

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR. SKIBSTED

First and foremost, I want to say a HUGE thank you to the BVIS staff and parents for a great school year and making it a huge success. Everyone's attitude and effort were OUTSTANDING! This is the final newsletter for the 2020-21 school year. I hope that this was a memorable year for everyone. We are proud of our students and the accomplishments

from this past year. This school year will definitely go down in history! We appreciate all the efforts the students put in while at school. We want to say good luck to our 6th graders as they make their move the middle school. The Final day of school for students is Wednesday, May 19th. We will have a 2 hour early dismissal that day. We will be

serving lunch on the last day. We dismiss at 1:05pm.



Final report cards for the 2020-2021 school year will be mailed out after the school year has been completed.

If your child is missing clothing, encourage them to **look through the lost and found items.** Many

items are never claimed. With this being the last newsletter of the year, we wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everyone next year where we will continue to grow together as a school and create a great learning experience for our students!



Skibby's Random Column:

- ◆ A DOG CAN MAKE ABOUT 100 DIFFERENT FACIAL EXPRESSIONS
- ◆ A WOODPECKER PECKS AT 15 MILES AN HOUR
- ◆ GELOTOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF LAUGHTER
- ◆ IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BREATHE AND SWALLOW AT THE SAME TIME



BVIS LYNX WAY LEADERS

BVIS's monthly LYNX WAY Leaders... These students are nominated by their teachers for displaying the 5 expectations of the LYNX WAY—kind, respectful, responsible, active learner, and safe. Congratulations to the following recipients!

5th Grade

- MAY**
- Respectful**
- Reese Barker
 - Samuel Figura
 - Colton Fisher
 - Brianna Garry
 - Surafel Hunde
 - Malea Pence
 - Amelia Punt



6th Grade

- MAY**
- Respectful**
- Lauryn DeWitt
 - Austin Dowd
 - Charlie Figura
 - London Geiver
 - Ella McCarthy
 - Ayden Reasonover
 - Cody Stotts



LIBBY BURNS, RN

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

All student medications (prescription and non-prescription) must be picked up by a parent. Medications will not be sent home with students. If your student's medication is not **picked up by May 28th, 2021**, it will be disposed of properly. However, a parent can contact the nurse prior to the last day of school to request that their student's emergency medication (Epi-Pens and inhalers) be sent home. This policy is for the safety of our students.

*****ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS*****

Reminder for all current 5th grade parents - South Dakota law now requires students to have additional immunizations before entering 6th grade. All students entering the 6th grade are required to have one dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria,

and Pertussis vaccine, also known as Tdap and one dose of meningococcal vaccine, also known as MCV4. Both of these vaccines need to be given on or after their 11th birthday. These shots are in addition to what is required to enter Kindergarten. As your child has their 11th birthday, I encourage you to make an ap-

pointment with your health care provider for your student to receive these new immunizations. **A record of these immunizations will need to be turned into the school by July 30th 2021, in order to attend the first day of 6th grade.** Please visit with your health care provider to see if your child

needs these and other recommended vaccines. Parents can begin providing this information as soon as their student has received the vaccines. If you have any questions, contact Libby Burns, BVIS school nurse at:

libby.burns@k12.sd.us or 582-6035.

HEALTH MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Libby Burns , RN



As in years past, we will be offering your fifth graders an opportunity to learn more about the phase in their life known as adolescence. The information presented will help your child understand the physical and emotional changes they experience during puberty, gain knowledge of the physiology of their bodies and learn the correct terminology for parts of the reproductive system. The boys and girls will have separate presentations, including a video on adolescent development. Dr. Max Zollicker from Avera McGreevy Clinic, Brandon will lead the boys' discussion and Dr. Kassy Thorpe, from the Sanford Brandon Clinic will lead the girls' discussion. The talks will be held on Friday, May 13th.

If you have any questions, or if you would like your child excused from these discussions, contact Libby Burns, BVIS school nurse, at libby.burns@k12.sd.us or 582-6035.

MEDICATION RENEWAL FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

If your child will require medication to be given at school next year, appropriate forms should be completed and returned to the office **on or before** the first day of school which is August 25th. These forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the school website, www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us.

