



# BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57005

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# UP FRONT

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## Brandon Valley 2017 Teacher of the Year *Sarah Darling*

### Runners Up:

*Amy Frantzen*

*Scott Giles*

2017 Teacher of the Year candidates: (pictured left to right)  
Matt Mueller-BV Intermediate School, Smart Lab  
Kristin Hofkamp-Robert Bennis Elementary, 3rd Grade  
Amy Frantzen-BV High School, Special Education  
Sarah Darling-Brandon Elementary, 1st Grade  
Scott Giles-Brandon Elementary, 4th Grade  
Cynthia Schilf-BV Middle School, 8th Grade ELA & Reading  
Kim Skibsted-BV Middle School, 7th Grade ELA & Reading

Teacher of the Year photo by

Micah Bader/Brandon Valley Challenger

## 2017 Brandon Valley Retirees



Fran Eagle  
FAE  
Child Nutrition



Randy Gibbons  
RBE Art



Karen Heyden  
RBE Principal



Darla Kjelden  
RBE  
Child Nutrition



Linde McKay  
RBE  
Child Nutrition



Patti Nelson  
District 4th-6th  
Grade Orchestra



Chuck Plummer  
RBE PE

## Region II

## Teacher of the Year Jeremy Risty

Brandon Valley School District is pleased to announce that our **2016** Teacher of the Year, Jeremy Risty (HS History Teacher), was selected as the **Region II** Teacher of the Year! Jeremy is now a nominee for the **State** Teacher of the Year, who will be selected this summer.





## BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 CALENDAR

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

# **NEW STUDENT ONLINE ENROLLMENT**

If you have a new student starting in the Brandon Valley School District, following are instructions for using the "New Student Online Enrollment Portal".

*If you do **NOT** have children enrolled in the Brandon Valley School District:*

Visit our website at [www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com)

Click "New Student Online Enrollment" (located on right side of webpage)

From there, you will be instructed on how to proceed.

*If you have other children already enrolled in the Brandon Valley School District:*

Log onto your Family Access account at: [www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com)

*If you do not have a Family Access account, please call your school secretary or the BVSD Administration Center to set up an account.*

Click on the "Skyward" tab on the left side of the screen

From dropdown menu, select "Family Access"

Log into your account

Click on the "New Student Online Enrollment" tab on the left side.

From there, you will be instructed on how to proceed.

**NEW STUDENT ONLINE ENROLLMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOUR CHILD STARTS SCHOOL.**

Please contact Jennifer at the Brandon Valley School District Administration Center (605-582-2049) if you have any questions.

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Visit our district website to view information about each school in the district, school board policy, school board meeting agenda and minutes, our district calendar, and other useful information.



## *Outgoing Board of Education Member, Sue Hegland*

Sue Hegland has served two terms on the Brandon Valley Board of Education. Her three children and her husband are graduates of Brandon Valley High School, and she has appreciated the opportunity to be part of this exceptional district for the last six years.

Sue is passionate about literacy and she teaches and writes about the fact that our English spelling system is completely consistent, logical and meaningful. Spelling reveals deep and fascinating connections between words — connections in both structure and meaning. Uncovering those connections allows us to spell and read more easily and to understand what we read more deeply. If that seems doubtful to you, take a look at the informational website she is developing: <https://learningaboutspelling.com/>

Sue is trained in Structured Word Inquiry and the Orton-Gillingham approach. She serves on the board of directors and as chair of the education committee for the Upper Midwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

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## *Thank you, Sue!*

Sue Hegland has been a very valuable member of the BV Board of Education for six years. I have appreciated her input on all topics, but especially related to Curriculum and Technology. She is passionate about Dyslexia and Reading and I believe our district is in a better place having had her expertise on these topics. I wish Sue well in her future endeavors and hope that she continues to challenge the Brandon Valley School District to do what is best for our students! Thank you, Sue, for all you have done for the BV School District and the Board of Education. You will be missed.

Renee Ullom-Board of Education President

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Member Hegland over the last year. Sue is an incredible advocate for students and teachers. She has played a critical role in the development of our district's reading protocol. Her leadership and knowledge has had a tremendous impact on student outcomes within the Brandon Valley School District. Sue - Thank you for your time, effort, and servant leadership through your tenure as a Brandon Valley Board of Education member!

Dr. Jarod M. Larson, Superintendent