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Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 10, 2014

Middle School Conferences

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

High School/Elementary Conferences

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

All schools will have a **two hour 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 10th - March 13th. Anyone in the district who has a child who will be (5) five years old on or before September 1, 2014 is eligible to register. Parents are asked to call the elementary school within their boundary area.

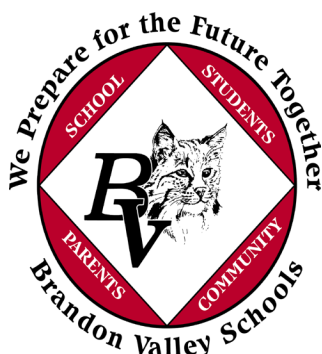
Please let your friends and neighbors know who may not currently have a child enrolled in the BV School District! Call today!

Fred Assam Elementary 582-1500

Robert Bennis Elementary 582-8010

Brandon Elementary 582-6315

Valley Springs Elementary 757-6285



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Parent Teacher Conference Schedule Between Building & Part-Time Teachers

Elementary & High School conferences are Tuesday Feb. 11, 2014 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00
Middle School conferences are Monday Feb. 10, 2014 from 1:30-5:30 and 6:30-9:00

Name	Position	Feb. 11	Feb. 10
Berg, Shelly	MS-HS- Orchestra	HS 1:30-5:30	MS 6:30-9:00
Brandsrud, Teresa	BE-MS Speech	BE 1:30-9:00	
Erickson, Mary	HS-MS-BE-VSE Librarian	MS 6:30-9:00	HS 1:30-4:00
Fode, Jeff	RBE-MS Music	RBE 1:30-7:00	MS 7:00-9:00
Jensen, Terri	District	BE 1:30-9:00	
Naser, Shelly	VSE-FAE Speech	VSE 6:30-9:00	
		FAE 1:30-5:30	
Gibbons, Randy	FAE-RBE Art	RBE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gordon, Paula	FAE-VSE PE	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gullickson, Terry	MS-HS Vocal	HS 1:30-5:30	MS 6:30-9:00
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	
Ackerman, Jodi	BE & VSE Music	BE 1:30-5:30	
		VSE 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	
Jundt, Anne	HS & MS	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	
Klenner, Pamela	RBE, BE, FAE Librarian	RBE 3:30-5:30	
		BE 1:30-3:15	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Gile, Mary	District Computer	RBE 6:45-9:00	
		FAE 1:30-5:30	
Rauk, Roxie		VSE & FAE Title	FAE 1:30-5:30
		VSE 6:30-9:00	
Stoeser, Whitney	BE and FAE PE/JrK	FAE 1:30-5:30	
		BE 6:30-9:00	
Rus, Elizabeth	FAE-VSE Guidance	VSE 1:30-5:30	
		FAE 6:30-9:00	
Sewell, Marta	MS-HS Art	HS 6:30-9:00	MS 1:30-5:30
Thompson, Lorelei	District PT	BE 1:30-9:00	
Ralston, Annlee	District OT	FAE 1:30 - 3:45	

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 of January 13th thru January 17th of 2014.

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 3,500 K-12 students.

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

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

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

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

FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY ACT OF KINDNESS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



All students from Fred Assam Elementary donated food, litter, and toys for the Humane Society. Student Council delivered and toured the building and had time to pet and play with the cats.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Brandon Valley School District and First National Bank have once again joined in partnership to recognize a Brandon Valley "Teacher of the Year" for the 2013-2014 school year.

Parents, students and teachers are encouraged to nominate a Brandon Valley teacher to receive this award. Nomination forms may be obtained from any district principal's office or the office of the superintendent. Forms need to be submitted with two (2) letters of recommendation attached no later than Friday, **April 11, 2014**.

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 6, 2014**

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.