Select Parents from the menu on the top, and then **click on School Nurses**.

*****Remember, all medications must be brought in by a parent and proper forms completed.*****

MAY EVENTS

5th & 6th Grade Band Concerts:

Thursday, May 6th
5th Grade@6:30pm
6th Grade@7:15pm
at the H.S.-PAC.

6th - 8th Grade Chorus Concert:

Friday, May 7th
@7:30pm at the
H.S.-PAC.

5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concerts:

Tuesday, May 18th
@7:00pm at the
H.S.-PAC.

Last Day of School

Wed., May 19th
(2-Hour Early Dismissal)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2021

Aug. 25 - First Day of School
Sept. 6 - No School (Labor Day)
Sept. 27 - Parent/Teacher
Conferences BVIS/MS 3:30-9:30pm
Sept. 28 - Parent/Teacher
Conferences Elem/HS 3:30-9:30pm
Oct. 1 - No School (Comp Day)
Oct. 11 - No School (In-Service)
Oct. 29 - End of 1st Quarter
Nov. 11 - No School (Veteran's Day)
Nov. 24-26 - No School
(Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 22 - Two Hour Early Dismissal
Dec. 23 - Jan. 31 - No School
(Winter Break)

2022

Jan. 3 - School Resumes
Jan. 14 - End of 2nd Quarter and 1st
Semester
Jan. 17 - No School (In-Service)
Feb. 18 - No School
Feb. 21 - No School
(President's Day)
March 14 - Parent Teacher
Conferences Elem/HS 3:30-9:30
March 15 - Parent Teacher
Conferences BVIS/MS 3:30-9:30pm
March 17 - No School (if unused
Snow Day)
March 18 - No School (Comp Day)
March 23 - End of Third Quarter
April 1 - No School (In-Service)
April 14 - Two Hour Early Dismissal
April 15-18 - No School (Spring Break)

2022 (Continued)

May 15 - Graduation Day
May 25 - Last Day of School
(Two Hour Early Dismissal)

THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON THE
CENTRAL OFFICE WEBSITE

***** Please make use of these
dates if possible for any
appointments, etc. so your child
does not have to miss school.
Thank you!**



BV SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



CURBSIDE MEAL PICK-UP OR WALK-UP SERVICE

*5 days of lunch, 3-5 breakfasts (freezing/refrigeration may be required).

4 CONVENIENT PICK-UP LOCATIONS!!

1. Brandon Elementary: Brandon, SD
2. Valley Springs Elementary: Valley Springs, SD
3. Corner of: E. Renee Place / N. Cory Place, Sioux Falls, SD
4. Granite Valley Park: 6101 N. Gold Nugget Avenue Sioux Falls, SD



WHEN: TUESDAYS - pick up time will vary by location, stay tuned for details.
Months of JUNE and JULY.

WHO: ALL Children ages 0-18

COST: FREE (Ages 0-18 regardless of income)
*Funded by USDA, the program does not utilize income eligibility
requirements. Available to any child who would like to participate.
Menus will be available online.*

QUESTIONS: Call Andrea Kruse, BV Child Nutrition Director (605) 582-3926
or email her at: Andrea.Kruse@k12.sd.us.

* Reminder - Congregation at the distribution site is not allowed and students must grab their meal and go home.



**MEMORIAL
DAY** HONORING ALL
WHO SERVED

MAY 31, 2021



**Thank you
veterans!**

I know it's hard to think "about school supply shopping. That is why I am so excited to announce a continued partnership with 1st Day School Supplies, which offers parents the option of purchasing the supplies needed for next year!"

To view the supply kits, enter the link below:

<https://1stday.sale/1177992>

The **BEST** Way to Buy Back-to-School Supplies!

