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## **BRANDON VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**JEAN BENDER  
PRESIDENT**

Jean is entering her sixth year serving on the Board of Education. Jean and her husband Michael, a commercial real estate broker, are the parents of Matthew who attends college, Mason 11th grade and Grace 8th grade.

In addition to her law practice, Jean has been volunteering in the school district for the past 15 years.

She will serve as the chair of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee and the Personnel Welfare Committee. She will also serve as a member of the Safety Committee. Her term will continue through June of 2012.



**JAY RASMUSSEN  
VICE PRESIDENT**

Jay Rasmussen is entering his fourth year serving on the Board of Education.

Jay and his wife Allison are the parents of Grant - BVHS 11th grade, Lance - BVMS 8th grade, & Ethan - RBE 5th grade. He is currently a project manager and partner at Sioux Falls Construction Company.

He is involved in many worthy community organizations including: Junior Achievement, Classroom volunteer at BVMS & RBE, and Brandon Community Foundation Charter Member to name a few.

He will serve as chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He will also serve as a member on the Transportation Committee and the City Affairs & Legislation Committee. His term will continue through June of 2013.



**SUE HEGLAND  
MEMBER**

Sue Hegland has lived in Brandon for ten years with her husband Luther and their three children: Michael is a 2011 BVHS graduate and will attend SDSU this fall, Shannon will be a BVHS tenth grader, and Jacob will be a BVMS eighth grader. Luther (Mike), a graduate of Brandon Valley, is a physician specializing in addiction medicine.

Sue has served as committee chair and volunteers for the PTA, and has volunteered in elementary and middle school classrooms. At the high school, she is on the Parent Advisory Committee and is a parent representative on the School Improvement Team. She is an active member of Brandon Lutheran Church, and has been a Girl Scout leader, Destination Imagination team manager and assistant Robotics Team coach.

She has taken time off from paid work to be home with her children and to contribute to the community through volunteer work. Her desire to understand why children struggle with reading and spelling, and how to help them, has led her to obtain training and certification to identify children with dyslexia.

She will serve as a member of Alternative Education Committee, Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee, Personnel Welfare Committee, Curriculum & Technology Committee. Her term will continue through June of 2014.



**GREGG ODE  
MEMBER**

Gregg Ode has spent his entire life in Minnehaha County. Gregg and Jane are the parents of two children, Alex graduated from BVHS in 2005 and from SDSU in 2010 and Elisabeth is attending SDSU.

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

He will serve as chair of the Transportation Committee and the Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee. He will also serve as a member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. His term will continue through June of 2012.



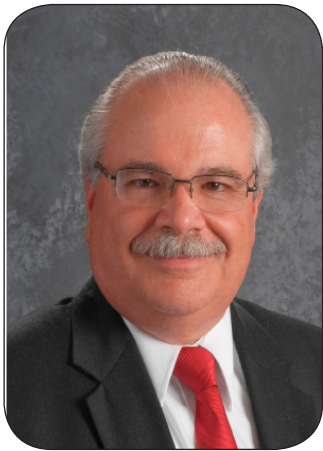
**RENEE ULLOM  
MEMBER**

Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District for 19 years. Renee and her husband, Ron, an electronic technician with Claritus, have two daughters; Haley a 11th grader and Emily a 8th grader at BVMS.

Renee is an RN, PA-C at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. She is actively involved with the Brandon/Valley Springs/Garretson Girl Scout Region, the BVMS PTSO Teacher Appreciation Committee and a supporter of the BVHS Marching Lynx.

She will serve as chair of the Safety Committee, Curriculum & Technology Committee. and Alternative Education Committee. Her term will continue through June of 2013.

# ADMINISTRATION CENTER PERSONNEL



**David Pappone**  
**Superintendent**

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

district's students.

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

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

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



**Sharon Madsen**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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



**Todd Williams**  
**Operations Manager**

Todd Williams 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 food service.



**Paul Lundberg**  
**District Business Manager**

Paul Lundberg is serving his 21st 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 Mgr.**

Jim Schobert is beginning his 13th year in the Brandon Valley Business Office under the direction of Mr. Lundberg. Jim is in charge of accounts payable, purchasing, trust and agency accounting, and other duties relative to district bills and claims.



**Merry Bauer**  
**Business Office Secretary**

Merry Bauer begins her 13th year with the district and seventh year as business office secretary. She works with the business manager and operations manager in all areas of the business office including payroll, purchasing, and district correspondence.



**Mary Jo Button**  
**District Print Shop**

Mary Jo Button is Brandon Valley's print shop operator. She receives and processes copier requests from throughout the district, including materials for classroom tests and daily assignments, letters and reports for administration and faculty, and activity programs and flyers. Mary's friendly smile will welcome students and staff for another exciting year at Brandon Valley.





## Brandon Valley Lynx vs O'Gorman August 27, 2011

The Brandon Valley High School Booster Club will be hosting the Eleventh Annual Brandon Valley Pigskin Classic on Saturday, August 27, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

This year, Brandon Valley vs Harrisburg for Varsity Volleyball-in the afternoon.

