integral part of Fred Assam Elementary. Great things happen when everyone works together to create a stronger community and a learning environment that results in success. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact me at the elementary school 582-1500 or email me at [susan.foster@k12.sd.us](mailto:susan.foster@k12.sd.us).



### FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Susan Foster**..... **Principal**  
**Debbie Arrowsmith**..... **Secretary**

Kate Bergstrom ..... PE  
Kim Becker ..... Grade 1  
Erin Bisbee ..... Grade 1  
Adam Bobzien ..... Grade 1  
Molly Calkins ..... Speech  
Tina Feenstra ..... Kindergarten  
Jeff Ganschow ..... Grade 3  
Nicole Anderson-Gappa ..... K1  
Randy Gibbons ..... Art  
Mary Gile ..... District Computer  
Amy Glammeier ..... Title I  
Paula Gordon ..... Physical Education  
Jessica Griebel ..... Speech  
Margie Hanson ..... Nurse  
Sarah Harte ..... Grade 4  
Del Hubers ..... Band  
Jessica Hunsaid ..... Grade 3  
Brian Iverson ..... Art  
Deb Jones ..... Grade 3  
Angie Kautz ..... Grade 2  
Jeri Keenan-Cattnach ..... Speech  
Kyla Kroger ..... Grade 2  
Pamela Klenner ..... District Elementary Librarian  
Dawn Leenderts ..... Special Education  
Missy Livingston ..... Grade 2  
Mandy Lodmel ..... Special Education  
Ardis Moeller ..... Nurse  
Christine Murtha ..... ELL  
Shelly Naser ..... Speech  
Patti Nelson ..... Orchestra  
Jill Nuebel ..... Kindergarten  
Erin O'Neill ..... Auditory Oral  
Megan Osheim ..... Grade 1  
Jon Peters ..... Grade 5  
JoAnn Presler ..... Grade 2  
Peggy Reiter ..... Grade 4  
Michelle Rist ..... Kindergarten  
Elizabeth Rus ..... Counselor  
Tara Scholten ..... Grade 4  
Gina Sershen ..... Grade 5  
Noel Sunne ..... Grade 4  
Jennifer Van Dyke ..... Reading Specialist  
Lila Van Horn ..... Behavior Specialist  
Chelsea VanLear ..... Grade 3  
April Verburg ..... Music  
Leah Williamson ..... Kindergarten

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### Debbie Arrowsmith Secretary

Debbie's duties include taking care of daily attendance, report cards, student records updating and assisting the principal and staff with general office duties.

Debbie looks forward to welcoming students and staff to the school year at Fred Assam Elementary.



# BRANDON ELEMENTARY

GRADES Jr. Kdg-5

## Merle Horst

Principal



The staff at Brandon Elementary is looking forward to a busy school year. Education at Brandon Elementary is truly a team effort and we appreciate the involvement and interest of the parents.

I want to extend a "welcome back" to our returning students and welcome new students and families to the BE community.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 19th. As a reminder the school day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The Jr Kindergarten students attend from 12:05 to 3:00.

Brandon Elementary will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, August 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. At that time all students and parents are welcome to come and visit the classroom your child has been assigned to, take care of lunch accounts, and meet your child's teacher. We will have 5th grade helpers on Open House evening and also on the first day of school to assist you in finding your child's classroom. The fifth grade helpers will be wearing Dr. Suess hats so that they can be identified.

See you at our Open House.

## Sandy Cummings

Secretary



Sandy is the secretary to Mr. Horst. She is in charge of attendance, the monthly newsletter, daily attendance and assisting Mr. Horst and the B.E. staff with general office duties.

She considers it a privilege to work with students, parents and staff at Brandon Elementary.

Sandy looks forward to another great school year! Thanks to all that help make Brandon Elementary a great place to BE!



## BRANDON ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Merle Horst**.....Principal  
Sandy Cummings..... Secretary

Jodi Ackerman .....Music  
Kimberly Becker ..... Grade 1  
Ann Beesley..... Grade 2  
Alyssa Blake..... Grade 4  
Ashley Bosch ..... Grade 3  
Sarah Darling..... Grade 1  
Alyssa Duncan ..... Grade 2  
Jeff Duncanson ..... P.E.  
Mary Erickson ..... Librarian  
Jill Flint..... Grade 3  
Matthew Gappa..... Grade 3  
Timothy Gebhart ..... Grade 5  
Mary Gile..... District Computer  
Scott Giles ..... Grade 4  
Del Hubers ..... Band  
Teri Huska ..... Kindergarten  
Sherri Jergenson .....Music  
Andy Johnson ..... Grade 3  
Pam Klenner ..... Librarian  
Erica Kline ..... Kindergarten  
Abby Klumper ..... Grade 5  
Vicki Kolb..... Counselor  
Brent Kramer ..... Grade 3  
Merissa Kringen ..... Grade 1  
Joe Krivarchka ..... Grade 4  
Kim Kueter..... Grade 2  
Justin Mashlan ..... Grade 5  
Chelsea Mattson..... Kindergarten  
Ashley Matzke ..... Grade 4  
Randy Megard..... Adaptive Physical Education  
Heidi Meier ..... Kindergarten  
Lindsey Miller..... Grade 5  
Patti Nelson ..... Elementary Orchestra  
Amy Nolz ..... K1  
Jessie Rasmussen..... Reading Specialist  
Erin Rieff ..... Art  
Cheryl Roos ..... Grade 2  
Beth Schaffer..... Kindergarten  
Tonya Smith..... Grade 3  
Whitney Stoeser..... Jr Kindergarten/Physical Education  
Nick Stroh..... Grade 5  
Jeremy VanHeel ..... Grade 4  
Jerrid Van Sloten ..... Grade 2  
Brenda Waterbury ..... Gifted Education  
Jody Woehl ..... Grade 1  
Julie Forbes ..... Title I  
Kyle Babb & Matt Reese ..... Psychologists  
Teresa Brandsrud, Pam Hedman, & Jami Ray ..... Speech  
Renaey Peyton..... Nurse  
Lisa Johnson..... Early Childhood Coordinator  
Julie Sandine/Allison Rasmussen/Kris Sellers .....ECH  
Robin Nipp, Megan Sage, Sara Stone, & Kathy Woodard .. Resource Room

First Day of School -- Tuesday, August 19, 2014

# ROBERT BENNIS

## ELEMENTARY

GRADES Kdg-5

### Karen Heyden

Principal



The staff at Robert Bennis would like to welcome all students to the first day of school for an exciting and rewarding school year. I would like to extend a special invitation to RBE parents to visit school and eat lunch with their student(s).

A reminder: the school day for the elementary students begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Students walking or being dropped off at school should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:55 a.m. unless utilizing the school breakfast program.