L to R: Mark Stadem, Pat Donelan, Paula Hahn, Al Hogie - TOY, Vickie Jelsma, Jill Flint, Jeff Duncanson & Ed Murtha (not pictured Michael Zerr)

TEACHER OF THE YEAR/RECOGNITION BANQUET

Brandon Valley High School -- Commons Area

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6th, 2014

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

Adam Bobzien
Michelle Dandurand
Amber Ernste
Cindy Feyerisen
Jill Flint
Jesse Gladis
Katie Jurgensen
Julie Kirby
Justin Mashlan
Ashley Matzke
Chad Nelson
Jonathan Peters
Kory Scholten
Tara Scholten
Tracy South
Michelle Sternwedel
Lanette Thompson

15 Years

Shelly Berg
Kevin Brick
Scott Carlson
Mary Erickson
Christina Feenstra
Amy Frantzen
Chad Garrow
Cheryl Hartog
Jami Ray
Troy Sturgeon
Diann Terpstra
Dian Versteeg

20 Years

Dave Hanson
Rosetta Helseth
Jill Nuebel
Tammy Osheim
Mark Stadem
Brad Thorson

25 Years

Todd Geerdes
Alan Hogie

30 Years

Deb Rothenberger
Deb Swanson
Patsy Terveer

35 Years

Gerald Schettler

Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Brandon Valley School District

Thursday, January 30, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Brandon Elementary School

501 Holly Blvd.

Brandon, South Dakota

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

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

*If your child is eligible for Kindergarten in the fall, Kindergarten Screening will be
held March 10-13. Please contact your school office for those appointments.*

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

2013-2014

Mon., Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day-No School
Mon., Feb 10	Conference-MS
Tues., Feb 11	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri., Feb 14	No School
Mon., Feb 17	President's Day-No School
Thurs., March 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri., March 14	Teacher Inservice-No School
Fri., March 21	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri. - Mon., April 18 & 21	Spring Break-No School
Sun., May 18	Graduation
Fri, May 23	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CALENDAR

January

- 13 – FAFSA Information Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 22 – Class "B" Region One Act Play Contest @ 9:00am
- 23, 30 – Class "A" Region One Act Play Contest @ 9:00am

February

- 4 – BVHS One Act Play Public Performance @ 7:00pm
- 5 – "Willy Wonka" Audition Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 6, 7, 8 – SDHSAA One Act Play Festival
- 10, 11 – Brandon Valley Musical, "Willy Wonka" Auditions @ 1:30pm
- 12 – Brandon Valley Musical, "Willy Wonka" Auditions @ 3:30pm
- 27 – BVHS Red, Black & Symphonic Bands' Concert @ 7:30pm

March

- 4 – Brandon Elem. 1st Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 5 – Middle School Music Festival @ 8:00am – 3:30pm
- 6 – Robert Bennis 1st Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 10 – BVHS Jazz Bands' Concert @ 7:30pm
- 17 – Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 18 – Fred Assam & Valley Springs 1st Grade Concert @ 7:00pm

April

- 3, 4, 5 – Brandon Valley Musical, "Willy Wonka" @ 7:00pm
- 6 – Brandon Valley Musical, "Willy Wonka" @ 1:00pm
- 9 – Region Large Group Instrumental Contest
- 10 – Fred Assam & Valley Springs 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 15 – Brandon Elem. 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 25 – Fine Arts Boosters' Variety Show @ 7:00pm
- 26 – Alliance Communications' Annual Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 26 – Band Turkey Supper @ 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 28 – 7th & 8th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm

May

- 1 – Robt. Bennis 5th Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
- 4 – Sioux Falls Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert @ 3:00pm
- 5 – BVHS Chorus Concert @ 7:30pm
- 6 – 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert @ 7:45pm
- 8 – BVHS Bands' (Symphonic, Red, Black) Concerts @ 7:30pm
- 12 – BV Middle & High School Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm
- 13 – District Elementary Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
District Elementary Band Concert @ 7:45pm
- 14 – BVHS Baccalaureate @ 7:00pm
- 15 – 7/8th Grade Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 31 – Allison's Dance Academy Recitals @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm

June

- 28 – Marv's Appreciation Gospel Concert @ 1:00pm

Brandon Valley Spring Musical "Willy Wonka"

Brandon Valley Schools and musical director Mr. Kevin Brick are happy to announce that "Willy Wonka" will be presented on April 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2014.

It is the stage musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". All the memorable music, moments and characters are in this production (yes, there are all kinds of Oompa-Loompas!) This production will include cast members of all grade levels from Pre-K to Grade 12.

Audition Dates: February 10: 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the high school
February 11: 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the high school

February 12 at the high school.
All who audition will be asked to sing a short vocal solo.

Elementary students will audition separately on February 10.
Middle and High School students will also have a simple dance audition.

As always, all questions can be directed to Kevin Brick at 582-8235 or kevin.brick@k12.sd.us.

