



BRANDON VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION



**RENEE ULLOM
PRESIDENT**

Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District for 25 years. Renee, an RN, PA-C and her husband, Ron, a Senior Fire Safety Technician, are both employed at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. They have two daughters; Haley graduated from USD and has just started the MBA program at USD. Emily has started her sophomore year at USD, majoring in Nursing. Renee continues to support the BVHS Marching Lynx Band Program, the Fine Arts Boosters, enjoys helping

backstage with the Musicals and was active for many years in the Brandon/Valley Springs/Garretson Girl Scouts.

She will serve as chair of the Alternative Education Committee and as a member of the Transportation and Child Nutrition/Wellness Committees. She is also the Board President of Teachwell Solutions, formerly known as East Dakota Educational Cooperative.

Her term will continue through June of 2019.



**SANDY KLATT
MEMBER**

Sandy and her husband of 22 years, Kevin, have four children: Carter, a freshman at Morningside College; Courtney, a senior; Caleb, a sophomore; and Colten, a first grader at Brandon Elementary. Sandy is the Operations Manager at McDowell Financial Group.

Sandy represents South Dakota's large schools' boards of education on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and the SDHSAA Finance

Committee for a term through June of 2018. She is also Brandon Valley's delegate to ASBSD. She is a member of First Evangelical Free Church in Sioux Falls, where she has enjoyed ministry to children through Awana for 17 years.

She will serve as a Chair of the Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee and the City Affairs & Legislation Committee. She is a member of the Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology Committee.

Her term continues through June of 2018.



**GREGG ODE
VICE PRESIDENT**

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 and from SDSU in 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, the Transportation Committee, and the Safety Committee. His term will continue through June of 2018.



**Ellie Saxer
MEMBER**

Ellie is returning to the Brandon Valley School district where she spent many of her elementary school years. She is thrilled to be back 'home' with her husband Travis, and her son, Braxton who will be a second-grader at Brandon Elementary.

Ellie has been serving in the community as a basketball and baseball coach for the elementary boys for the last three years, as well as serving as volunteer in the classrooms to support various curriculums at the elementary level. Ellie has also taught 'Medication Safety' courses to the elementary students because of her

background: Masters in Healthcare Administration and Management, as well as her job as a Regional Director of specialty medical sales. She counts it a great blessing to have been a part of the classroom over the last several years.

She will serve as a member of the Alternative Education Committee; Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology Committee; City Affairs & Legislation Committee; and Personnel Welfare Committee in the upcoming year. Her term will continue through June of 2020.



**CARY SCHROEDER
MEMBER**

Cary Schroeder and his wife Jan have lived in Brandon for 18 years. They have three daughters who are all graduates of BVHS. Cary has been in the financial services industry for 31 years and is currently a financial advisor with U.S. Bancorp Investments.

Cary will serve as chair of the Personnel Welfare Committee and will be a member of the Buildings & Grounds and Safety Committees.

His term will continue through June of 2019.

ADMINISTRATION CENTER PERSONNEL



Jarod Larson
Superintendent

Jarod Larson is in his second year as the Brandon Valley School District Superintendent. In previous experience, he has served students in the following capacities:

district superintendent, 7-12 principal, activities director, classroom teacher, and coach. Dr. Larson

strongly believes building positive professional working relationships is critical to educational leadership. Additional information about Dr. Jarod Larson and his family can be found on the district website.

Drawing upon past practice at Brandon Valley, we are planning for the on-going growth of the district. The district's Five Year Plan outlines future budget needs. Included within the Five Year Plan, a Facilities Plan establishes a planned progression for adding new facilities using a set of enrollment triggers that alert the district to the next need. These plans, when taken together, provide an orderly and proactive set of responses to growth. Copies of these plans are available in the Administration Center.

The creation of a District-wide Strategic Plan is a main priority for the Brandon Valley School District during the 2017-18 school year. The development of a District-wide Strategic Plan engages groups of stakeholders within the school and community to: review our current mission, vision, and belief statements, discuss strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for growth, establish district goals, and create an action plan to meet goals. In the future, an established cycle of review, reflection, and consideration of the plan will be critical and an on-going part of our district's strategic planning cycle.

The district has benefited from a long history of public support and trust. Dr. Larson is committed to continuing to earn that trust and support from the communities of the Brandon Valley School District.



Jennifer Swenson
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer is the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education. She handles correspondence and reports for the Superintendent and Board, assists in the compilation of district publications and state reports, and processes new student enrollments. She has been with the district since 2013, and this is her third year in

the administration center.



Paul Lundberg
District Business Manager

Paul Lundberg is serving his 29th 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 has been in the Brandon Valley Business Office for 21 years 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 has been with the district for 21 years, and this is her 14th 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 SCHOOL DISTRICT -OUR MISSION-

"We will prepare our students to be life-long learners and productive citizens in a global society through the creation of learning environments that result in success."