Throughout the school year visitors are asked to register in the office upon entering the building. Parents are asked to review the Student Handbook with their children and familiarize themselves with the district, attendance and discipline policies. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 582-8010 or by school email, [Karen.Heyden@k12.sd.us](mailto:Karen.Heyden@k12.sd.us).

We encourage all students to set goals for themselves and strive for success. Have a great school year!

### Terri Whipkey

Secretary



Terri Whipkey is secretary to the principal. Her duties include taking care of daily attendance, report cards, student records updating and assisting the principal and staff with general office duties.

Terri looks forward to welcoming students and staff back for another great school year at Robert Bennis Elementary.



### ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Karen Heyden** .....Principal

Terri Whipkey .....Secretary

Laurie Adams.....	Grade 2
Terri Bastain .....	SpEd
Larry Beesley .....	Grade 3
Marcel Boscaljon .....	Kindergarten
Aaron Carroll.....	Grade 5
Scott Carroll.....	Grade 5
Stacy DeBoer .....	Grade 2
Sue Dekker .....	Grade 1
Jeff Fode .....	Music
Bill Freking.....	Grade 4
Melissa Garrow .....	Nurse
Randy Gibbons.....	Art
Mary Gile .....	District Computer
Elizabeth Gruis .....	Special Education
Alyssa Hansen.....	Grade 1
Andrea Hatlestad.....	Kindergarten
Kristin Hofkamp .....	Grade 1
Paula Huber .....	Kindergarten
Del Hubers .....	Band
Pamela Klenner .....	Librarian
Karen Kluin .....	Reading Specialist
Cody Linneweber .....	Grade 1
Michelle Lubinus.....	Grade 5
Coty McGuire .....	Grade 3
Tyson Metzger.....	Grade 5
Mary Mudder .....	Special Education
Jacki Myers.....	Speech
Patti Nelson .....	Orchestra
Tammy Osheim .....	Counselor
Jill Pederson .....	Grade 3
Anne Peters .....	Grade 1
Chuck Plummer.....	Physical Education
Andrea Pudwill .....	Grade 4
Kory Scholten.....	Grade 4
Jayna Specht .....	Grade 2
Tim Sylliaasen.....	Grade 4
Cassie Uithoven .....	Kindergarten
Sandra Westcott.....	Grade 2

Melissa Garrow is the School Nurse at Robert Bennis Elementary and there is a direct line for your convenience: 582-8015

# VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5

**Tanya Palmer**  
Principal



Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! We are very excited to have you and your children as part of the Valley Springs Elementary Family! We are looking forward to working with you, as a partner in education, to create learning environments that result in success for your child. We are committed to providing your child with the quality education that he/she deserves. I am very privileged to work with the parents, students, and staff in the Brandon Valley

School District. As always, our doors are open, and you are welcome to visit your child's classroom and/or eat lunch at school. Visitors need to register in the Office upon entering the building.

As a reminder, school begins at 8:10 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Students should not arrive on campus before 7:45 a.m. each morning.

Parents are asked to review the Student Handbook (on our website) with their children and familiarize themselves with the district, attendance and discipline policies.

You are invited to come and meet your child's teacher at our Open House on Thursday, August 14th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 757-6285 or e-mail me at Tanya.Palmer@k12.sd.us.

**Lanette Thompson**

Secretary

Lanette Thompson is secretary to the principal at Valley Springs Elementary. She registers new students, updates student records, records attendance, and completes daily office duties for the principal and staff. Lanette welcomes students to another great school year!



## VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Tanya Palmer**.....Principal  
Lanette Thompson.....Secretary

Jodi Ackerman ..... Music (Grade K-5)  
Andrea Brown ..... Grade 3  
Amber Ernste ..... Kindergarten  
Samantha Goedken ..... Grade 1  
Paula Gordon ..... PE  
Pamela Klenner ..... Librarian  
Wanda Logan ..... Grade 2  
Jesse Miller ..... Band  
Shelly Naser ..... Speech  
Patti Nelson ..... Orchestra  
Roxie Rauk ..... Title I  
Erin Rieff ..... Art  
Danylle Rozier ..... District Computer  
Elizabeth Rus ..... Counselor  
Sarah Schroeder ..... SpEd  
Lindsey Smith ..... Grade 4  
Jennifer Strand ..... Grade 5



# BRANDON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Brad Thorson**  
Principal



Mr. Thorson is beginning his twenty-first year in the Brandon Valley School District and his twenty fourth overall year in education. On behalf of the entire staff, he would like to welcome all new and returning students to Brandon Valley Middle School. This is an especially exciting time for our 6th graders as students from all four of our elementary schools will now be combined in one

attendance center at the middle school. The administration and staff are excited about the upcoming year and we want to wish everyone the best of luck in the 2014-2015 school year.

A reminder to both students and parents that middle school classes begin at 8:10 a.m. and dismiss at 3:18 p.m. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the parent parking lot area which is on the east end of the school building. Parents and students are also encouraged to review the student handbook (located on the district website). Please feel free to contact Mr. Thorson at 582-3214 or email at [brad.thorson@k12.sd.us](mailto:brad.thorson@k12.sd.us).

**Nick Skibsted**  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Skibsted welcomes all students to Brandon Valley Middle School.

He encourages students to make the most of their school years by getting involved with BVMS student academics and activities. He looks forward to working with students, faculty and parents in the 2014-15 school year. Please contact Mr. Skibsted at 582-3214 or [nick.skibsted@k12.sd.us](mailto:nick.skibsted@k12.sd.us) with any questions.

**Ralynn Whitelock**  
Secretary



Ralynn is a secretary in the middle school. Her friendly smile welcomes the return of students and staff.

She thoroughly enjoys the day to day challenges working with the students, staff, and parents.

Ralynn is looking forward to having another great year at Brandon Valley Middle School

**Nancy Brown**  
Secretary



Nancy is happy to serve as secretary in the middle school office.

She welcomes any questions regarding day to day student academics and activities. Nancy takes great pleasure in serving the middle school students, parents and staff.

Nancy looks forward to seeing all the students and staff again.

For attendance purposes, voice messaging is provided from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. for the convenience of parents. To contact the school to report absences please call 582-3214.