Click Here to Order Now!
Order by July 1st

✓ Eliminate the Risk of Shopping at the Big Box Retailers

✓ Name Brand Products Like:



Pre-Order Today at: 1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

FROM CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT:

THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL WILL FLY BY QUICKLY. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ANY CHARGES AT THIS POINT. IF A BALANCE IS LEFT IN THE ACCOUNT, IT WILL BE CARRIED OVER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

REMINDER IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A SPECIAL DIET ORDER FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, WE NEED TO HAVE A NEW PRESCRIPTION DIET ORDER SUBMITTED FROM YOUR PHYSICIAN SO THAT WE MAY MAKE THE PROPER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOU. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIAL DIETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT AT 582-3926.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



On the first Friday in May, Let's all celebrate the men and women who make our school days a little better and honor our school's lunch staff with a card or a friendly "thank you!"

~ **Intermediate School Lunch Heros** ~

* Staci Anderson * Lori Crumb *

* Brittany Manuylo * Laura Reinsch *

* Jasmine Sanderson * Linda Schoby *

* Laurie Veld *



BVIS PTA



May 2021

Visit us at:

bvis.my-pta.org

and on FACEBOOK



Teacher Appreciation week is May 3rd-7th.

The PTA would like to recognize the fantastic teachers and staff that we have at the Intermediate School.

We are thankful for them and all they have done this year to keep our kids safe and still learning at school!

Make sure to drop your child's teachers an email during this week or anytime and thank them for a great year!

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Get **Involved**
unteer

OPEN PTA POSITIONS FOR 2021-2022

Main PTA board positions:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
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Open Committee Positions:

- Parent Events (Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads)
- Teacher Appreciation
- Spelling Bee
- Spiritwear
- Fun Night
- Bingo Night

Please thoughtfully consider helping the organization next year. Email Stephanie at sk_peterson@yahoo.com if interested or have questions.

We are working hard to keep kids reading with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from May 3 through May 16.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bvis>



WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from May 3 through May 16.

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist.

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bvis>

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading!

Please contact Carolyn Davelaar with any questions.
Carolyn Davelaar <c.davelaar95@gmail.com>

SAVE THE
DATE!

[School Name]'s Book Fair

Book Fair dates: [INSERT DATES HERE]

Shopping hours: [INSERT TIMES HERE]

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.



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It's the Rule... Shots before School!

New 6th Grade

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

South Dakota requires all 6th grade students to get:

- One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (**Tdap**) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday
- One dose of Meningococcal (**MCV4**) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday

For more information, talk with your family physician or your local community health nurse about these and other vaccinations your preteen should receive.

VACCINATE YOUR 11-12 YEAR OLDS



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DOH.SD.GOV
1-800-592-1861



SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS

Little Lynx Boys Basketball Camp

June 2nd - 4th

@ Brandon Valley HS

6th-8th Grade - 8:00 -10:00 am - \$55

3rd - 5th Grade - 10:15 - 12:15 pm - \$55

K-2nd Grade - 12:30 - 2:00 pm - \$45

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/KYuqHuEXGyrArAcU8>

Boys Summer 3 on 3 Basketball League

Tuesdays & Thursdays in June & July (9 sessions)

@ Brandon Valley HS

6th-8th Grade 8-9 am - (\$100)

3rd-5th Grade 9-10 am (\$100)

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/KYuqHuEXGyrArAcU8>

BV 5th - 8th Grade Basketball Program

Click on the link below for more information:

**[https://docs.google.com/presentation/
d/1U1GmNyeX7tCAJLDMs1EoKRUuK5cewAQTPicgZvmef8E/
edit#slide=id.g45ada338cf_0_535](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U1GmNyeX7tCAJLDMs1EoKRUuK5cewAQTPicgZvmef8E/edit#slide=id.g45ada338cf_0_535)**

*** Students should sign up based on the grade level that they will be in this upcoming fall school year 2021-22.**

Don't miss our summer reading program, activities, & special events!

Space is limited—be sure to register early. Call 582-2390 or register online at <http://siouxland.libnet.info/events>.

Family Special Events

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party featuring

Juggling Extraordinaire Jason Kollum! (Virtual)

Saturday, May 22; 11 am - 12 pm or 2 - 3pm



Celebrate the start of the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program by attending the Virtual Kick-off Party. Fun for the whole family! Jason Kollum will entertain people of all ages with his virtual, interactive juggling show. Registration required.