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

## "NEW" TEACHERS JOIN STAFF 2011-2012

Jessica Beilke ..... District ELL  
Dan Canfield ..... BVHS English  
Jeri Keenan-Cattnach ..... Speech/Language  
Nick Massmann ..... BVHS Special Education  
Jenna Oorlog ..... BVMS Science  
Megan Osheim ..... FAE Grade 1  
Julie Palmund ..... BE-Title I  
JoAnn Presler ..... FAE-Title I  
Taya Sandro ..... BVHS-English  
Lindsey Schubert ..... FAE Auditory/Oral  
Brittany Sirovy ..... FAE Title I/Special Education  
Chelsea VanLeur ..... FAE Grade 3  
Melinda Winter ..... BVHS Sign Language  
Mitchell Zerr ..... BVMS-History/Reading

## "NEW" CLASSIFIED STAFF 2011-2012

Dacia Boehrs ..... BVHS Special Education EA  
Stacey Bruce ..... RBE-Education Asst  
Nicole Durflinger ..... BE Special Education EA  
Michael Langner ..... District Groundskeeper  
Kara McFadden ..... BE-Special Education EA  
Amanda Nielsen ..... BVHS-Special Education EA  
Spencer Wrightsman ..... FAE Special Education EA

## 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, 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.**



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

Y.E.S.  
After School Program  
Available at BE, RBE & FAE  
Elementaries  
Contact Y.E.S. @ 338-8061  
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# FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5

## FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY STAFF

### Susan Foster Principal



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

The school day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students walking or being dropped off at school should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:45 a.m. unless utilizing the school breakfast program. We are excited to have an all day - every day kindergarten housed at Fred Assam Elementary this year as well as half-day Jr. Kindergarten program.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work with the parents, students, and staff of this beautiful school and exceptional school district. Fred Assam Elementary is one of South Dakota's Distinguished Schools. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 582-1500 or e-mail me at [Susan.Foster@k12.sd.us](mailto: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 welcoming students and staff to the school year at Fred Assam Elementary.

### Susan Foster.....Principal

Jessica Beilke.....	District ELL
Erin Bisbee .....	Grade 3
Adam Bobzien.....	Grade 1
Molly Calkins.....	Speech
Amy DeNomme.....	Librarian
Tina Feenstra.....	Kindergarten
Randy Gibbons.....	Art
Paula Gordon .....	PE
Gingi Hanson .....	Vocal Music
Margie Hanson.....	Nurse
Ellyn Hays.....	Speech
Del Hubers .....	Band
Jessica Hunsaid.....	Grade 3
Deb Jones .....	Grade 3
Karen Kluin .....	Reading Specialist
Dawn Leenderts.....	Special Education
Missy Livingston.....	Grade 2
Patti Nelson .....	Orchestra
Jill Nuebel.....	Kindergarten
Erin O'Neill.....	Auditory Oral
Megan Osheim.....	Grade 1
Jon Peters .....	Grade 5
JoAnn Presler.....	Title I
Julie Reid.....	Computer
Peggy Reiter .....	Grade 4
Michelle Rist .....	Kindergarten
Elizabeth Rus .....	Counselor
Tara Scholten.....	Grade 4
Lindsey Schubert.....	Auditory Oral
Brittany Sirovy .....	SpEd/Title I
Shari Sunne .....	Grade 2
Sarah Tiffany .....	Title I
Chelsea VanLeur .....	Grade 3
Brenda Waterbury .....	Gifted Ed
Daniel Woodlee.....	Grade 5



# BRANDON ELEMENTARY

## GRADES Jr. Kdg-5



### BRANDON ELEMENTARY STAFF



**Merle Horst**  
Principal

Welcome Back! There is excitement in the air as we prepare for the first day of school. As the students enter the building they will see a new commons area. We are also looking forward to having two serving lines for lunch, which will improve

the wait time for students being served their lunch. We invite parents to come and have lunch with their child and experience the new facility.

I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and welcome new students and families to the BE community. We will begin the day at 8:10 a.m. each day and end at 3:00 p.m. The AM Kindergarten students attend each day from 8:10 to 11:05 and PM students attend each day from 12:05 to 3:00.

**Sandy Cummings**  
Secretary



Sandy is excited to welcome the new staff and students to Brandon Elementary. She is anxious to start another fantastic school year at BE. Sandy is in charge of attendance, taking care of student records, printing report cards and assisting Mr. Horst and the staff with various duties.

Sandy is beginning her 20th year in the district and is proud to say, Brandon Elementary is a great place to B.E.