# BRANDON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY

**Brad Thorson .....Principal**  
**Nick Skibsted..... Asst. Principal**

David Anderson .....Industrial Technology  
 Laura Baker ..... Band  
 Shelly Berg ..... General Music/Orchestra  
 Jason Bisbee .....History  
 Dylan Briest ..... SpEd  
 Wendy Bunker ..... Nurse  
 Suzanne Carroll ..... Physical Education  
 Anne Chambers..... Band  
 Brent Deckert..... Physical Education  
 Mary Erickson..... Librarian  
 Stacia Ericsson .....Science  
 Cindy Feyereisen ..... English/Reading  
 Jeff Fode..... General Music  
 Roxie Geerdes ..... Reading  
 Todd Geerdes.....Computer  
 Marette Grage ..... Title I  
 Tammy Grieve ..... Reading/Spelling  
 Terry Gullickson ..... Choir  
 Paula Hahn..... Foreign Language/English  
 Jennifer Hart ..... Counselor  
 Kelsey Hoff .....Math  
 Craig Holbeck ..... Counselor  
 Daniel Klumper ..... Social Studies/Spelling  
 Samuel Kruse.....Computer  
 Jeff Lockner .....Social Studies  
 Amanda Maycroft ..... Science  
 Becky Mohr.....Reading Specialist/  
 District Assessment Coordinator  
 Matt Mueller .....Math

Christine Murtha..... ELL  
 Dan Murtha ..... Geography  
 Brady Olson ..... Geography  
 Jenna Oorlog ..... Science  
 Kristal Perrine .....SpEd  
 Molly Ring.....Math  
 Val Sayed ..... Adolescent Skills/English  
 Cynthia Schilf.....English/Reading  
 Maci Schultz.....Speech  
 Sharon Schwebach ..... Reading  
 Martha Sewell .....Art  
 Kim Skibsted.....Reading/English  
 Jennifer Smedsrud ..... English/Spelling/Reading  
 Tracy South .....English/Reading  
 Stephanie Sparks .....SpEd  
 Wendy Sports .....SpEd  
 Troy Sturgeon ..... English/Spelling  
 Caitlyn Swisher ..... Health/Life Skills (FACS)  
 Jennifer Ter Wee .....Art  
 Ty Tietjen .....Math  
 Rebecca Van Roekel ..... Math/Spelling  
 Brenda Waterbury .....District Gifted Ed  
 Sara Weber..... Language Arts/Reading  
 Michael Weeldreyer .....Math  
 Donna Juffer-Williams.....Science  
 Elaine Zell..... Science  
 Michael Zerr..... Science/Physical Education  
 Mitchell Zerr.....History/Reading

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD. BECOME A MENTOR!

Brandon Valley School District, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, is looking for volunteers to mentor our elementary and middle school students. Mentors and students meet at school for one hour per week and enjoy a variety of activities, such as playing board games, reading books, shooting hoops or simply eating lunch and talking. Many mentors choose to volunteer over the lunch hour.

What does it take to be a great mentor? We are looking for flexibility, understanding, open mindedness, empathy, a desire to give back to the community, and a love of kids. It's a small time commitment that can make a lifetime of difference!

To learn more, visit [www.lsssd.org](http://www.lsssd.org), or contact any school counselor or Lutheran Social Services at 221-2403 or [mentoring@lsssd.org](mailto:mentoring@lsssd.org).

Testing: Student ID's -- State testing requires student identification numbers. These are usually a student's social security number unless the parent requests a different number issued by the school

## STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Students may be dropped off in the parent parking lot area which is on the east side of the building. Busses only are allowed in bus parking area.

Middle School starts at 8:10 A.M. and dismisses at 3:18 P.M.



## CROSSWALK USE

Middle School students are reminded to use the crosswalk and light at Holly Boulevard when coming to or leaving school. This area is specifically designed for student safety and we ask all students to please use it regularly.

# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Website: [www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us)



**Dr. Gregg Talcott**  
Principal

Dr. Talcott begins his eighteenth year at BVHS and his fifteenth as high school principal. He is responsible for the instruction program at the high school. He welcomes questions or comments at his email address [Gregg.Talcott@k12.sd.us](mailto:Gregg.Talcott@k12.sd.us) or through the high school office #582-3211.

## ATTENDANCE

If a student is expected to be absent, parents should call the school between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. If no call is received, the school will call the home and make an effort to contact a parent to verify the absence. A written excuse is not necessary when a phone call has been made by the parent.

## HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

The high school attendance policy is printed in the District Student Handbook (on the district website) and should be reviewed by students and parents for explanation of procedures. If you have any questions, please call the high school attendance office.

**Mark Schlekeway**  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Schlekeway begins his second year as high school assistant principal after having previously taught and coached 10 years for Brandon Valley School District. He is responsible for attendance, discipline and Section 504. He works with the National Honor Society and Student Council. Please feel free to contact him at [mark.schlekeway@k12.sd.us](mailto:mark.schlekeway@k12.sd.us) or through the high school office at #582-3211.



## HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks, pens, pencils and calculators.



## BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

**Dr. Gregg Talcott..... Principal**  
**Mark Schlekeway .. Asst. Principal**  
**Randy Marso... Activities Director**

Kent Anderson ..... Social Studies  
Tammy Bailey ..... Math  
Shelly Berg ..... Orchestra  
Steve Boint ..... Science  
Kevin Brick ..... Senior Internship  
Dan Canfield ..... English  
Emily Carroll ..... Math  
Matt Christensen ..... English  
Patrick Donelan ..... Ind. Tech.  
Carolyn Ebright ..... Social Studies  
Kelly Eichelberg ..... SpEd  
Mary Erickson ..... Librarian  
Lisa Fucello ..... Science  
Amy Frantzen ..... SpEd  
Chad Garrow ..... Math  
Mark Griebel ..... Science  
Gary Griesse ..... Voc. Ag.  
Tom Grode ..... Social Studies  
Terry Gullickson ..... Vocal Music

Katie Hartz ..... Counselor  
Allen Hogie ..... Math  
Kathy Hunt ..... P.E.  
Melissa Johnson ..... Computer  
Anne Jundt ..... HS/MS Band  
Katie Jurgensen ..... SpEd  
Gina Koehn-Reif ..... English  
Deb Kresak ..... English/Spanish  
Leah Lockner ..... Spanish  
Justin Lovrein ..... Science  
Lana Main ..... Business  
Nick Massmann ..... SpEd  
Randy Megard ..... PE  
Sonja Merrigan ..... Counselor  
Jesse Miller ..... Band  
Christine Murtha ..... District ELL  
Chad Nelson ..... Art  
Louisa Otto ..... Science  
Derek Outland ..... Social Studies  
Naome Poppe. .... Family Consumer Science  
Kraig Presler ..... Math  
Katie Price ..... English  
Jeremy Risty ..... Social Studies/PE

Deb Rothenberger .....  
..... English/Journalism/Yearbook  
Martha Sewell ..... Art  
Jacob Shoup ..... Math  
Ann Sittig ..... English  
Melanie Sittig ..... English  
Mark Stadem ..... Science  
Michelle Stemwedel ..... Counselor  
Diane Sturgeon ..... English  
Deb Swanson ..... English/German  
Diann Terpstra ..... Social Studies  
Jeffrey Trout ..... Science  
Dian Versteeg ..... Computer  
Bethany Waysman ..... Spanish  
Christopher White ..... Math  
Melinda Winter... Amer. Sign Language  
Angie Wrightsman ..... Novanet  
Maggie Youngberg ..... SpEd

# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



**Randy Marso**  
Activities Director

Mr. Marso begins his twenty-eighth year with the Brandon Valley School District and his 17th as Activities Director. He directs the scheduling of students activities and coordinates the recording of student information in order to comply with the South Dakota High School Activities Association requirements.