Registrants will receive a Take-and-Make kit (while supplies last) to create their own juggling balls. Kits may be picked up at the library branch of choice 2-7 days after registering for the program. All who attend will be eligible for door prizes. Once registered, you will be emailed a link to the program, a list of household items to juggle with Jason, a door-prize ticket number, instructions for picking up the Take-and-Make, and information about the Summer Reading Program. Call 367-8700 or email LibAsk@siouxfalls.org for questions about this program or the Summer Reading Program.

Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program

Our Summer Reading Program is for everyone, ages 0-99! Stop in at the library beginning mid-May to pick up your reading log and begin your summer adventure. Reading during the summer promotes a child's literacy development and helps counter the "summer slide." Plus, it's an enjoyable experience available to everyone in the community!



ZooMobile Visit (Brandon Community Library)

Friday, July 9th

9:30-10:15 am or 10:30-11:15 am

Children of all ages will meet four ambassador animals in this Great Plains Zoo presentation. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required.



Birth to 5

Preschool Storytime (Virtual)

Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Encourage a love of reading and develop your preschooler's early learning through stories and songs in this virtual storytime. For ages birth to 5. Registration required. Live virtual storytime invite will be sent to registered attendees two days before event.

Wee Read & Explore (Virtual)

Tuesday, May 11, 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Engage your child in early learning games and activities inspired by a different book each month. For children ages 3 to 6. Registration required. This program contains a kit. Indicate library for pickup and we'll send you an email when available. Registration closes 8 days prior to the event to allow for distribution of the kits. Live virtual storytime invite will be sent to registered attendees two days before event.

Preschool Storytime (Brandon Community Library)

Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:15 am

Develop your preschooler's early learning through stories, rhymes, and songs. For ages 3 to 5. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration required—each family counts as 1 registration;

Brandon Community & Valley Springs Branch Libraries

K-5th

Fairy Tales & Fairy Gardens (Brandon Community Library)

Wednesday, June 9, 2 – 3 pm

Magical fun will happen when we create our own fairy tales and make a fairy garden. All supplies provided. For grades K-5. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required.

How to Train Your Dragon (Brandon Community Library)

Wednesday, June 16, 2 – 3 pm

Participate in fun activities based on the movie series! Make your own shield and Viking helmet, play the sheep toss game and decorate a dragon egg to take home. For grades K-5. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required.

Butterflies (Brandon Community Library)

Wednesday, June 30, 2 – 3 pm

Create a butterfly puddler to hang in your backyard. Butterflies will use the puddler to eat and rest, giving you a chance to see them up close. All supplies provided. For grades K-5. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required.

NASA @ My Library (Brandon Community Library)

Wednesday, July 14, 21, 28; 2 – 3 pm

Become a space explorer! Learn about space science through hands-on activities. For grades 3-5, children in grades K-2 welcome with parent help.



Week 1: Space Camp—Test your space fitness with our challenges and activities. Week 2: Searching for Life—Test your skills of observation and deduction, just like a

space scientist. Week 3: Engineering—Build like a scientist. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required for each week's program.

Adults

Brandon Book Club (Brandon Community Library)

Thursday, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, 10 - 11 a.m.

A book club for people who enjoy reading a variety of books. Upcoming reads include *Rocket Boys*, *Long Way Home*, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, and *News of the World*.



Masks and social distancing encouraged. Registration is required.

Trivia Night (Virtual)

Tuesday, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17; 6 - 10 pm

Join the library for a virtual trivia night. Test your trivia knowledge and compete for prizes. Teams can be six members or less. Visit *Siouxland Libraries' Facebook page* for more details.

Library Hours

Brandon:	Monday 12 pm – 8 pm
	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9 am – 8 pm
	Friday 9 am – 5 pm
	Saturday 9 am – 2 pm
Valley Springs:	Tuesday 3 pm – 6 pm
	Friday 9 am – 12 pm

Curbside Pickup Available

To pick up library materials curbside, call Brandon at (605) 582-2390 or Valley Springs at (605) 757-6264. Curbside service available during library open hours.

*Have a Wonderful and Safe Summer –
See you at the library!*