2014-2015 School Calendar

July 2014						
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December 2014						
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March 2015						
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April 2015						
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May 2015						
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June 2015						
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 NO SCHOOL
 NEW STAFF INSERVICE
 INSERVICE/WORKSHOP
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
 FIRST AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 COMPENSATORY DAY

	END OF QUARTER
17	GRADUATION
	FIRST QUARTER-
	SECOND QUARTER-
	THIRD QUARTER-
	FOURTH QUARTER-
	TOTAL

☐ Snow Days-
(No School if Unused)

FIRST QUARTER-	43 DAYS
SECOND QUARTER-	42 DAYS
THIRD QUARTER-	45 DAYS
FOURTH QUARTER-	44 DAYS
TOTAL	<u>174</u> DAYS

Tues., Aug 12	New Staff Inservice	Mon., Jan 5	Workshop-No School
Wed., Aug 13	Workshop-Extra Paid Day	Mon., Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day-No School
Thurs., Aug 14	Inservice-Extra Paid Day	Mon., Feb 9	Conference-MS
Fri., Aug 15	Inservice	Tues., Feb 10	Conference-Elementary/HS
Tues., Aug 19	First Day of School	Fri., Feb 13	Comp Day-No School
Mon., Sept 1	Labor Day - No School	Mon., Feb 16	President's Day-No School
Mon., Oct 6	Conference-Elementary/HS	Fri., March 12	End of Third Quarter
Tues., Oct 7	Conference-MS	Fri., March 13	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri., Oct 10	Inservice-No School	Thurs., March 19	Snow Day-No School if unused
Mon., Oct 13	Native American Day-No School/Comp Day	Fri., March 20	Inservice Day-No School (move to 19th if needed)
Tues., Oct 21	End of First Quarter	Fri. - Mon., April 3 & 6	Spring Break-No School
Tues., Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School	Sun., May 17	Graduation
Thurs.-Fri., Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving-No School	Wed., May 20	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter
Tues., Dec 23	End of Second Quarter	Thurs., May 21	Workshop
Tues. - Mon., Dec 24-Jan 5	Winter Break-No School	Mon., May 25	Memorial Day

Parent /Teacher Conference Comp Days	2	Oct 13 & Feb 13
Inservice	3	Aug 15, Oct 10 & Mar 20
Workshop	2	Jan 5 & May 21
Extra Inservice Day	1	Aug 14
Extra Work Day	1	Aug 13
TOTAL	9+174=	183

Geography Bee

Tugela Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in the world, is located in the Drakensberg Mountains on which continent? This question along with questions about places like the Guiana Highlands and the Pantanal, and cities like Maseru and Cherbourg were some of the geographic words heard at the annual BVMS Geography Bee!

On January 7th, nearly 800 middle school students competed in the preliminary Geography Bee by taking a 40 question test that covered U.S., historical, cultural, and world geography categories. That field of 800 was narrowed down to the top three representatives for each grade (top four for 8th grade) who then competed in the Final Round on January 13th.

The competition narrowed down to the final two for the Championship Round and ultimately 7th grader Caden Runia claimed the victory over 8th grader Tyson Newton.

Runia will now complete a 70 question test to see if his score qualifies for him to compete at the State Level Geography Bee where only a certain number of students are invited. The first-place winner from the state-level competition will advance to the National Geography Bee in Washington DC, which is scheduled for May 19-21, 2014.

After the local competition one parent commented, "There were some tough questions; it is amazing that kids know those answers." Runia is sure to face many more difficult questions, but he is ready for the challenge and excited about the opportunity. "I didn't expect to, but it was fun and I look forward to the next round," remarked Runia after winning the local Geography Bee.



Back Row- Noah Lloyd, Will Brown, Dylan Kirkeby, **Caden Runia**, Tyson Newton, and Ryan Backer
Front row: Garrett Lien, KJ Davis, Intisar Koch and Hannah Haggerty.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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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
Curriculum 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
District Transportation Fax Number	582-2827

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

EDUCATION.....A FAMILY AFFAIR

UP FRONT

The Brandon Valley UP FRONT depicts and discusses programs that are in progress in the Brandon Valley Schools and are of interest to all members of the community. Community suggestions and contributions to its content are invited. Email: Sharon.Madsen@k12.sd.us with suggestions.

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

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

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