Please contact him at his office #582-2886 or through email at [Randy.Marso@k12.sd.us](mailto:Randy.Marso@k12.sd.us).



## Lynx Pride!

The Brandon Valley Booster Club will be selling new designs of sportswear at all home events. Available items include men's and women's shirts, sweatshirts, and caps. Show Your Lynx Pride!

### Activity Tickets

Season passes are available to adults and students. These passes are good for all home athletic and fine arts events (not including SDHSAA Tournaments and the high school musical). Adult passes are \$60 and student passes are \$30. High school and middle school students must present picture identification, with their passes, each time, for admission. These passes are available for order on-line at: <http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us>

Admission price, at the door, is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



**Jeanie Bruggeman**  
Activities Secretary

Jeanie Bruggeman is secretary to the Activities Director and high school principals. She is responsible for activity programs and recording all athletic paperwork for grades 7-12. She also supports the principals with tasks related to BVHS extra-curricular activities.

### Athletic Physicals Required

All students in grades 7-12 are required to have physicals to participate in inter-scholastic sports & marching band during the school year. Student physicals are to be conducted by the family physician every year unless serious injury requires an updated physical. The physician must complete the SDHSAA Physical Examination form available in the HS or MS principal's office or each Brandon Medical Clinic. All forms must be completed and on file in the office before participation in any practice or games. Physicals for the 2014-2015 school year must have been taken after April 1, 2014.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION APPAREL

The physical education department will require both boys and girls to bring shorts, t-shirts, socks, tennis shoes, towel and soap for class in the high school.

Freshman Unity Day - **Tues, August 12 @ 2:00 pm**



# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## Lynn Bartscher

Attendance Secretary

Lynn Bartscher is secretary to the high school principals, serving as attendance secretary, recording student attendance each period on the SkyWard Student Records software. Lynn also processes correspondence and assists with computerized student schedules, grades and transcripts.



## Jessica Henson

Secretary

Jessica Henson is secretary to the high school principals & Kevin Brick. Her responsibilities include high school student parking passes, processing transcript requests, HS monthly newsletter, & registrar duties. She provides box office services for the PAC, registration for Community Education classes including driver's education.



## HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for high school students may be purchased for a fee of \$75 per year. These passes can be ordered online at: <http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us>



## USE OF VEHICLES HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS

1. All traffic laws shall be obeyed.
2. The speed limit in the parking lot shall be 10 miles per hour.
3. Students are not to be in the parking lot or vehicles during school hours without permission. Violations will result in points.
4. Students should keep the parking lot as clean as possible.
5. Students are not allowed to drive during the noon hour unless they have permission from the principal.
6. Any violation of the traffic and motor vehicle laws of the State of South Dakota and the City of Brandon will be prosecuted by the Brandon Police Department.
7. Any infraction of the above rules may result in points and/or loss of school driving and parking lot privileges.
8. Cars parked in school parking lot are subject to search.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students and parents should refer to the 2014-15 District Student Handbook (can be found online) for requirements which have been changed for graduation and college entrance in South Dakota. When registering, the student should consult with a counselor to insure proper courses for graduation and college entrance.

## GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

Winter: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Spring: Sunday, May 17, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.  
COMMENCEMENT

## Senior Citizen Gold Cards

Senior citizens, **62 years of age** and older and who are **residents of the school district**, are encouraged to stop in the **George A. Gulson Administration Center** during regular business hours to pick up their Brandon Valley GOLD ACTIVITY CARD which will admit them to all home activities (except tournaments) free of charge. Once a card is issued there isn't an expiration date. In this way, the Board of Education and the school district can show their appreciation for the years of support given by our senior citizens.

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**Marge Hauser**  
Director of Instruction



As the District Director of Instruction her responsibilities include developing and coordinating a guaranteed and viable curriculum for the Brandon Valley School District, along with providing quality staff development opportunities for the district.

She organizes and leads curriculum teams in evaluating and implementing new curricula that meets the needs and standards of our district and state.

Ms. Hauser also plans in-services and provides opportunities for the staff to grow professionally and help them be aware of current trends and best practices in the education field.

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**Becky Mohr**  
District Assessment Coordinator



Becky has been a 6th grade teacher in the Brandon Valley School District for 28 years. She has also been a part-time reading specialist in the Middle School for the past six years. She will continue her part-time reading specialist job along with her new position as District Assessment Coordinator.

This position has a variety of duties such as analyzing data from test scores and providing input on what professional development teachers may need as a result of the test scores, which all lead back to ensuring that all students get what they need to be successful.

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**Morgan Bobzien**  
Instructional Technology Integrationist



Morgan is a 2001 graduate of Brandon Valley High School. After high school, she went on to Dakota State University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and also her technology endorsement.

After college, Morgan went on to teach at the Tri-Valley School District for eight years. Last year, she graduated from the University of South Dakota with her Master's Degree in Technology for Education and Training.

Morgan, her husband Adam, and three children reside in Brandon. Adam is currently a first grade teacher at Fred Assam Elementary and the Strength and Conditioning Coach at the High School.

Morgan is excited to work with the administration, staff and students in the district to help promote the use of technology.



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**DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

Upon request, any patron of the district may review a copy of the district's Comprehensive Plan for Special Education. The plans can be reviewed in the following offices between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during all working days:

Office of the Superintendent, Office of the Director of Special Services and all Building Principal's Offices.

The following documents may be reviewed in the district's Special Services Office located at Brandon Elementary School, 501 Holly Boulevard, Brandon SD between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during working days:

Brandon Valley Comprehensive Plan for Special Education,  
IDEA-B Flow-Thru Funds Application  
and Monitoring Compliance Review Report.

# Performing Arts Center 2014-2015



The 2014-2015 school year marks sixteenth year of operation for the Performing Arts Center and Community Education programs at Brandon Valley. From the outset, the mission of both of these entities has been to provide new outlets and opportunities for participation and growth. What was once the vision of only a few has become a reality for thousands of residents and visitors to Brandon Valley.