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.

"NEW" TEACHERS JOIN STAFF 2017-2018

Rachael Fode	BE	Music
Jessica Rasmussen	BE	Early Childhood
Brenda Stahl	BE	Special Services
Cassandra Shutes	BE	2nd Grade
Julie Brummels	FAE	Physical Education
Sarah Felder	FAE	1st Grade
Catherine Herbers	FAE	1st Grade
April Peterson	FAE	Speech
Kimberly Shemon	FAE/VSE	Counselor
Jacqueline Bogue	HS	Vocational Agriculture/FFA
Alaina Cuka	HS	English/Yearbook
Denae Haiar	HS	Math
Noelle Vainikka	HS/VSE	Art
Lindsey Block	IS	ELA
Daniel Reed	MS	Special Services
Josie Reekers	MS	Technology Teacher
Jamee Childress	RBE	1st Grade
Samantha Dirkson	RBE	Special Services
Emily Lichtscheidl	RBE	Kindergarten
Heidi McNamara	RBE	Art
Jennifer Chicoine	VSE	Special Services

FAMILY ACCESS UPDATES

The Brandon Valley School District requires parents to review and update student information annually. These updates are completed in your Family Access parent portal account. Family Access is also a convenient way to stay current on your child's grades, attendance, teacher messages, and lunch account. If you do not have a Family Access account, please contact your building secretary or the BVSD Administration Center.

Student Information Updates: To review and update information, log onto your Family Access account (brandonvalleyschools.com, Skyward Family Access Updates tab). Once logged in, select the "Family Access Update" tab on the left-hand menu. Even if your information hasn't changed from year to year, you still need to confirm that it is correct.

Free and Reduced Applications: This application process will also be submitted online through Family Access instead of completing a paper application. You can access the application while completing the Family Access Update, or you can select the "Food Service" tab in Family Access.

Computers are available in all schools and the BV Administration Center for families to use throughout the school year. The Brandon Branch of the Siouxland Public Libraries (located at the Brandon Valley High School) also has computers to use if you have a library card (library cards are free for Brandon and Minnehaha County residents).

"NEW" CLASSIFIED STAFF 2017-2018

Kassidy Hebb	BE	Special Services EA
Karla Kopejtko	BE	Special Services EA
Heidi Bilben	FAE	CNS
Lina Hayes	FAE	CNS
Erin Ashby	HS	CNS
Megan Corcoran	HS	CNS
Kristin Gephart	HS	CNS
Ardis Lippert	HS	Special Services EA
Julie DaShay	IS	Special Services EA
Samantha Cornelius	IS	Special Services EA
Timothy Thomas	IS	Special Services EA
Karla Laufmann	MS	Special Services EA
Hilary Engelsman	RBE	Special Services EA
Jennifer DeBlieck	RBE	CNS
Christine Grosz	RBE	CNS
Becky Smith	RBE	CNS
Kelli Vellema	RBE	EA
Trisha Susie	RBE/IS	Special Services EA

Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire

Call 338-8061

After School Program Available at
BE, RBE & FAE Elementary Schools,
& BV Intermediate School

FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY

GRADES Jr K-4



FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY STAFF

Susan Foster Principal

Debbie Arrowsmith Secretary

Nicole Anderson-Gappa Junior Kindergarten
 Kim Becker Kindergarten
 Erin Bisbee Grade 1
 Julie Brummels Physical Education
 Jana Conrad Title 1
 Megan Dieren Grade 1
 Mary Erickson District Elementary Librarian
 Tina Feenstra Kindergarten
 Sarah Felder Grade 1
 Jeff Ganschow Grade 3
 Mary Gile Computer
 Paula Gordon Physical Education
 Sarah Harte Grade 4
 Catherine Herbers Grade 1
 Jessica Hunsaid Grade 3
 Deb Jones Grade 3
 Merissa Kringen Grade 1
 Kyla Kroger Grade 2
 Dawn Leenderts Special Education
 Missy Livingston Grade 2
 Klaire Lockheart Art
 Mandy Maynard Special Education
 Christine Murtha English Learner
 Jill Nuebel Kindergarten
 Angie Olson Grade 2
 April Peterson Speech
 JoAnn Presler Grade 2
 Roxie Rauk Title I
 Peggy Reiter Grade 4
 Michelle Rist Kindergarten
 Sherri Rygh Orchestra
 Tara Scholten Grade 4
 Kimberly Shemon Counselor
 Noel Sunne Grade 4
 Jacque Terveer Nurse
 Jennifer Van Dyke Reading Specialist
 Chelsea VanLeur Grade 3
 April Verburg Music
 Leah Williamson Kindergarten

Susan Foster
Principal



Welcome to 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, entrance and turning lanes. If all drivers would follow this procedure I believe traffic would flow much smoother. Thanks for your patience and cooperation!