#### Merle Horst..... Principal

Jill Austin.....	Grade 3
Ann Beesley.....	Grade 2
Jessica Beilke.....	District ELL
Ashley Bosch.....	Grade 1
Amy DeNomme.....	Library
Jeff Duncanson.....	P.E.
Pam Eitrem.....	Grade 4
Bill Freking.....	Grade 2
Julie Forbes.....	Title I
Scott Giles.....	Grade 4
Jesse Gladis.....	Grade 2
Kim House.....	Grade 1
Del Hubers.....	Band
Teri Huska.....	Kindergarten
Nicole Jellema.....	Grade 5
Andy Johnson.....	Grade 3
Marisa Kaffar.....	Grade JrK
Abby Klumper.....	Grade 5
Vicki Kolb.....	Counselor
Brent Kramer.....	Grade 3
Merissa Kringen.....	Grade 1
Kim Kueter.....	Grade 2
Mary Lee.....	Art
Jeanne Lens.....	Grade 1
Justin Mashlan.....	Grade 5
Ashley Matzke.....	Grade 4
Randy Megard.....	Adaptive PE/Grade 1-Physical Education
Heidi Meier.....	Grade 1
Matt Mueller.....	Grade 4
Patti Nelson.....	Orchestra
Susan Norberg.....	Vocal Music
Tanya Palmer.....	Reading Specialist
Julie Palmlund.....	Title I
Julie Reid.....	Computer
Cheryl Roos.....	Grade 2
Beth Schaffer.....	Kindergarten
Nick Stroh.....	Grade 5
Jennifer VanDyke.....	Grade 1
Brenda Waterbury.....	Gifted Education
Kyle Babb & Matt Reese.....	Psychologists
Teresa Brandsrud, Pam Hedman, & Jami Ray.....	Speech
Renae Peyton.....	Nurse
Lisa Johnson.....	Early Childhood Coordinator
Julie Jacobson/Allison Rasmussen/Kris Sellers.....	ECH
Robin Nipp, Sara Stone, & Kathy Woodard.....	Resource Room

We do ask that all visitors register in the office upon entering the building.



# ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY GRADES Jr. Kdg-5



**Karen Heyden**  
Principal

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

A reminder: the school day for the elementary students begins at 8:10

a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students walking or being dropped off at school should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:55 a.m. unless utilizing the school breakfast program. Our AM kindergarten students attend each day from 8:10 to 11:05. The PM junior kindergarten and kindergarten students attend each day from 12:05 to 3:00.

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

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

**Terri Whipkey**  
Secretary at RBE



Terri Whipkey is secretary to the principal. Her duties include taking care of daily attendance, report cards, student records updating and assisting the principal and staff with general office duties. Terri looks forward to welcoming students and staff back for another great school year at Robert Bennis Elementary.



## ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY STAFF

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

Laurie Adams.....	Grade 2
Phillip Andela .....	Grade 1
Terri Bastain .....	SpEd
Tina Beck .....	SpEd Education Assistant
Larry Beesley .....	Grade 3
Amy Behrens .....	Education Assistant
Marcel Boscaljon .....	Kindergarten
Stacey Bruce.....	Education Assistant
Aaron Carroll.....	Grade 1
Scott Carroll.....	Grade 3
Kerri Christensen.....	SpEd Education Assistant
Stacy DeBoer .....	Grade 2
Chris Dieters .....	Education Assistant
Sue Dekker .....	Grade 1
Amy DeNomme.....	Librarian
Jeff Fode .....	Music
Randy Gibbons.....	Art
Kristin Hofkamp .....	Grade 1
Del Hubers .....	Band
Marisa Kaffar.....	Grade JrK & Kindergarten
Karen Kluin .....	Reading Specialist
Michelle Lubinus.....	Grade 5
Coty McGuire .....	Grade 3
Heidi McNamara .....	SpEd Education Assistant
Tyson Metzger.....	Grade 5
Jacki Myers.....	Speech
Patti Nelson .....	Orchestra
Lorraine Osheim.....	Grade 5
Tammy Osheim .....	Counselor
Anne Peters .....	SpEd
Jill Pederson .....	Grade 4
Joan Pederson .....	Education Assistant
Chuck Plummer.....	PE
Andrea Pudwill .....	Grade 3
Julie Reid.....	Computer
Kory Scholten.....	Grade 4
Tim Sylliaasen.....	Grade 4
Billie Taylor .....	Grade 2
Judy Tschetter .....	Education Assistant
Connie VanDenOever.....	Kindergarten
Brenda Waterbury .....	Gifted
Sandra Westcott.....	Grade 2

**The MeLissa Garrow is the School Nurse at Robert Bennis Elementary there is a direct line for your convenience: 582-8015. .**

# VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5



**Kristi Nelson**  
Principal

Mrs. Nelson welcomes all new and returning students to Valley Springs Elementary School. This will be her first year as principal. She welcomes all parents to visit their child's classroom and eat lunch at school. Visitors need to register in the Principal's Office upon entering the building. As a reminder, school begins at 8:10 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Students should not arrive on campus before 7:45 a.m. each morning. Parents are asked to review the district Student Handbook with their children. We challenge each student to maximize their learning experience by setting goals, working hard and displaying good citizenship.

Please contact the Valley Springs office with any questions: 757-6285 or 582-2948.

