



# UP FRONT

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## Parent Teacher Conferences

**Monday, February 11, 2013**

**Middle School Conferences**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

**High School/Elementary Conferences**

**TIMES: 1:30-5:30 PM  
6:30-9:00 PM**

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

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

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

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

### **KINDERGARTEN SCREENING**

The Brandon Valley School District will be conducting their kindergarten screening during the week of March 4th-March 8th. Anyone in the district who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2013 is eligible to register. Parents are asked to call the elementary school within their boundary area. Please let your friends and neighbors know who may not currently have a child enrolled in the BV School District! Call today!

Fred Assam Elementary 582-1500

Robert Bennis Elementary 582-8010

Brandon Elementary 582-6315

Valley Springs Elementary 757-6285



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...



### Superintendent David Pappone

The Brandon Valley School District will join districts across the state to thank school board members for their commitment to South Dakota public education during School Board Recognition Week January 14-18, 2013.

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

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



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The board members who serve on the Brandon Valley School Board are responsible for setting the vision for the district. They work to provide a quality education for over 3,400 K-12 students.

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

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

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

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

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## FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS DONATION

The FAE Student Council service project for December was for the Humane Society.

Donations of cat and dog food, kitty litter, toys, and rugs were collected and taken to the Humane Society by members of the Student Council.

Another means to collect money for the Humane Society was a penny war. For those who haven't experienced a penny war before, students bring pennies and paper bills to fill their own grade level bucket. Silver coins count against the money in your bucket and are used to sabotage another grade level. As students make strategic plans to sabotage a grade level, the end result is more money raised for the Humane Society.

Total amount raised from the penny war was \$933.



Front row: Luke Kocer, Eli Kirlin, Landon Kocer, Karson Beyer, & Damen Visscher

Middle (seated): Madison Nolz

Back row: Madelynn Munce, Kate Livingston, Mason Matthies, Belle Evans, & Crosby Ries

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

The Brandon Valley School District and First National Bank have once again joined in partnership to recognize a Brandon Valley "Teacher of the Year" for the 2012-2013 school year.

Parents, students and teachers are encouraged to nominate a Brandon Valley teacher to receive this award. Nomination forms may be obtained from any district principal's office or the office of the superintendent. Forms need to be submitted with two (2) letters of recommendation attached on or before Thursday, April 11, 2013.

Those teachers nominated will be sent an application form to be completed and returned to the Superintendent's Office for review by a selection committee consisting of representatives from school, business and parents. This committee will have the difficult decision of selecting one winner from the top three finalists. All candidates and finalists will be recognized at the Brandon Valley Retirement and Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Brady Olson**  
**Teacher of the Year**  
**2012**



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### RECOGNITION BANQUET

Brandon Valley High School -- Commons Area

**6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

Listed below are the names of staff and years of service to the Brandon Valley School District. Congratulations to all! Please mark your calendar for the above date and plan to attend to honor everyone listed. The Teacher of the Year candidates and retirees(to be announced at a later date) will also be honored. Tickets may be purchased at any building office for \$8.50 each (beginning in March).

#### **10 Years**

Sarah Andera  
Gay Anderson  
Misti Becker  
Matt Christensen  
Sue Dekker  
Sherri Garner  
Scott Giles  
Kristi Gregersen  
Jessica Henson  
Cindy Murphy  
Kendra Namanny  
Kraig Presler  
Mark Schlekeway  
Ty Tietjen  
Jennifer Van Dyke

#### **15 Years**

Kent Anderson  
Merry Bauer  
Harold Geist  
Delwyn Hubers  
Kathy Hunt  
Melissa Johnson  
Debra Kresak  
Sue Olson  
Michelle Rist  
James Schobert  
Jeffrey Trout  
Sandra Westcott

#### **20 Years**

Jeff Duncanson  
Jennifer TerWee  
Kathleen Woodard

#### **25 Years**

Joli Bruggeman  
Georgia Carlson  
Paula Gordon  
Craig Holbeck  
Debra Jones

#### **30 Years**

Marcel Boscaljon

#### **35 Years**

Vicki Jelsma  
Daniel Pansch  
Cheryl Roos

#### **45 Years**

Bill Miller



## 2013 BRANDON VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

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



**Sanford Health's MEGA heart exhibit** – An inflatable, walk-through heart that allows you to explore the heart, learn about cardiovascular functions and observe examples of various types of heart disease.