The Performing Arts Center continues to provide just the right performance space for our students and the community. In the past year, hundreds of events have found a look or a sound on the P.A.C. stage. In addition to school district related performances and rehearsals, the P.A.C. continues to host performances and events from a wide variety of locally and nationally recognized artists and organizations. Of even greater importance is the fact that more students than ever before are taking advantage of the performance and technical opportunities that this marvelous facility offers. This experience is a valuable tool that can be used in so many ways in their post high school lives. The Performing Arts Center website at [www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/bvpac](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/bvpac) has a fully updated events' schedule as well as seating and box office information. P.A.C. questions can be answered by calling Jessica Henson or Kevin Brick @ 582-8039 This is also the box office phone number.

Community Education is still alive and well!! As we know, budget issues have seriously challenged all the school districts in South Dakota. In examining the options at Brandon Valley, one of the obvious cost cutting methods that was chosen was to limit printing costs. To that end, the twice yearly brochures, reminder cards and flyers needed to be eliminated. And although these publications have become a thing of the past, Community Education at Brandon Valley has not. We will now rely on the digital brochure that can be found on our website: [www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/communityed](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/communityed).

It contains a full array of wonderful opportunities for both parents and students. Many of our instructors are back again this year and have worked hard to bring old and new students with them. Classes and opportunities will begin in mid-September and run through December. As always, any questions can be answered and enrollment for classes can happen by calling the Community Ed. office at 582-8235. We cannot wait to hear from you!



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## **Kevin Brick**

PAC Manager/Community Education Director

Kevin Brick is beginning his 16th year as the Performing Arts Center Manager and Community Education Director. Kevin is responsible for bookings and all the day to day operations of the PAC. As Community Ed. Director, he oversees the programs and course offerings, assists in scheduling, researching and evaluating all the program offerings. He is also responsible for all the out of school time facility scheduling for all the district buildings. In February, March and April, he will direct the Brandon Valley spring musical for the eleventh year. He promises another "event-full" year ahead.

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# Performing Arts Center

## August - December of 2014

### Calendar of Events

#### August

5 – BVHS Senior Gathering @ TBA  
12 – BVHS Freshmen Unity Day @ 2:00 pm  
19 – BVHS Open House @ 7:00 pm  
24, 31 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00 am

#### September

7, 14, 21 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00 am  
22 – BVHS Chorus Concert @ 7:30 am  
25 – BVHS Homecoming Coronation @ 7:00 pm  
28 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00 am  
30 – BVHS Orchestra Concert @ 7:30 pm

#### October

4 – Miss South Dakota USA Pageant Prelims @ 8:00 pm  
5 – Miss South Dakota USA Pageant Finals @ 4:00 pm  
12 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00 am  
18 – So. Dak. Youth Symphony Orchestra Rehearsals @ 8:00 am  
19 – So. Dak. Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert @ 3:00 pm  
26 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00 am  
27 – BVHS Indoor Marching Band Concert @ 7:30 pm

#### November

2, 9 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
13, 14, 15 – BVHS Fall Play @ 7:00 pm  
16 – BVHS Fall Play @ 1:00pm  
23 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am  
24 – Fred Assam/Valley Springs Elem 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm  
30 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am

#### December

4 – Middle School Orchestra & 7th/8th Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm  
7 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00AM  
8 – BVHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm  
9 – Robert Bennis Elem. 3rd Grade Concert @ 6:30pm  
Brandon Elem. 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:30pm  
11 – 7th/8th Grade Band Concert @ 7:30pm  
14 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am  
15 – BVHS Bands'(Symphonic, Red, Black) Concert @ 7:30pm  
16 – 6th Grade Band/Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm  
18 – District Elem. Band Concert @ 6:45pm  
District Elem. Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm  
21, 28 – Celebrate Church Services @ 9:00am, 11:00am

# MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES



Melissa Garrow  
RBE & VSE



Margaret Hanson  
FAE/BVHS



Ardis Moeller  
FAE



Renae Peyton  
BE



Wendy Bunker  
BVMS

Welcome back to another school year! We look forward to seeing staff and students once again and encourage parents to call our office with any questions they may have on nursing services: Services we provide include periodic health screenings, first aid, dispensing of prescribed medications and wellness promotion. This is just a reminder to new students and their families that SD State Law requires proof of up-to-date immunizations PRIOR to admission. Students must show compliance within 45 days or be subject to suspension by the Superintendent of Schools until immunizations are completed.

In those difficult instances when your child becomes ill at school, we will contact parents/guardians either at home or work and ask them to transport the child home. Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a temperature of 100 degrees or above, has vomited, has diarrhea or has a rash that may be disease related. In these instances, we ask you notify the school office and consult your physician before sending your child back to school.

Providing quality health care service in the school environment is our main goal. Please contact us with questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a safe and healthy school year.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT MEDICATION

There have been an increasing number of problems with students in K-12 carrying medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) on school property. This has become a major safety concern and we need your help to address this problem. Medications have been found on the bus, in the hallways and classrooms, as well as outside on school grounds. Our policy remains that students cannot carry medication with the exception of emergency medications (i.e. epi-pens, inhalers, diabetic supplies).

If your child needs to take medication at school:

- A parent must bring the medication to school and complete the proper paperwork. Do not send medications with your child to school. Forms can be found in each school office or on the school website under the parent tab, and then click on school nurse.
- Medication must be provided in the original medication bottle that is properly labeled with the medication and the child's name. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- Unused medications must be picked up by a parent on the last day of school. Any medication left at school after the last day will be properly disposed.
- As stated in the Student Handbook:

*Any student found to have any medication in their possession or sharing of any medication on school property may face serious disciplinary actions which may include expulsion.*

Thank you for helping keep all of our students safe!



## School Insurance Program

All students participating in athletics must have insurance coverage, either through a personal policy or school insurance. Students receive an insurance letter to parents at the beginning of the school year. Parents are to either sign the "waiver" at the bottom of the student directory cards indicating they have adequate insurance, or purchase the student accident insurance by returning the enrollment form and check to the school.

	Premiums	With Major Expense Benefit
Full-Time Coverage (JrK - 12) (with NO interscholastic sports coverage)	\$99.00	\$190.00
Full-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (with All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	\$164.00	\$255.00
School-Time Coverage (JrK - 12)	\$16.00	
School-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (with All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	\$81.00	
Football (9 - 12)	\$250.00	
Extended Dental (JrK - 12)	\$ 9.00	

The administering agent of our school insurance program is Student Assurance Services, Inc.

## CHIP Insurance

South Dakota's Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is provided at no cost to reduce the number of uninsured children in South Dakota and to improve their access to quality medical care. Any family who qualifies for reduced lunches may qualify for CHIP. An application form can be obtained at any Social Services office, many hospitals or through our Brandon Valley School Nurses office.

What services are covered for free by CHIP?