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

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 working with students and staff this school year at Fred Assam Elementary.

BRANDON ELEMENTARY

GRADES Jr K-4



BRANDON ELEMENTARY STAFF

Merle Horst Principal

Sandy Cummings.....Administrative Assistant

Ann BeesleyGrade 2
Morgan Bobzien.....Instructional Tech. Integrationist
Dacia Boehrns.....Adaptive Physical Ed
Teresa Brandsrud.....Speech
Sonja BrauchtGifted Education
Blossom Buum.....Grade 3
Sarah DarlingGrade 1
Katherine DavidsonPsychologist
Jeff DuncansonP.E.
Mary EricksonLibrarian
Jill Flint.....Grade 3
Rachael Fode.....Music
Julie ForbesTitle I
Matt Gappa.....Computer
Scott GilesGrade 4
Pam Hedman.....Speech
Jillian IrlbeckGrade 1
Alyssa JohnsonGrade 2
Andy JohnsonGrade 3
Lisa JohnsonEarly Childhood Coordinator
Erica KarlKindergarten
Vicki KolbCounselor
Brent KramerGrade 3
Joe KrivarchkaGrade 4
Kim KueterGrade 2
Erin Lindner.....Kindergarten
Nicole MankeResource Room
Kimberly Moots.....Kindergarten
Heidi MeierGrade 1
Shelly BergElementary Orchestra
Robin Nipp.....Resource Room
Kristina PappasResource Room
Brenda Stahl.....Resource Room
Renaey PeytonNurse
Allison Rasmussen.....Early Childhood
Jessica Rasmussen.....Early Childhood
Jami RaySpeech
Matt ReesePsychologist
Erin RieffArt
Brandon RogersGrade 4
Cheryl RoosGrade 2
Beth Schaffer.....Kindergarten
Kris SellersEarly Childhood
Cassandra ShutesGrade 2
Stephanie SinclairPsychologist
Sara Stone.....Reading Specialist
Jerrid Van SlotenKindergarten
Erin VisserJunior Kindergarten
Jody WoehlGrade 1

Merle Horst Principal

The staff at Brandon Elementary is enjoying another 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. 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 8:10 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. or 12:05 to 3:00.



Sandy Cummings Administrative Assistant



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!

ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY GRADES Jr K-4



**Kristin
Hofkamp**
Principal



The staff at Robert Bennis would like to

welcome all students back to school for an exciting and rewarding school year. The staff and I believe in a positive climate that promotes student learning and we would love for you to be a part of that. We appreciate the active role you take in your child's education. I would encourage all parents to stop by and visit at any time throughout the year. The students love to share their experiences with you at school and are thrilled if you can eat with them. Visitors need to register in the office upon entering the building.

I am thrilled to be the new Principal of Robert Bennis Elementary! It is my privilege and honor to be continuing my support of the RBE students with this new role. This year will be filled with lots of learning and new adventures. I can't wait to see what the year has in store for the school.

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 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 605-582-8010 or by email at Kristin.Hofkamp@K12.sd.us

ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY STAFF

Kristin Hofkamp.....Principal

Terri Whipkey Secretary

Laurie Adams Grade 2
Nicole Anderson-Gappa Junior Kindergarten
Macy Archer Speech
Adam Bobzien Grade 3
Marcel Boscaljon Kindergarten
Jamee Childress Grade 1
Stacy DeBoer Grade 2
Larry Beesley District Computer
Sue Dekker Grade 1
Samantha Dirkson Special Education
Jeff Fode Music
Melissa Garrow Nurse
Andrea Hattlestad Kindergarten
Paula Huber Kindergarten
Pamela Klenner Librarian
Karen Kluin Reading Specialist
Emily Lichtscheidl Kindergarten
Cody Linneweber Grade 4
Alyssa Lutz Grade 1
Coty McGuire Grade 3
Heidi McNamara Art
Mary Mudder Special Education
Tammy Osheim Counselor
Jill Pederson Grade 3
Anne Peters Grade 1
Andrea Pudwill Grade 4
Danylle Rozier Grade 3
Sherri Rygh Orchestra
Kory Scholten Physical Education
Jayna Specht Grade 2
Jena Storm Grade 4
Tim Sylliaasen Grade 4
Cassie Uithoven Kindergarten
Sandra Westcott Grade 2

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 working with students and staff for another great school year at Robert Bennis Elementary.

VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY GRADES K-4



Tanya Palmer Principal



Welcome to the 2017-2018 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. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m.