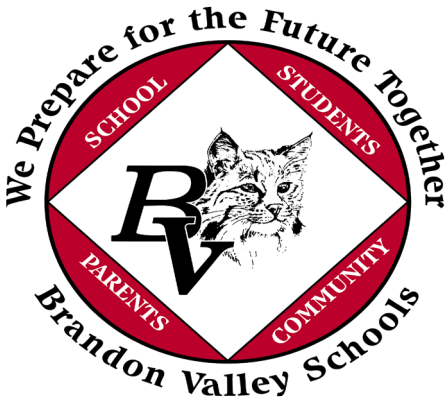
**Lanette Thompson**  
Secretary

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



## VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY STAFF

<b>Kristi Nelson</b>	<b>Principal</b>
Amy DeNomme	Librarian
Amber Ernste	Kindergarten
Paula Gordon	PE
Gingi Hanson	Music
Vicki Jelsma	Grade 4
Jeri Keenan-Cattnach	Speech
Kevin Kessler	Band
Mary Lee	Art
Wanda Logan	Grade 2
Diane Mork	Physical Therapy
Amy Mutschelknaus	Occupational Therapy
Patti Nelson	Orchestra
Tonya Palmer	Reading Specialist
Annette Peterson	Resource
Roxie Rauk	Title I
Matt Reese	Psychologist
Julie Reid	Computer
Elizabeth Rus	Counselor
Lindsey Smith	Grade 4
Tonya Smith	Grade 3
Jennifer Strand	Grade 5
Megan VanderHaar	Grade 1



# BRANDON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Dan Pansch**  
Principal

Mr. Pansch welcomes all new and returning students to Brandon Valley Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year. This is an exciting time as students from our four elementary schools are combined with new students. A reminder to you that middle school classes start at 8:10

a.m. and dismiss at 3:18 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to review the student handbook (located on the district website). Please contact Mr. Pansch at 582-3214 or e-mail at [Dan.Pansch@k12.sd.us](mailto:Dan.Pansch@k12.sd.us) with any questions.



**Randal Hill**  
Assistant Principal

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

He encourages students to make the most of their school years by getting involved with BVMS student academics and activities. He looks forward to working with students, faculty and parents in the 2011-12

school year. Please contact Mr. Hill at 582-3214 or [Randy.Hill@k12.sd.us](mailto:Randy.Hill@k12.sd.us) with any questions.



**Nancy Brown**  
Secretary

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

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

Nancy looks forward to meeting the new sixth grade students and seeing the other students and staff again.



**Ralynn Whitelock**  
Secretary

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

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

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

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



# Middle School Faculty

**Dan Pansch**..... **Principal**  
**Randy Hill** ..... **Asst. Principal**  
David Anderson.....Industrial Technology  
Laura Baker ..... 6-7 Band  
Sara Bauld ..... Special Education  
Shelly Berg ..... General Music/Orchestra  
Jason Bisbee.....History  
Jan Bork ..... Librarian  
Dylan Briest ..... Special Education  
Suzanne Carroll ..... Physical Education  
Brent Deckert..... Physical Education  
Mary Erickson..... Geography  
Stacia Ericsson ..... Science/Spelling  
Cindy Feyereisen..... English/Reading  
Jeff Fode..... General Music  
Roxie Geerdes ..... Reading  
Todd Geerdes .....Computer  
Mary Gile.....Computer/Reading  
Tammy Grieve ..... Reading/Spelling  
Terry Gullickson ..... Choir  
David Hagen .....Science/Physical Education  
Paula Hahn .....Study Skills, Foreign Language, & English  
Jennifer Hart..... Science/Counselor  
Craig Holbeck..... Science/Counselor  
Donna Juffer-Williams.....Science

Daniel Klumper ..... Social Studies/Spelling  
Kim Krueger.....Health/Life Skills  
Jeff Lockner ..... English/Reading  
Jesse Miller .....8th Band  
Becky Mohr.....Reading Specialist  
John Mulhair ..... English/Reading  
Ed Murtha.....Math  
Kendra Namanny..... Math/Spelling  
Craig Nelson ..... Social Studies/Spelling  
Brady Olson ..... Geography  
Jenna Oorlog ..... Science  
Molly Ring..... Math/Spelling  
Val Sayed ..... Adolescent Skills/English  
Cynthia Schilf..... English/Reading  
Martha Sewell ..... Art  
Nick Skibsted .....Math  
Tracy South ..... English/Reading  
Wendy Sports ..... Special Education  
Troy Sturgeon .....English/Spelling  
Jennifer Ter Wee .....Art/Reading  
Ty Tietjen .....Math  
Brenda Waterbury ..... District Gifted Ed  
Elaine Zell..... Science/Math  
Mitchell Zerr.....Social Studies/Reading

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

Brandon Valley School District, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, is looking for volunteers to mentor our elementary and middle school students. Mentors and students meet at school for one hour per week and enjoy a variety of activities, such as playing board games, reading books, shooting hoops or simply eating lunch and talking. Many mentors choose to volunteer over the lunch hour. What does it take to be a great mentor? We are looking for flexibility, understanding, open mindedness, empathy, a desire to give back to the community, and a love of kids. It's a small time commitment that can make a lifetime of difference! To learn more, visit [www.lsssd.org](http://www.lsssd.org), or contact any school counselor or Lutheran Social Services at 221-2403 or [mentoring@lsssd.org](mailto:mentoring@lsssd.org).

## STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

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

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



## CROSSWALK USE

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

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

# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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



## Dr. Gregg Talcott

### Principal

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

## ATTENDANCE

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

## HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

## HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks, pens, pencils and calculators.

## Brad Thorson

### Assistant Principal

Mr. Thorson begins his twelfth year as high school assistant principal after having previously taught and coached six years at BVHS. 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 [Brad.Thorson@k12.sd.us](mailto:Brad.Thorson@k12.sd.us) or through the high school office at #582-3211.



## HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

**Dr. Gregg Talcott..... Principal**

**Brad Thorson .....Asst. Principal**

**Randy Marso..... ActivitiesDirector**

Kent Anderson ..... Social Studies

Lisa Atkinson ..... Science

Tammy Bailey ..... Math

Jessica Beilke.....District ELL

Shelly Berg ..... Orchestra

Steve Boint..... Science

Kevin Brick..... Senior Internship

Joli Bruggeman ..... Librarian

Dan Canfield .....English

Emily Carroll ..... Math

Matt Christensen .....English

Patrick Donelan..... Ind. Tech.

Carolyn Ebright ..... Social Studies

Kelly Eichelberg.....Sp Ed

Amy Frantzen.....Sp Ed

Chad Garrow..... Math

Gary Griesse ..... Voc.Ag.

Tom Grode..... Social Studies

Terry Gullickson.....Vocal Music

Allen Hogie ..... Math

Kathy Hunt ..... P.E.

Melissa Johnson ..... Computer

Katie Jurgensen .....Sp Ed

Kevin Kessler .....Band

Deb Kresak ..... English/Spanish

Leah Lockner .....Spanish

Justin Lovrein..... Science

Amy Lupkes .....Counselor

Lana Main.....Business

Nick Massmann.....Sp Ed

Randy Megard..... PE

Jesse Miller .....Band

Chad Nelson .....Art

Louisa Otto ..... Science

Derek Outland..... Social Studies

Dean Pierson ..... Science

Naome Poppe....Family Consumer Science

Kraig Presler ..... Math

Gina Reif .....English

Jeremy Risty ..... Social Studies

Deb Rothenberger .....

.....English/Journalism/Yearbook

Taya Sandro..... English

Mark Schlekeway..... Math

Martha Sewell ..... Art

Ann Sittig ..... English

Melanie Sittig ..... English

Mark Stadem .....Science

Michelle Stemwedel ..... Counselor

Diane Sturgeon ..... English

Deb Swanson.....English/German

Diann Terpstra .....Social Studies

Jeffrey Trout .....Science

Dian Versteeg ..... Computer

Bethany Waysman..... Spanish

Laura Welch..... SpEd

Melinda Winter...Amer. Sign Language

Dennis Wrede .....Speech/Math

Angie Wrightsman .....Novanet



# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



**Randy Marso**  
**Activities Director**

Mr. Marso begins his twenty-fifth year with the Brandon Valley School District and his 14th as Activities Director. He directs the scheduling of students activities and coordinates the recording of student information in order to comply with the South Dakota High School Activities Association requirements.

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



**Lynn Bartscher**

**Attendance Secretary**

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



**Pam Miller**

**Activities Secretary**

Pam Miller 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. Pam also supports the principals with tasks related to BVHS extra-curricular activities.

## **Athletic Physicals Required**

All students in grades 7-12 are required to have physicals to participate in inter-scholastic sports & marching band during the school year. Student physicals are to be conducted by the family physician every year unless serious injury requires an updated physical. The physician must complete the SDHSAA Physical Examination form available in the principal's office or online at [www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us). All forms must be completed and on file in the office before participation in any practice or games. Physicals for the 2011-2012 school year must have been taken after April 1, 2011.

**Jessica Henson**  
**Secretary**

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



## **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.



## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students and parents should refer to the 2011-12 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 the counselor to insure proper courses for graduation and college entrance.

## **GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT**

Winter: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Spring: Sunday, May 20, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. COMMENCEMENT



## Dr. Tanya Czepull

### District Curriculum Director

As the District Curriculum Director 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.

Dr. Czepull 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.

## Activity Tickets

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

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

## 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.



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

## HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for high school students may be purchased for a fee of \$75 per year. These passes can be ordered online at:

<http://brandonvalley.k12.sd.us>



## USE OF VEHICLES HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS

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

## DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

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

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

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



# Performing Arts Center 2011-2012

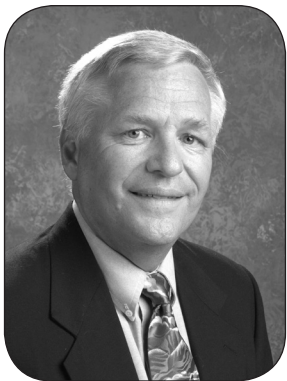


The 2011 - 2012 school year marks thirteenth year of operation for the Performing Arts Center and Community Education programs at Brandon Valley. From the outset, the mission of both of these entities has been to provide new outlets and opportunities for participation and growth. What was once the vision of only a few has become a reality for thousands of residents and visitors to Brandon Valley.