Physician Services  
Hospital Services  
Vision Care  
Dental Care  
Prescription Drugs  
Medical, Dental and  
Vision screening  
Chiropractic  
Mental Health  
Other Medical Services

If you have any questions concerning the CHIP program, please call Social Services at 1-800-305-3064 or visit their web site at: [www.state.sd.us/social/medicaid/chip](http://www.state.sd.us/social/medicaid/chip)

## Parent E-mail Address Request

If you would like to receive e-mail messages sent from the school district please submit your e-mail address through family access. When logging in to your child's family access account you will be prompted to enter your em-mail address. If you would enter it at this time we will have the necessary information to automatically add you to the school information distribution list. You will then be able to receive news flashes regarding early dismissals due to the weather related early closing and up-to-date information on unexpected happenings at your child's school.

To accomplish this task, go to the school district website: <http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us>. Find the Family Access link, click on 'family access from home' key in your log-in and password. Now you will be prompted to enter your e-mail address if you have not previously done this. If you already have an e-mail address displayed in Student Information, please check to be sure this is current information.

If you need to change your e-mail address click on Account Info located at the top right hand side of the page. Click on change my e-mail, type in family access password, make any necessary changes and save.

Other important communication tools provided by the school district include district ([www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com)) and building level websites. Family access is available for those that wish to stay current on their child's grades, attendance and lunch accounts. The district newsletter, the Up Front, and monthly building newsletter are also provided to keep our patrons informed of the events at Brandon Valley.

## ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

In October 1987, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Asbestos is a fiber which in the past had been used in building construction materials and has been identified as being a disease-causing agent, including a cause of cancer. The purpose of the legislation was to insure that school students are provided with a safe environment in which to learn.

Asbestos abatement (removal) has been conducted throughout the district. The only asbestos-containing materials that remain in the district are the asbestos vinyl floor tile located throughout the district's buildings. The floor tile will be dealt with by the district's asbestos staff or contractors as the need arises.

Should any parent/patron have questions regarding the federal law or its application to our district, those persons are invited to direct their inquiries to Ty Hentschel, our designated coordinator.

# SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

## Gay Anderson

District Child  
Nutrition Director



Gay Anderson, Director of Child Nutrition Services, welcomes students and staff back for another exciting year at Brandon Valley. Gay is in her 12th year with us and is in charge of purchasing food and directing the operations of staff in the Child Nutrition Services which serves over 3400 meals each day.

The cost of meals for 2014-15 will be:

	Lunch	Breakfast
Grades 1-5:	\$2.55	\$1.60
Grades 6-8:	\$2.80	\$1.75
Grades 9-12:	\$2.85	\$1.80
Adults:	\$3.40	\$2.00

Milk is served with each noon meal. Parents and students are reminded of the daily operational procedures of the automated food service program in our district.

\* The dollar level at which a verbal or low account slip is given is \$10.00.

\* Email alerts are sent out and K-5 are given a green \$ stamp. Should the account balance reach a minus \$20.00, the child will be refused a meal.

\* If an account reaches \$0 the student is not allowed to purchase items on the a la carte line, but will be given the opportunity to eat the regular lunch only.

The first day for breakfast will be on **Tuesday, August 19th**. Breakfast is served daily at 7:30 in the MS and HS levels and at 7:45 in each of the elementary buildings. HS and MS students are allowed to purchase breakfast items ala carte or by the meal and we would encourage you to visit with your students on the amount you will allow them to spend on daily basis to help manage their breakfast and lunch accounts. Payments may be made at any time in any of the schools. The money is applied to a family account. There are several options available in making payments such as through the school district web mall account (VISA/MasterCard), online bill payment through your bank or the traditional cash or check.

Please be sure with any payment you submit a four digit PIN number or your student's name to assure money is being applied to the correct account.

## HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The High school lunch period is a closed noon hour with lunch served in the BVHS Student Commons.

## FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

Requests for meal substitutions or meal accommodations must be signed by a Physician under SDCL-35. Forms are available in the school office or nurse's office.

Forms are to be completed annually so we have the correct diet order. Originals are to be turned in to the Child Nutrition Department.

## FREE/REDUCED LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Brandon Valley Schools participate in the National School Lunch Program and offer free or reduced meals for those eligible. Forms are distributed in the District Student Handbook or are available upon request. The information on the application is confidential as directed by the National School Lunch Program. These applications may be submitted at any time during the school year and qualify you for the current school year.

All parents are encouraged to come and eat with their child(ren) during the noon hour. Please stop in and register at the office when you arrive. Parent meals are \$3.40.

Free/Reduced applications are on the school websites.

The Free Milk Program is available only to Junior Kindergarten if eligible.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800)795-3272(voice) or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Brandon Valley Nondiscrimination Policy

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Brandon Valley School District are hereby notified that this school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the school's compliance with regulations is directed to contact:

Title VI, Title IX ----- Supt. David Pappone  
Section 504 ----- Lyn Heidenson, Sp. Services  
ADA ----- Ty Hentschel, Operations Mgr.

Brandon Valley School District 49-2  
301 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005-1651  
605-582-2049  
OR

Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
1961 Stout Street - Room 1426  
Denver, CO 80294  
(303) 844-2024; (303) 844-3439 (TDD)  
(303) 844-2025 FAX

Child Nutrition Office telephone number is:  
605-582-3926 OR 1-888-201-3972

# BRANDON VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



**Lyn Heidenson**

Director of Special Services

Lyn Heidenson, Director of Special Services, provides leadership in carrying out the federal and state mandates to provide a free, appropriate public education to all district children and young adults, ages birth through 21 years.

**Amanda Henning**

Special Services Secretary

Amanda Henning is entering her second year as secretary to the Director of Special Services. She helps the director provide support services for the special education and Title I programs.

Amanda hopes everyone has a great year!



## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

It is the goal of the Brandon Valley School District to provide full educational opportunity to all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21 years. If you know of a person in the Brandon Valley District under the age of 21 years who may have special educational needs, please contact the District's Special Services office at 582-3446.

Upon the receipt of a referral, a multi-disciplinary team assessment is conducted and recommendations made. The team may consist of parents, special education teachers, speech and language clinicians, school psychologist, physical and/or occupational therapists, and other district or contracted personnel.

Services which may be determined necessary for the educational benefit of the student may include, but are not limited to, Special Education, Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Early and Childhood Special Education.

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## **Early Childhood Developmental Screening**

Early Childhood Developmental Screening (children birth to age five) is scheduled for **September 18th** from 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The free screening will take place at Brandon Elementary, 501 Holly Blvd.

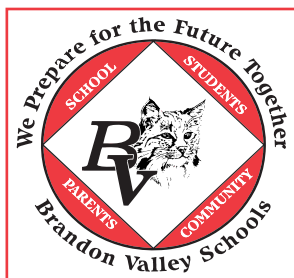
To schedule an appointment to have your child screened, please call Brandon Valley Special Services' Office at 582-3446.