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

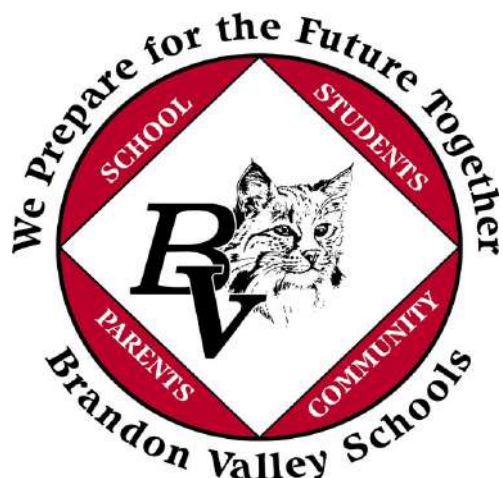
If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 757-6285 or e-mail me at Tanya.Palmer@k12.sd.us.

VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY STAFF

Tanya Palmer.....Principal

Lanette Thompson.....Secretary

Jodi Ackerman.....Music
Larry Beesley.....District Computer
Jennifer Chicoine.....Special Services
Amy Dulaney.....Speech
Mary Erickson.....Librarian
Amber Ernste.....Kindergarten
Teri Huska.....Grade 1
Paula Gordon.....Physical Education
Wanda Logan.....Grade 2
Teri Pieters.....Grade 3
Roxie Rauk.....Title I
Sherri Rygh.....Orchestra
Sarah Schroeder.....Grade 4
Kimberly Shemon.....Counselor
Noelle Vainikka.....Art



Lanette Thompson Secretary

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

BRANDON VALLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL GRADES 5-6



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STAFF

Nick Skibsted Principal

Bill Freking Assistant Principal

Ralynn Whitelock Secretary

Jodi Ackerman	Grade 5 Music/Grade 6 Chorus
Terri Bastian	Special Education
Lindsey Block	Grade 5 ELA
Sonja Braucht	Computer
Molly Calkins	Speech
Aaron Carroll	Grade 5 ELA
Scott Carroll	Grade 5 Math
Corey Christensen	Grade 6 Social Studies
Justin Cook	Grade 6 Math
Marette Grage	Title I Reading
Tami Grieve	Grade 6 ELA
Jennifer Hart	Counselor
Del Hubers	Grade 5 Band
Jacqee Jasinski	Grade 6 Physical Education
Stephanie Jorgensen	Special Services
Lilian Keough	Title I Reading
Janna Kloth	Title I Math
Abigale Klumper	Grade 5 ELA
Jeff Lockner	Grade 6 Social Studies
Michelle Lubinus	Grade 5 Social Studies
Chris Manitz	Special Education
Justin Mashlan	Grade 5 Math
Tyson Metzger	Grade 5 Science
Lindsey Miller	Grade 5 Social Studies
Ardis Moeller	Nurse
Becky Mohr	Reading Specialist/District Assessment
Matt Mueller	SMART Lab & Gifted
Jeffery O'Connell	Grade 5 Physical Education
Jonathan Peters	Grade 5 Math
Michael Putnam	Grade 6 Science
Lisa Reinschmidt	Grade 6 ELA
Sherri Rygh	Orchestra
Laura Schenk	Grade 6 Band
Sharon Schwebach	Grade 6 ELA
Gina Serphen	Grade 5 Science
Wendy Sports	Special Education
Jennifer Strand	Grade 5 Social Studies
Nick Stroh	Grade 5 Science
Troy Sturgeon	Grade 6 Social Studies
Jennifer Terwee	Grades 5 & 6 Art
Jeremy VanHeel	Grade 6 Science
Rebecca Van Roekel	Grade 6 Math
Stacey Wiese	Grade 6 Math
Kathy Woodard	Special Education
Michael Zerr	Grade 6 Science

Nick Skibsted Principal

Mr. Skibsted and the staff would like to welcome all the students to the Brandon Valley Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Skibsted encourages students to be active learners, participate throughout the school year and challenge themselves every day.

A reminder to both students and parents that school begins at 8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 3:05 p.m. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the parent parking lot area. Parents and students are also encouraged to review the student handbook which is located on the district website. Please feel free to contact Mr. Skibsted at 582-6035 or email at Nick.Skibsted@k12.sd.us.



Bill Freking Assistant Principal

Mr. Freking starts his first year as Intermediate School & Middle School Assistant Principal and Middle School Activities Director. Prior to these positions he taught in the Brandon Valley District at the elementary building level as a teacher, administrator, and high school coach. He has been with district for the past 23



years. He is responsible for supervision of students, discipline, observation of teachers, scheduling, and many other tasks that assist the principals in both buildings and the High School Activities Director. Please contact him at Bill.Freking@k12.sd.us.

Ralynn Whitelock Secretary

Ralynn is the secretary in the intermediate 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 Intermediate School.

Intermediate School starts at
8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 3:05 p.m.