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

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

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



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## Kevin Brick

PAC Manager/Community Education Director

Kevin Brick is beginning his 13th year as the Performing Arts Center Manager and Community Education Director. Kevin is responsible for bookings and all the day to day operations of the PAC. As Community Ed. Director, he oversees the programs and course offerings, assists in scheduling, researching and evaluating all the program offerings. He is also responsible for all the out of school time facility scheduling for all the district buildings. In February, March and April, he will direct the Brandon Valley spring musical for the tenth year. He promises another "event-full" year ahead.

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES



Melissa Garrow  
RBE & VSE



Margie Hanson  
FAE & BVHS



Renae Peyton  
BE



Wendy Bunker  
BVMS

Welcome back to another school year! We look forward to seeing staff and students once again and encourage parents to call our office with any questions they may have on nursing services: Services we provide include periodic health screenings, first aid, dispensing of prescribed medications and wellness promotion. This is just a reminder to new students and their families that SD State Law requires an immunization certification from a licensed physician 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 on 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.
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As stated in the Student Handbook:

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

Thank you for helping keep all of our students safe!





## School Insurance Program

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

	Premiums	With Major Expense Benefit
<b>Full-Time Coverage (JrK - 12)</b> (with NO interscholastic sports coverage)	<b>\$99.00</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>
<b>Full-Time Coverage (7 - 12)</b> (with All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	<b>\$164.00</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>
<b>School-Time Coverage (JrK - 12)</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>School-Time Coverage (7 - 12)</b> (with All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	<b>\$81.00</b>	
<b>Football (9 - 12)</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	
<b>Extended Dental (JrK - 12)</b>	<b>\$ 9.00</b>	

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

## CHIP Insurance

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

### What services are covered for free by CHIP?

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

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

## Parent E-mail Address Request

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

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

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

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

## ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

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

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

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

# SCHOOL LUNCH

## Gay Anderson District Child Nutrition Director

Gay Anderson, Director of Child Nutrition Services, welcomes students and staff back for another exciting year at Brandon Valley. Gay is in her 9th year with us and is in charge of purchasing food and directing the operations of staff in the Child Nutrition Services which serves over 3400 meals each day.



The cost of meals for 2011-12 will be:

	Lunch	Breakfast
Grades 1-5:	<b>\$2.30</b>	<b>\$1.40</b>
Grades 6-12:	<b>\$2.60</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>
Adults:	<b>\$3.10</b>	<b>\$1.95</b>

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.

\* If a family's account balance reaches \$0 or less, the parent/guardian is notified in writing. 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 type "A" lunch.**

The first day for breakfast will be on Tuesday, August 23rd. Breakfast is served daily at 7:30 in the MS and HS levels and at 7:45 in each of the elementary buildings. HS and MS students are allowed to purchase breakfast items ala carte or by the meal and we would encourage you to visit with your students on the amount you will allow them to spend on daily basis to help manage their breakfast and lunch accounts. Payments may be made at any time in any of the schools. The money is applied to a family account. There are several options available in making payments such as through the school district web 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.**

### HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

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

### FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

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

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

## FREE/REDUCED LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM AVAILABLE

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

**All parents are encouraged to come and eat with their child(ren) during the noon hour. Please stop in and register at the office when you arrive. Parent meals are \$3.10.**

Free/Reduced applications are on the school websites.



### When eligible the Free Milk Program is available only to PM Kindergarten.

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

### Brandon Valley Nondiscrimination Policy

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

**Title VI, Title IX-----Supt. David Pappone  
Section 504 ----- Lyn Heidenson, Sp. Services  
ADA ----- Todd Williams, Operations Mgr.**

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

**OR**

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

# BRANDON VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Lyn Heidenson

Director of Special Services



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

## Carol Cook

Special Services Secretary

Carol Cook is starting her 15th year as secretary to the Director of Special Services. She helps the director provide support services for the special education and Title I programs. Carol hopes everyone has a great year!



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

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

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

## Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Early Childhood Developmental Screening (children birth to age five) is scheduled for September 15th, from 4:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and September 15th beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

## Title I Program

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

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



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

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



# East Dakota Educational Cooperative

**JOAN FREVIK**

**Director of East Dakota Educational Cooperative**



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

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

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

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## DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

The board will annually establish nominal fees for bus passes.