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## **Title I Program**

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students.

Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents and achievement test results. Currently, the district provides Title I services at Brandon Elementary and Valley Springs Elementary and Fred Assam Elementary..



Special education documents available for public review at the district's Special Services office at Brandon Elementary, 501 Holly Blvd, Brandon, SD are as follows:

1. Special Education Comprehensive Plan
2. IDEA Federal Application for Funds (Part B & 619)
3. Special Education Accountability/Monitoring Report



# Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Brandon Valley School District

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Brandon Elementary School

501 Holly Blvd.

Brandon, South Dakota

Screening is free for all children from birth to age 5  
who live in the Brandon Valley School District.

*Please call Brandon Valley Special Services at  
582-3446 to schedule an appointment.*

# East Dakota Educational Cooperative

## JOAN FREVIK

Director of East Dakota Educational Cooperative



Joan Frevik is the director of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative. Please feel free to contact her at the EDEC office, 367-7680, or you are invited to attend any EDEC board meetings held once a month. The EDEC office is located at 715 East 14th Street in Sioux Falls, SD.

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative (EDEC) is a non-profit, public educational entity providing auxiliary educational services to member districts through cooperative planning and/or action. EDEC assists districts with regular education, special education, and other appropriate activities.

Member districts are Brandon Valley, Lennox and West Central. Each member district has an appointed board member from their respective district school boards that serve on East Dakota's Board. The current Brandon Valley representative is **Renee Ullom**.

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## DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Board has established this transportation policy to be used by the administration for individual patron's request for route adjustments and changes. The transportation services shall be managed in a responsible and economical manner. The administration may act on these matters, as they deem appropriate.

1. Students who reside more than five miles from the school of assignment will be provided transportation as per state law. Transportation may be provided for children who live within the five-mile radius of their assigned school for a nominal fee. Student safety will be considered in all transportation decisions. The district shall establish scheduled bus routes for the transportation of the district's students.
2. Transportation of students with special needs will be in accordance with their individual educational plans.
3. There shall be one regular pick-up location and one regular drop-off location for all students transported. Occasional temporary change in pick-up or drop-off will be accommodated with advance notice to the transportation department.
4. With the establishment of housing developments in the rural areas of the school district, bus stops shall be established within the normal rural bus schedules. The bus stops will be at the main entrance to the development with the following exception: If the furthest pick-up point is five-tenths of a mile or greater from the entrance of the development and the roadway meets all township/county requirements for a roadway and is maintained by the township/county, a bus stop may be established at that location.

District patrons meeting the following criteria will be required to pay a fee established by the Board of Education:

- Jr. K-12 students residing within five miles of their designated attendance center via the most direct route.
- Jr. K-5 students residing within the district open enrolling to attend a facility other than their assigned attendance center based on the boundaries set by the Board of Education. An increased fee for this circumstance will be assessed due to the inefficiency caused by these requests for busing. The increased fee will not be assessed if both the pick-up and drop-off are within the boundary of the school of attendance.
- Jr. K-12 students open enrolling from another district and requesting busing within district boundaries.

District patrons meeting the following criteria will not be required to pay the busing fee:

- Jr. K – 5 students required by the administration to attend a facility other than their assigned attendance center based on boundaries.
- Jr. K – 12 students residing more than five miles from their designated attendance center via the most direct route.

The board will annually establish nominal fees for bus passes.

Bus passes will be sold at the Transportation Office, located at 812 East Redwood, Brandon, SD, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Passes may also be purchased online through the Brandon Valley School District's Web Mall site at: <http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us>.

POLICY EEAA - (Revision date: May 9, 2011)

# BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-15

<u>BUDGET EXPENDITURES</u>			<u>BUDGET REVENUE</u>		
TOTAL		\$32,549,000	TOTAL		\$31,884,000
GENERAL FUND		\$20,899,000	GENERAL FUND		\$20,645,000
Instructional	\$12,755,200		Revenue from Local Sources	\$8,865,000	
Support Services	7,462,200		Revenue from County Sources	185,000	
Co-Curricular	681,600		Revenue from State Sources	11,200,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$4,053,000	Revenue from Federal Sources	395,000	
Instructional	\$1,329,050		CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$4,053,000
Support Services	2,123,950		Revenue from Local Sources	\$4,053,000	
Co-Curricular	43,000		SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$4,426,000
Debt Service	557,000		Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,145,000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$4,740,000	Revenue from State Sources	1,655,000	
Instructional	\$3,939,500		Revenue from Federal Sources	626,000	
Support Services	680,500		PENSION		\$405,000
Non-Programmed Services	120,000		Revenue from Local Sources	\$405,000	
PENSION		\$453,000	BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,355,000
Instructional	\$82,400		Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,355,000	
Support Services	39,600				
Co-Curricular	5,000				
Non-programmed Services	326,000				
BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,404,000			

BUDGET			ENROLLMENTS				GRADUATES		
			Year	K-8	9-12	Total		Grade School	High School
1962-63	Actual	\$ 343,088	1963-64.....	705	261	966			
1963-64	Actual	\$ 383,452	1964-65.....	770	280	1050	May 1964	83	49
1964-65	Actual	\$ 443,236	1965-66.....	798	320	1118	May 1965	87	48
1965-66	Actual	\$ 523,259	1966-67.....	812	340	1152	May 1966	88	48
1966-67	Actual	\$ 568,535	1967-68.....	885	371	1256	May 1967	89	59
1967-68	Actual	\$ 730,728	1968-69.....	912	364	1276	May 1968	91	89
1968-69	Actual	\$ 935,597	1969-70.....	909	393	1302	May 1969	116	84
1969-70	Actual	\$ 992,811	1970-71.....	984	432	1416	May 1970	106	80
1970-71	Actual	\$1,119,756	1971-72.....	985	471	1456	May 1971	117	89
1971-72	Actual	\$1,072,151	1972-73.....	1005	503	1508	May 1972	128	84
1972-73	Actual	\$1,252,100	1973-74.....	1069	504	1573	May 1973	116	118
1973-74	Actual	\$1,393,755	1974-75.....	1041	526	1567	May 1974	157	110
1974-75	Actual	\$2,039,164	1975-76.....	1113	545	1658	May 1975	143	104
1975-76	Actual	\$1,830,131	1976-77.....	1129	586	1715	May 1976	154	110
1976-77	Actual	\$2,025,712	1977-78.....	1153	623	1776	May 1977	152	114
1977-78	Actual	\$2,554,066	1978-79.....	1144	617	1761	May 1978	158	144
1978-79	Actual	\$2,431,268	1979-80.....	1133	646	1779	May 1979	154	134
1979-80	Actual	\$2,993,615	1980-81.....	1144	594	1738	May 1980	133	173
1980-81	Actual	\$4,276,245	1981-82.....	1153	568	1721	May 1981	131	137
1981-82	Actual	\$3,504,411	1982-83.....	1152	550	1702	May 1982	147	152
1982-83	Actual	\$3,637,582	1983-84.....	1202	504	1706	May 1983	110	147
1983-84	Actual	\$4,056,126	1984-85.....	1244	545	1789	May 1984	142	122
1984-85	Actual	\$4,564,234	1985-86.....	1271	546	1817	May 1985	132	132
1985-86	Actual	\$4,874,386	1986-87.....	1307	538	1845	May 1986	132	154
1986-87	Actual	\$5,332,627	1987-88.....	1375	543	1918	May 1987	128	114
1987-88	Actual	\$5,688,574	1988-89.....	1420	541	1961	May 1988	142	142
1988-89	Actual	\$5,777,452	1989-90.....	1492	565	2057	May 1989	145	126
1989-90	Actual	\$6,256,459	1990-91.....	1526	572	2098	May 1990	158	156
1990-91	Actual	\$6,951,334	1991-92.....	1519	653	2172	May 1991	162	128
1991-92	Actual	\$7,025,159	1992-93.....	1534	646	2180	May 1992	162	138
1992-93	Actual	\$7,525,014	1993-94.....	1536	655	2191	May 1993	165	141
1993-94	Actual	\$8,705,260	1994-95.....	1575	664	2239	May 1994	177	154
1994-95	Actual	\$9,613,862	1995-96.....	1605	660	2265	May 1995	176	166
1995-96	Actual	\$10,255,362	1996-97.....	1596	697	2293	May 1996	202	156
1996-97	Actual	\$10,801,108	1997-98.....	1628	713	2341	May 1997	195	154
1997-98	Actual	\$11,775,685	1998-99.....	1703	750	2453	May 1998	197	154
1998-99	Actual	\$13,627,337	1999-00.....	1752	768	2520	May 1999	197	165
1999-00	Actual	\$14,223,108	2000-01.....	1783	773	2556	May 2000	201	181
2000-01	Actual	\$14,764,387	2001-02.....	1804	796	2600	May 2001	214	173
2001-02	Actual	\$15,294,331	2002-03.....	1838	794	2632	May 2002	186	192
2002-03	Actual	\$15,465,826	2003-04.....	1865	807	2672	May 2003	217	187
2003-04	Actual	\$16,351,621	2004-05.....	1950	831	2781	May 2004	173	181
2004-05	Actual	\$18,387,460	2005-06.....	2033	800	2833	May 2005	220	189
2005-06	Actual	\$19,201,216	2006-07.....	2103	872	2975	May 2006	248	179
2006-07	Actual	\$20,547,851	2007-08.....	2187	875	3062	May 2007	235	197
2007-08	Actual	\$22,261,004	2008-09.....	2200	895	3095	May 2008	235	206
2008-09	Actual	\$24,166,877	2009-10.....	2258	969	3227	May 2009	221	184
2009-10	Actual	\$26,134,444	2010-11.....	2311	986	3297	May 2010	266	221
2010-11	Actual	\$28,138,861	2011-12.....	2394	979	3373	May 2011	253	189
2011-12	Actual	\$26,692,846	2012-13.....	2531	988	3519	May 2012	239	217
2012-13	Actual	\$28,250,000	2013-14.....	2579	1006	3585	May 2013	264	252
2013-14	Budget	\$30,337,000	2014-15.....	2673	1033	3706	May 2014	275	219
2014-15	Budget	\$32,549,000							

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### EARLY RELEASE DAYS

During the 2014-15 school year, students will be released on a shortened day schedule on the following dates: October 6th & 7th, February 9th & 10th for Conferences.

There will also be shortened day schedules on November 26, 2014, December 23, 2014 & April 2, 2015

Please check the school website for any changes.

**Please mark your calendar as a reminder.**

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## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Business Manager .....582-2058  
Business Office Fax Number .....582-7456

### BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOLS (alphabetically)

Fred Assam Elementary .....582-1500  
FAE Nurse .....582-1502  
Robert Bennis Elementary .....582-8010  
RBE Nurse .....582-8015  
Brandon Elementary .....582-6315  
BE Nurse .....582-3642  
Brandon Valley High School .....582-3211  
Brandon Valley HS Activities Director.....582-2886  
Brandon Valley Middle School .....582-3214  
FAX .....582-7206  
Child Nutrition Director @ RBE .....582-3926  
Program Director .....582-3211  
Operations Manager .....582-2058  
Print Shop .....582-8047  
Special Services @ BE.....582-3446  
Superintendent .....582-2049  
Transportation Department .....582-3514  
FAX .....582-2827  
Valley Springs Elementary .....757-6285 or 582-2948  
FAX .....757-6795

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## BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Aug 12  
Wed., Aug 13  
Thurs., Aug 14  
Fri., Aug 15  
Tue., Aug 19  
Mon., Sept 1  
Mon., Oct 6  
Tues., Oct 7  
Fri., Oct 10  
Mon., Oct 13  
Tues., Oct 21  
Tue., Nov 11  
Thurs.-Fri., Nov 27-28  
Tue., Dec 23  
Wed. - Mon., Dec 24-Jan 5  
Mon., Jan 5  
Mon., Jan 19  
Mon., Feb 9  
Tues., Feb 10  
Fri., Feb 13  
Mon., Feb 16  
Fri., March 12  
Fri., March 13  
Thu., March 19  
Fri., March 20  
Fri. - Mon., April 3 & 6  
Sun., May 17  
Wed., May 20  
Thu., May 21

New Staff Inservice  
Workshop-Extra Paid Day  
Inservice-Extra Paid Day  
Inservice  
First Day of School  
Labor Day - No School  
Conference-Elementary/HS  
Conference-MS  
Inservice-No School  
Native American Day-No School/Comp day  
End of First Quarter  
Veteran's Day-No School  
Thanksgiving-No School  
End of Second Quarter  
Winter Break-No School  
Workshop-No School  
Martin Luther King Day-No School  
Conference-MS  
Conference-Elementary/HS  
Comp Day-No School  
President's Day-No School  
End of Third Quarter  
Snow Day-No School if unused  
Snow Day-No School if unused  
Inservice Day-No School (move to 19th if needed)  
Spring Break-No School  
Graduation  
Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter  
Workshop

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

The results for 2013-14 can be accessed at the district website: <http://brandonvalleyschools.com> under the "Student Achievement" tab.

A printed copy of the report can be seen at the George G. Gulson Administration Center. School level results can be seen in individual buildings.

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