BRANDON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF

Brad Thorson **Principal**
Bill Freking **Assistant Principal**
 Nancy Brown..... Secretary

Jodi Ackerman Chorus
 Sarah Andera..... Special Education
 Shelly Berg Orchestra
 Jason Bisbee..... History
 Sonja Braucht District Gifted Ed
 Dylan Briest SpEd
 Wendy Bunker Nurse
 Suzanne Carroll..... Physical Education
 Brent Deckert Physical Education
 Amy Dulaney Speech
 Stacia Ericsson..... Science
 Cindy Feyereisen..... English/Reading
 Roxie Geerdes Reading
 Todd Geerdes Computer
 Kelsey Hoff Math
 Mallory Jark Math
 James Kerr English/Reading
 Samuel Kruse SMART Lab
 Calvin Lipetzky..... Band
 Paula Lutz Foreign Language
 Dan Murtha Geography
 Mariah Nachreiner FACS/Health
 Brady Olson..... Geography
 Kristal Perrine SpEd
 Matt Reese Special Services
 Daniel Reed SpEd
 Josie Reekers..... Computer
 Molly Ring Math
 Amanda Ringling..... Science
 Jodi Robertson..... Counselor
 Cynthia Schilf..... English/Reading
 Martha Sewell Art
 Jennifer Simmons..... Science
 Kim Skibsted..... Reading/English
 Jennifer Smedsrud English/Reading
 Tracy South English/Reading
 Stephanie Sparks SpEd
 Sara Weber English/Reading
 Ty Tietjen..... Math
 Elaine Zell..... Science
 Mitchell Zerr History/Reading

Brad Thorson Principal



This is Mr. Thorson's 24th year in the Brandon Valley School District and his 27th 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. The administration and staff are excited about the upcoming year and we want to wish everyone the best of luck in the 2017-2018 school year.

Parents and students are 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.

Bill Freking

Assistant Principal



Mr. Freking starts his first year as Intermediate School & Middle School Assistant Principal and Middle School Activities Director. Prior to these positions he taught in the Brandon Valley District at the elementary building level as a teacher, administrator, and high school coach. He has been with district for the past 23

years. He is responsible for supervision of students, discipline, observation of teachers, scheduling, and many other tasks that assist the principals in both buildings and the High School Activities Director. Please contact him at Bill.Freking@k12.sd.us.

Nancy Brown Secretary



Nancy is happy to be continuing her 26th year 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.

Middle School starts at 8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 3:10 p.m.

BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Gregg Talcott Principal

Dr. Talcott has been with BVHS for 20 years, and 17 of those 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 or through the high school office at 582-3211.



Mark Schlekeway Assistant Principal



Mr. Schlekeway continues his third year as high school assistant principal after having previously taught and coached ten 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 or through the high school office at #582-3211.

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.



HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Gregg Talcott	Principal
Mark Schlekeway	Assistant Principal
Randy Marso	Activities Director
Kent Anderson	Social Studies
Tammy Bailey	Math
Lynn Bartscher	Secretary
Shelly Berg	Orchestra
Dacia Boehrns	PE
Jacqueline Bogue	Agriculture/FFA
Steve Boint	Science
Chris Borchardt	Band
Kevin Brick	Senior Internship
Jeanie Bruggeman	Secretary
Dan Canfield	English
Emily Carroll	Math
Matt Christensen	English
Rebecca Corlew	Science
Alaina Cuka	English/Journalism/Yearbook
Patrick Donelan	Industrial Technology
Nicole Durlinger	Edgenuity
Carolyn Ebricht	Social Studies
Kelly Eichelberg	SpEd
Mary Erickson	Librarian
Amy Frantzen	SpEd
Lisa Fucello	Science
Chad Garrow	Math
Tom Grode	Social Studies
Terry Gullickson	Vocal Music
Denae Haiar	Math
Brian Hardie	English
Jessica Henson	Secretary
Allen Hogie	Math
Kathy Hunt	P.E.
Melissa Johnson	Computer
Katie Jurgensen	SpEd
Gina Koehn-Reif	English
Deb Kresak	English/Spanish
Kara Likness	Counselor
Leah Lockner	Spanish
Justin Lovrein	Science
Nick Massmann	SpEd
Katie Murdy	Counselor
Christine Murtha	District ELL
Chad Nelson	Art
Derek Outland	Social Studies
Geoffrey Place	Social Science/German
Naome Poppe	Family Consumer Science
Kraig Presler	Math
Jeremy Risty	Social Studies/PE
Adam Rothenberger	Business
Kali Rowe	English
Ann Sittig	English
Melanie Sittig	English
Mark Stadem	Science
Michelle Stewwedel	Counselor
Diane Sturgeon	English
Diann Terpstra	Social Studies
Jeffrey Trout	Science
Noelle Vainikka	Art
Dian Versteeg	Computer
Bethany Waysman	Spanish
Natasha Wegner	Science
Christopher White	Math
Melinda Winter	Amer. Sign Language
Maggie Youngberg	SpEd

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 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 processing transcript requests, HS monthly newsletter, & registrar duties. She provides box office services for the PAC and 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.