**Heart Screenings** – Blood Pressure, Cholesterol check, BMI, Framingham, EKG, and a CT (calcium score). Results provided that day except for the EKG (must be read by a physician). Cost of screening is \$50. Participants must schedule their screening. More information to come.



**Healthy Cooking Demo's** – "Gain" some knowledge about healthy cooking and "lose" the unhealthy habits we use in the kitchen. Bring a friend or family member who should learn the art of healthy cooking!



**Let's Move South Dakota Exhibit** – Fun hands-on stations for kids that will help families and children make choices that result in healthy weight.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013**

**3:00 – 7:00pm**

**Brandon Valley High School**

## **“Early Childhood Developmental Screening”**

Mark your calendar for our “Early Childhood Developmental Screening” (children birth to age four) scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2013, 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 for your child’s screening, call Brandon Valley Special Services’ Office at 582-3446.

(Note: This IS NOT for children who are eligible to start kindergarten in the fall of 2013.)



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### **BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

**2012-2013**

<b>Mon, Jan 21</b>	<b>Martin Luther King-No School</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 11</b>	<b>Conference-MS</b>
<b>Tue, Feb 12</b>	<b>Conference-Elementary/HS</b>
<b>Fri, Feb 15</b>	<b>No School - Comp Day</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 18</b>	<b>President's Day</b>
<b>Fri, Mar 13</b>	<b>End of Third Quarter</b>
<b>Fri &amp; Mon, Mar 29 &amp; Apr 1</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Fri &amp; Mon, Apr 26 &amp; Apr 29</b>	<b>Snow Days-No School if unused</b>
<b>Sun, May 19</b>	<b>Graduation</b>
<b>Tue, May 21</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>
<b>Wed, May 22</b>	<b>Inservice/Workshop</b>

# Parent Teacher Conference Schedule Between Building & Part-Time Teachers

Elementary & High School conferences are Tuesday Feb. 12, 2013 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00

Middle School conferences are Monday Feb. 11, 2013 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00

Name	Position	Feb. 13	Feb. 14
Berg, Shelly	MS-HS- Orchestra	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Brandsrud, Teresa	BE-MS Speech	BE 1:30-9:00	
Schwebach, Sharon	District Librarian	FAE 1:30-5:30 RBE 6:30-9:00	
Fode, Jeff	RBE-MS Music	RBE 1:30-7:00	MS 7:00-9:00
Jensen, Terri	District	BE 1:30-9:00	
Keenan, Jeri	VSE-MS Speech	VSE 1:30-9:00	
Gibbons, Randy	FAE-RBE Art	RBE 1:30-5:30 FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gordon, Paula	FAE-VSE PE	VSE 1:30-5:30 FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gullickson, Terry	MS-HS Vocal	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 6:30-9:00
Verburg, April	VSE-FAE Music	VSE 1:30-5:30 FAE 6:30-9:00	
Hubers, Del	BE/RBE/FAE Band	RBE 3:30-5:30 BE 1:30-3:15 FAE 6:30-9:00	
Miller, Jesse	VSE-HS Band	HS 1:30-5:30 VSE 6:30-9:00	
Kluin, Karen	FAE-RBE- Reading	RBE 1:30-5:30 FAE 6:30-9:00	
Waterbury, Brenda	District Gifted Ed.	BE 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Rieff, Erin	BE - VSE Art	VSE 1:30-5:30 BE 6:30-9:00	
Megard, Randy	District Adpt PE/PE Tchr.	BE 1:30-9:00	
Baker, Laura	MS-HS Band	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Mork, Dianne	District PT	FAE 1:30-3:45	
Mutschelknaus, Amy	District OT	BE 1:30-5:30 RBE 6:30-9:00	
Murtha, Christine	District ESL	FAE 1:30-9:00	
Nelson, Patti	RBE-FAE-BE-VSE Orchestra	FAE 1:30-5:30 VSE 6:30-9:00	
Palmer, Tanya	BE-VSE Reading	VSE 1:30-5:30 BE 6:30-9:00	
Ralston, Annlee	District OT	FAE 1:30-3:45	
Gile, Mary	District Computer	RBE 6:45-9:00 FAE 1:30-5:30	
Rus, Elizabeth	FAE-VSE Guidance	FAE 1:30-5:30 VSE 6:30-9:00	
Sewell, Marta	MS-HS Art	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Thompson, Lorelei	District PT	BE 1:30-9:00	