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

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

# BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-12

<u>BUDGET EXPENDITURES</u>			<u>BUDGET REVENUE</u>		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$27,062,500</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$27,245,500</b>
Instructional	\$10,616,500		Revenue from Local Sources	\$7,530,000	
Support Services	6,479,400		Revenue from County Sources	175,000	
Co-Curricular	589,100		Revenue from State Sources	9,260,000	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		<b>\$3,630,000</b>	Revenue from Federal Sources	307,000	
Instructional	\$546,800		Existing Cash Balance	413,000	
Support Services	2,765,700		<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		<b>\$3,670,000</b>
Co-Curricular	24,500		Revenue from Local Sources	\$3,670,000	
Debt Service	293,000		<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>\$3,655,000</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>\$3,655,000</b>	Revenue from Local Sources	\$1,841,000	
Instructional	\$2,984,800		Revenue from State Sources	1,281,000	
Support Services	555,200		Revenue from Federal Sources	533,000	
Non-Programmed Services	115,000		<b>PENSION</b>		<b>\$369,500</b>
<b>PENSION</b>		<b>\$226,500</b>	Revenue from Local Sources	\$369,500	
Instructional	\$73,300		<b>BOND REDEMPTION</b>		<b>\$1,866,000</b>
Support Services	34,600		Revenue from Local Sources	\$1,866,000	
Co-Curricular	3,600				
Non-programmed Services	115,000				
<b>BOND REDEMPTION</b>		<b>\$1,866,000</b>			

<u>BUDGET</u>			<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>			<u>GRADUATES</u>		
			<u>Year</u>	<u>K-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Total</u>		
1962-63	Actual	\$ 343,088	1963-64.....	705	261	966		
1963-64	Actual	\$ 383,452	1964-65.....	770	280	1050	May 1964	83 49
1964-65	Actual	\$ 443,236	1965-66.....	798	320	1118	May 1965	87 48
1965-66	Actual	\$ 523,259	1966-67.....	812	340	1152	May 1966	88 48
1966-67	Actual	\$ 568,535	1967-68.....	885	371	1256	May 1967	89 59
1967-68	Actual	\$ 730,728	1968-69.....	912	364	1276	May 1968	91 89
1968-69	Actual	\$ 935,597	1969-70.....	909	393	1302	May 1969	116 84
1969-70	Actual	\$ 992,811	1970-71.....	984	432	1416	May 1970	106 80
1970-71	Actual	\$1,119,756	1971-72.....	985	471	1456	May 1971	117 89
1971-72	Actual	\$1,072,151	1972-73.....	1005	503	1508	May 1972	128 84
1972-73	Actual	\$1,252,100	1973-74.....	1069	504	1573	May 1973	116 118
1973-74	Actual	\$1,393,755	1974-75.....	1041	526	1567	May 1974	157 110
1974-75	Actual	\$2,039,164	1975-76.....	1113	545	1658	May 1975	143 104
1975-76	Actual	\$1,830,131	1976-77.....	1129	586	1715	May 1976	154 110
1976-77	Actual	\$2,025,712	1977-78.....	1153	623	1776	May 1977	152 114
1977-78	Actual	\$2,554,066	1978-79.....	1144	617	1761	May 1978	158 144
1978-79	Actual	\$2,431,268	1979-80.....	1133	646	1779	May 1979	154 134
1979-80	Actual	\$2,993,615	1980-81.....	1144	594	1738	May 1980	133 173
1980-81	Actual	\$4,276,245	1981-82.....	1153	568	1721	May 1981	131 137
1981-82	Actual	\$3,504,411	1982-83.....	1152	550	1702	May 1982	147 152
1982-83	Actual	\$3,637,582	1983-84.....	1202	504	1706	May 1983	110 147
1983-84	Actual	\$4,056,126	1984-85.....	1244	545	1789	May 1984	142 122
1984-85	Actual	\$4,564,234	1985-86.....	1271	546	1817	May 1985	132 132
1985-86	Actual	\$4,874,386	1986-87.....	1307	538	1845	May 1986	132 154
1986-87	Actual	\$5,332,627	1987-88.....	1375	543	1918	May 1987	128 114
1987-88	Actual	\$5,688,574	1988-89.....	1420	541	1961	May 1988	142 142
1988-89	Actual	\$5,777,452	1989-90.....	1492	565	2057	May 1989	145 126
1989-90	Actual	\$6,256,459	1990-91.....	1526	572	2098	May 1990	158 156
1990-91	Actual	\$6,951,334	1991-92.....	1519	653	2172	May 1991	162 128
1991-92	Actual	\$7,025,159	1992-93.....	1534	646	2180	May 1992	162 138
1992-93	Actual	\$7,525,014	1993-94.....	1536	655	2191	May 1993	165 141
1993-94	Actual	\$8,705,260	1994-95.....	1575	664	2239	May 1994	177 154
1994-95	Actual	\$9,613,862	1995-96.....	1605	660	2265	May 1995	176 166
1995-96	Actual	\$10,255,362	1996-97.....	1596	697	2293	May 1996	202 156
1996-97	Actual	\$10,801,108	1997-98.....	1628	713	2341	May 1997	195 154
1997-98	Actual	\$11,775,685	1998-99.....	1703	750	2453	May 1998	197 154
1998-99	Actual	\$13,627,337	1999-00.....	1752	768	2520	May 1999	197 165
1999-00	Actual	\$14,223,108	2000-01.....	1783	773	2556	May 2000	201 181
2000-01	Actual	\$14,764,387	2001-02.....	1804	796	2600	May 2001	214 173
2001-02	Actual	\$15,294,331	2002-03.....	1838	794	2632	May 2002	186 192
2002-03	Actual	\$15,465,826	2003-04.....	1865	807	2672	May 2003	217 187
2003-04	Actual	\$16,351,621	2004-05.....	1950	831	2781	May 2004	173 181
2004-05	Actual	\$18,387,460	2005-06.....	2033	800	2833	May 2005	220 189
2005-06	Actual	\$19,201,216	2006-07.....	2103	872	2975	May 2006	248 179
2006-07	Actual	\$20,547,851	2007-08.....	2187	875	3062	May 2007	235 197
2007-08	Actual	\$22,261,004	2008-09.....	2200	895	3095	May 2008	235 206
2008-09	Actual	\$24,166,877	2009-10.....	2258	969	3227	May 2009	221 184
2009-10	Actual	\$26,134,444	2010-11.....	2311	986	3297	May 2010	266 221
2010-11	Actual	\$28,138,861	2011-12.....	2367	1005	3372	May 2011	253 189
2011-12	Budget	\$27,062,500						