The application can be printed from:

<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.
9. Students driving and texting in the parking lot will forfeit their parking spot for the entire year, and no refund will be given.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks, pens, pencils and calculators.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students and parents should refer to the 2017-18 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 ensure proper courses for graduation and college entrance.

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

Winter: January 17, 2018
7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Spring: May 20, 2018
2:00 p.m., Activities Center

STUDENT ABSENCES

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.

BRANDON VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Randy Marso Activities Director

Mr. Marso has been with the Brandon Valley School district for 31 years. This is 20th year 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 at 582-2886 or through email at Randy.Marso@k12.sd.us.



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.



Bill Freking

Middle School
Activities Director

This school year is Mr. Freking's first year as Intermediate School & Middle School Assistant Principal and Middle School Activities Director. Prior to these positions he taught in the Brandon Valley District at the elementary building level as a teacher, administrator, and high school coach. He has been

with district for the past 23 years. He is responsible for supervision of students, discipline, observation of teachers, scheduling, and many other tasks that assist the principals in both buildings and the High School Activities Director. Please contact him at Bill.Freking@k12.sd.us.



Booster Sites

Athletic:

The Brandon Valley Athletic Booster Club has a website full of information on activities and all sports at www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/boosterclub/default.htm

Fine Arts:

The Brandon Valley Fine Arts Booster Club has a website on all fine arts disciplines at www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/finearts/default.htm

Band:

The Brandon Valley High School Band Booster Club has a website dedicated to band activities at <https://www.brandonvalleybands.com/>

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 Brandon Valley Physical Examination form, which is available on the BVHS website, in the HS and MS offices, and at each Brandon Medical Clinic. The Brandon Valley Physical Examination form must be completed and submitted prior to participation in any practice or games. Physicals for the 2017-2018 school year must have been completed after April 1, 2017.

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.

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 passes now include the student's picture. If a student is new or a school picture is not available for printing on the activity pass, the student must present a school ID with his/or activity pass in order to gain admission. These passes are available for order on-line at: <http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us> or in the high school office. Admission prices, at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.





Marge Stoterau

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.

Mrs. Stoterau 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.



Morgan Bobzien

Instructional
Technology
Integrationist



As the Instructional Technology Integrationist, Morgan's responsibilities include developing and offering district wide instructional technology education for administration, staff, and students. She also assists in the development and

implementation of curriculum and technology integration, and STEM projects.

As the district continues to integrate more technology into the schools, Morgan plans to continue assisting the teachers in creating effective technology-infused, content-based lessons, and supporting the teachers as they implement the lessons in their classrooms.

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

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



Becky Mohr District Assessment Coordinator

Becky was a 6th grade teacher in the Brandon Valley School District for 28 years. She now splits her duties between Literacy Coach for the Intermediate/Middle School and 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.

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:

Comprehensive Plan for Special Education
IDEA-B Flow-Thru Funds Application
Monitoring Compliance Review Report

BRANDON VALLEY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

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. Jarod Larson
Section 504.....Kyle Babb, Sp. Services Dir.
ADA.....Ty Hentschel, Operations Mgr.

Brandon Valley School District 49-2
300 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005-1652
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 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.

Performing Arts Center 2017-2018



The 2017-2018 school year marks nineteenth 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 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

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. 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!



Kevin Brick

PAC Manager/Community Education Director

Kevin Brick has been the Performing Arts Center Manager and Community Education Director for 19 years. 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 thirteenth year. He promises another "event-full" year ahead.

Performing Arts Center-Calendar of Events

December 2017-March 2018

December 2017

- 2 – Holidazzle Cheer and Dance Competition @ 8:00a
- 5 – 7th & 8th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
- 7 – Valley Springs Elem. 1st & 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 11 – BVHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm
- 12 – 7th & 8th Grade Band and Jazz Band Concert @ 7:00pm
- 14 – 5th Grade Band Concert @ 6:30pm
- 14 – 6th Grade Band Concert @ 7:15pm
- 18 – BVHS Bands' Concert @ 7:30pm
- 19 – 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
- 21 – Robert Bennis Elementary 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm

January 2018

- 17 – Mid Year Graduation @ 7:00pm

February 2018

- 1, 2 – BVHS One Act Play Public Performances @ 7:00pm
- 9 - Fine Arts Boosters Variety Show Auditions @ 3:30 pm
- 10 - "Music Man" Audition Information Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 15 - BVHS Musical, "Music man" Auditions @ 1:00pm
- 16, 17 – BVHS Musical, "Music Man" Auditions @ 3:30pm
- 18 - 6th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm
- 25 – Fine Arts Boosters Talent Show @ 7:00pm
- 29 – Middle School All Conference Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm

March 2018

- 2 – Middle School Music Festival @ 8:00am
- 3 – Valley Springs Elementary 1st & 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 8 – Brandon Elementary 1st Grade Concert @ 6:30pm
- Robert Bennis Elementary 1st Grade Concert @ 7:30pm
- 10 – BV Middle & High School Jazz Bands' Concert @ 7:30pm
- 14 – BVHS Bands (Both Bands) Concert @ 7:30pm

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES



Melissa Garrow
RBE & VSE



Jacque
Terveer
FAE & HS



Ardis Moeller
BVIS



Renae Peyton
BE



Wendy Bunker
MS & HS

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" indicating they have adequate insurance when they complete their New Student Online Enrollment or Family Access Updates. Families may purchase the student accident insurance by returning the enrollment form and check to the school. The enrollment form may be printed from <http://www.sas-mn.com/k12/pdf/k12enroll/c1540enen.pdf>

	<u>One time policy year premium</u>
Full-Time Coverage (JrK - 12) (does NOT include All Sports coverage)	\$99.00
Full-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (includes All Sports Coverage except Football Grades 9 - 12)	\$174.00
School-Time Coverage (JrK - 12) (does NOT include All Sports Coverage)	\$16.00
School-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (includes All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	\$91.00
Football Coverage (9 - 12)	\$250.00
Extended Dental Coverage (JrK - 12)	\$9.00

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

STAY CURRENT ON BVSD NEWS

Brandon Valley School District provides many important communication tools to keep in touch with parents; including our district website (www.brandonvalleyschools.com) and building level websites.

The district newsletter (Up Front), and monthly building newsletters are also provided to keep our patrons informed of the events at Brandon Valley.

Family Access parent portal is available for parents to stay current on their child's grades, attendance and lunch accounts. If you do not have a Family Access account, please contact your building secretary or the BVSD Administration Center.

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

You can update the information in Family Access or call the office of your child's school.

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 Service

If you have any questions concerning the CHIP program, please call South Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-305-3064 or visit their web site at: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/verifyeligibility/>

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 to another exciting year at Brandon Valley. Gay is serving her 15th year with the Brandon Valley School District and is in charge of purchasing food and directing the operations of staff in the Child Nutrition Services which serves over 3800 meals each day.

The cost of meals for 2017-18 is:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Grades K-6:	\$1.75	\$2.70
Grades 7-8:	\$1.90	\$2.95
Grades 9-12:	\$1.95	\$3.00
Adults:	\$2.25	\$3.55

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-6 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.

Breakfast will be served the first day of school. Breakfast is served daily at 7:30 in the MS and HS levels and at 7:30 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 mail 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.

FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

Requests for meal substitutions or meal accommodations must be signed by a physician under SDCL-35. The forms are available in the school 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.



Karen Smook
Child Nutrition Secretary

Karen is the secretary to the District's Child Nutrition Director, Gay Anderson. She assists with product ordering, free/reduced food applications, and food allergy/special diet forms.

Karen looks forward to every day as a new and exciting challenge within the Food Service Department. She's excited about

another year of working with the staff and the district families.

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. All Free and Reduced applications will be completed online through your Family Access account. Computers are available in each school if you do not have access to one from home. The information on the application is confidential as directed by the National School Lunch Program. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year to 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 \$3.55.

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 to 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.

FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

Requests for meal substitutions or meal accommodations must be signed by a physician under SDCL-35. The forms are available in the school office, or you can access them on line at: <https://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/ChildNutrition/17-18%20Special%20Diet.pdf>

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

NUTRISLICE

The Child Nutrition Services Department is excited to announce a new resource available for your use. We have a program named "Brandon Valley Nutrislice".

Nutrislice comes in an app or computer version for your convenience. It gives you the opportunity to see the menu daily, monthly, or by school year for each school location. In addition to the menu items, another useful tool Nutrislice provides is the nutritional content and/or known allergens for our student meals based on our most current information.

If there is a menu change due to weather or delivery related issues, we are able to change it immediately so you can always see up-to-date menu information.

As we continue implementation of this program, you will see actual photos of the food items we offer. We feel this is a great opportunity for you as parents to see what your children are eating. As we continue to enhance the program, we welcome your feedback as always.

On each school website, you can utilize Brandon Valley Nutrislice. You may select any of the school entities and view the Breakfast, Second Chance Breakfast (Elementary and Intermediate only), or Lunch Menu for the day or entire School Year.



BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SERVICES

Kyle Babb Director of Special Services



This is Mr. Babb's second year as Director of Special Services for the Brandon Valley School District. Prior to his current role as Director of Special Services, Mr. Babb had completed sixteen years as a school psychologist for the district. Mr. Babb will be responsible for the administration of Special Education, Title I, Section 504, Homelessness, and the Title III programs. Mr. Babb is excited to start a new school year and welcomes all students and staff back for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Mr. Babb with any questions at (605) 582-3446 or email at kyle.babb@k12.sd.us

Amanda Henning Special Services Secretary



Amanda Henning is entering her fifth year as secretary to the Director of Special Services. She helps the director provide support services for the special education department. She also provides support for Title I programs, Section 504, Homeless, and ELL

services. Amanda hopes everyone has a wonderful 2017-2018 school 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.