# **Performing Arts Center**

**2012 - 2013**

## **Calendar of Events**

### **January**

- 22, 23, 24 – Region One Act Play Contests @ 9:00am – 5:00pm
- 28 – BVHS One Act Plays' Jamboree @ 6:15pm
- 29 – BVHS One Act Play Public Performance @ 7:00pm
- 31 – State High School One Act Play Festival @ 9:30am – 10:00pm

### **February**

- 1 – State High School One Act Play Festival @ 8:00am – 10:00pm
- 2 – State High School One Act Play Festival @ 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 11, 12, 13 – BV Musical "South Pacific" Auditions @ 3:30pm
- 23 – Comfort Theatre Co. Presents: "Always Patsy Cline" @ 7:30pm
- 28 – BVHS Orchestra Festival @ 8:00am – 4:30pm

### **March**

- 4 – Fred Assam/Valley Springs 1st Grade Vocal Concert @ 6:30pm
- 4 - BVHS Jazz Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 5 – Robt. Bennis 1st Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm
- 6 – BV Middle School Band Festival @ 8:00am – 3:30pm
- 7 – Brandon Elem. 1st Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm
- 11 – BVHS Symphonic Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 12 – BVHS Red & Black Bands' Concert @ 7:30pm

### **April**

- 4, 5, 6 – BVHS Musical – "South Pacific" @ 7:00pm
- 7 – BVHS Musical – "South Pacific" @ 1:00pm
- 10 – Region Large Group Instrumental Contest @ 8:00am – 4:00pm
- 13 – BVHS Bands' Turkey Supper Concerts @ 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 15 – Fred Assam/Valley Springs 5th Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm
- 16 – Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 20 – Alliance Communications' Annual Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 23 – Brandon Elem. 5th Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00pm

### **May**

- 2 – Robt. Bennis 5th Grade Vocal Concert @ 6:30pm
- 2 - BVHS Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm
- 6 – BV Middle School 7/8th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm
- 9 – BVHS Bands' (Symphonic, Red, Black) Concerts @ 7:30pm
- 10 – District Elem. Band & Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
- 13 – BV Middle & High School Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm
- 14 – BV Middle School 6th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm
- 16 – BV Middle School 7/8th Grade Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 18 – Allison's Dance Academy Recitals @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm

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## BVMS Students in State Honor Choirs

As the new year begins, seven BVMS singers are learning music for upcoming state Honor Choirs.

Eighth grader Lexi Hokenstad will be singing with the State Junior High Honor Choir January 18-19 in Rapid City. The event is sponsored by the South Dakota chapter of the American Choral Directors

Association, and will include over 150 7th, 8th, and 9th grade singers chosen from over 500 auditions state-wide.

A half-dozen BVMS sixth graders will participate in SDSU's State Elementary Festival Honor Choir February 7. The BVMS singers are Sierra Coyle, Emma Eichelberg, Emily Erck, Morgan McKellep, Emili Widrig, and Anna Zafft. This is the second HC appearance for Emily and Emili, and Morgan is singing in the Honor Choir for the third year.

The Elementary Honor Choir features 4th, 5th, and 6th graders selected from nearly 600 auditions.

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## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

2ND SEMESTER BUS PASSES DUE BY  
JANUARY 11, 2013

2nd semester bus passes are  
\$75.00 per student  
with a family cap of  
\$175.00.

Open enrolled students who  
were assessed the \$150.00  
bus pass fee will be required to pay  
\$150.00 for the 2nd semester  
bus pass also.

Please call the Transportation Department at  
605-582-3514 with any questions.  
Thank You!



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## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

[www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com)

Superintendent .....	582-2049
Business Manager .....	582-2058
Operations Manager .....	582-2058
Business Office Fax Number .....	582-7456
High School Principal .....	582-3211
Athletic Director .....	582-2886
Instruction Director .....	582-3211

Performing Arts Center/Community Ed .....	582-8235
High School Fax Number .....	582-2652
Middle School Principal .....	582-3214
Fred Assam Elementary Principal .....	582-1500
Brandon Elementary Principal .....	582-6315
Robert Bennis Elementary Principal .....	582-8010
Valley Springs Elementary Principal .....	757-6285
Director of Special Services .....	582-3446
District Food Service Director .....	582-3926
District Transportation Department .....	582-3514

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

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## UP FRONT

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

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

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

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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.

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