# Interlakes Head Start

The Brandon Valley School District has entered into a collaborative agreement with Interlakes Head Start for the 2011-2012 school year. Eligible Head Start preschool children will be integrated into the district's current early childhood special education program located at Brandon Elementary. Parents interested in the program should contact Inter-Lakes Head Start, 334-2808.

## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

During the 2011-12 school year, students will be released on a shortened day schedule on the following dates: **October 3rd & 4th, February 13th & 14th for Conferences.**

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

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Business Manager .....	582-2058
Business Office Fax Number .....	582-7456
<b>BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOLS</b> (alphabetically)	
Fred <b>Assam</b> Elementary .....	582-1500
<b>FAE</b> Nurse .....	582-1502
Robert <b>Bennis</b> Elementary .....	582-8010
<b>RBE</b> Nurse .....	582-8015
<b>Brandon</b> Elementary .....	582-6315
<b>BE</b> Nurse .....	582-3642
<b>Brandon Valley High School</b> .....	582-3211
Brandon Valley HS <b>Activities Director</b> .....	582-2886
<b>Brandon Valley Middle School</b> .....	582-3214
<b>FAX</b> .....	582-7206
<b>Child Nutrition Director @ RBE</b> .....	582-3926
<b>Curriculum Director</b> .....	582-3211
<b>Operations Manager</b> .....	582-2058
<b>Special Services @ BE</b> .....	582-3446
<b>Superintendent</b> .....	582-2049
<b>Transportation Department</b> .....	582-3514
<b>FAX</b> .....	582-2827
<b>Valley Springs Elementary</b> .....	757-6285 or 582-2948
<b>FAX</b> .....	757-6795

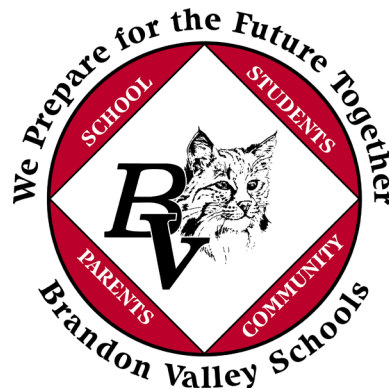
Do you have access to the internet? Try the Brandon Valley School District web page address:

<http://brandonvalleyschools.com>

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

The results for 2010-11 can be accessed at the district website: <http://brandonvalleyschools.com> under the "Student Achievement" tab.

A printed copy of the report can be seen at all school offices and the community library.



## BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon, Aug 22	First Day of School
Mon, Sept 5	Labor Day - No School
Mon, Oct 3	Conference MS
Tue, Oct 4	Conference Elementary/HS
Mon, Oct 10	Native American Day-No School
	Comp Day
Fri, Oct 21	End of first quarter
Fri, Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School
Thu & Fri, Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving-No School
Mon-Tue, Dec 26-Jan 2	Winter Break-No School
Mon, Jan 16	Martin Luther King-No School
	In-service/Workshop
Mon, Feb 13	Conference-Elementary/HS
Tue, Feb 14	Conference-MS
Fri, Feb 17	Comp Day
Mon, Feb 20	President's Day
Thu, Mar 8	End of Third Quarter
Fri, Mar 9	No School-Work Day
	In-service/Workshop
Fri & Mon, Apr 6 & 9	Spring Break
April 27 & Apr 30	Snow Days-No School if unused
Thu, May 17	Last Day of School
Fri, May 18	In-service/Workshop
<b>Sun, May 20</b>	<b>Graduation</b>



## 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. Additional copies are available upon request. Community suggestions and contributions to its contents are invited. Call Sharon Madsen at 582-2049.