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

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, Valley Springs Elementary, Fred Assam Elementary and Brandon Valley Intermediate School.

East Dakota Educational Cooperative



JOAN FREVIK

Director of Teachwell Solutions

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

Teachwell Solutions is a non-profit, public educational entity providing auxiliary educational services to member districts through cooperative planning and/or action. Teachwell Solutions 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 Teachwell Solutions' Board. The current Brandon Valley representative is Renee Ullom.

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.

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

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:
<https://bv.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-18

Budget Expenditures

TOTAL		43,258,000
GENERAL FUND		\$26,201,000
Instructional	\$16,031,000	
Support Services	9,411,400	
Co-Curricular	758,300	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$5,840,000
Instructional	\$1,483,200	
Support Services	3,100,800	
Co-Curricular	27,000	
Debt Service	554,000	
Operating Transfer	675,000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$5,670,000
Instructional	\$4,516,700	
Support Services	788,300	
Non-Programmed Services	365,000	
PENSION		\$279,000
Non-programmed Services	279,000	
BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,866,000

Budget Revenue

TOTAL		\$42,125,000
GENERAL FUND		\$25,933,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$8,935,000	
Revenue from County Sources	165,000	
Revenue from State Sources	15,475,000	
Revenue from Federal Sources	683,000	
Operating Transfer	675,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$5,165,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$5,165,000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$5,730,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,673,000	
Revenue from State Sources	2,317,000	
Revenue from Federal Sources	740,000	
PENSION		\$4,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$4,000	
BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,866,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,866,000	

South Dakota Department of Education Accountability Report Card

Every year the South Dakota Department of Education publishes a report card to provide information about South Dakota Schools.

The report card includes information about districts and individual schools. The results can be accessed at the district website: www.brandonvalleyschools.com, under the Student Achievement tab. A copy is also available to view at the Brandon Valley Administration Center.

UP FRONT

The Brandon Valley UP FRONT depicts and discusses programs in the Brandon Valley Schools that are of interest to all members of the community. Community suggestions and contributions to its content are invited. Call Jennifer Swenson at 582-2049.



BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17

<u>BUDGET</u>			<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>				<u>GRADUATES</u>		
			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	\$4,776,245	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	Actual	\$30,227,172	2014-15.....	2628	1012	3640	May 2014	275	219
2014-15	Actual	\$32,058,877	2015-16.....	2723	1055	3778	May 2015	295	225
2015-16	Actual	\$35,576,400	2016-17.....	2865	1095	3960	May 2016	275	225
2016-17	Budget	\$38,901,000	2017-18.....	2944	1113	4057	May 2017	298	265
2017-18	Budget	\$43,258,000							

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER A NOTICE WILL BE SENT VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER
LISTEN TO TELEVISION, RADIO OR CHECK WEBSITE.

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018

Thurs, Aug 17	New Staff Inservice
Mon, Aug 21	A.M. Inservice, P.M Workshop
Tues, Aug 22	A.M. Inservice, P.M Workshop
Wed, Aug 23	First Day of School
Mon., Sept 4	Labor Day - No School
Fri., Oct 6	Inservice-No School
Mon., Oct 16 (regular dismissal)	Conferences (IS/MS), 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct 17 (regular dismissal)	Conferences (Elementary/HS), 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct 20	Comp Day-No School
Wed., Oct 25	End of First Quarter
Fri., Nov 10	Veteran's Day-No School
Wed.-Fri., Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Break-No School
Fri., Dec 22 (two hour early dismissal)	Two hour early dismissal
Dec 25- Jan 2	Winter Break-No School
Thurs, Jan 11	End of Second Quarter
Fri, Jan 12	A.M. Workshop, P.M Inservice-Extra Paid Day
Fri., Feb 16	Inservice
Mon., Feb 19	No School
Mon., Mar 12 (regular dismissal)	Conferences (IS/MS), 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar 13 (regular dismissal)	Conferences (Elementary/HS), 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar 14	End of Third Quarter
Thurs., Mar 15	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri., Mar 16	Comp Day-No School
Thurs., Mar 29 (two hour early dismissal)	Two hour early dismissal
Fri.-Mon., Mar 30-Apr 2	Spring Break-No School
Fri., April 13	A.M. Inservice, P.M Workshop-Extra Paid Day
Fri., April 27	Snow Day-No School if unused
Sun, May 20	Graduation
Thurs., May 24 (two hour early dismissal)	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter
Fri., May 25	Workshop
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day

Please check our website for any changes that may occur.

(ANY REMAINING SNOW DAYS WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR)