RENÉE ULOM
PRESIDENT

Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District for 24 years. Renee, an RN, PA-C and her husband, Ron, a Fire Life Safety Specialist are both employed at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. They have two daughters; Haley will be a senior and Emily will be a freshman, both at USD. Renee continues to support the BVHS Marching Lynx Band Program, the Fine Arts Boosters, enjoys helping backstage with the Musicals and was active for many years in the Brandon/Valley Springs/Garretson Girl Scouts.

She will serve as chair of the Alternative Education Committee and as a member of the Transportation and Child Nutrition and Wellness Committees. She is also the Board President of Teachwell Solutions, formerly known as East Dakota Educational Cooperative.

Her term will continue through June of 2019.

GREGG ODE
VICE PRESIDENT

Gregg Ode has spent his entire life living in the Brandon Valley School District. Gregg and his wife, Jane are the parents of two children, Alex graduated from BVHS in 2005 and from SDSU in 2010 and Elisabeth graduated from BVHS in 2010 and from SDSU in 2014. Gregg is currently involved, with his brother, in a dairy and grain farming operation.

He will serve as chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee and the Transportation Committee. He will also serve as a member of the Safety Committee. His term will continue through June of 2018.

SANDY KLATT
MEMBER

Sandy and her husband of 21 years, Kevin, have four children: Carter, a senior; Courtney, a junior; Caleb, a freshman; and Colten, a kindergartener at Brandon Elementary.

Sandy represents South Dakota’s large schools’ boards on the SDHSAA Board of Directors for a term through June of 2018. She is also Brandon Valley’s delegate to ASBSD. Sandy is a member of First Evangelical Free Church in Sioux Falls, where she has enjoyed ministry to children through Awana for 16 years.

She will serve as a Chair of the Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee and member of the City Affairs & Legislation and Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology Committees.

Her term continues through June of 2018.

SUE HEGLAND
MEMBER

Sue Hegland has lived in Brandon for sixteen years with her husband Luther and their three children. Shannon and Jacob are graduates of BVHS and are attending SDSU. Michael is a graduate of BVHS and SDSU and works as a mechanical engineer. Luther (Mike), is also a graduate of Brandon Valley.

Sue is a multisensory structured language tutor, trained in Structured Word Inquiry and the Orton-Gillingham approach. She also serves on the board of directors for the Upper Midwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Sue will serve as chair of the Personnel Welfare Committee and Student Activities, Curriculum and Technology Committee and she will be a member of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee and Alternative Education Committee.

Her term will continue through June of 2017.

CARY SCHROEDER
MEMBER

Cary Schroeder and his wife Jan have lived in Brandon for 17 years. They have three daughters who are all graduates of BVHS. Cary has been in the financial services industry for 30 years and is currently a financial advisor with U.S. Bancorp Investments.

Cary will serve as chair of the Personnel Welfare Committee and will be a member of the Buildings & Grounds and Safety Committees.

His term will continue through June of 2019.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th
Jarod Larson
Superintendent

Jarod Larson is beginning his first year as the Brandon Valley School District Superintendent. In previous experience, he has served students in the following capacities: district superintendent, 7-12 principal, activities director, classroom teacher, and coach. Additional information about Dr. Jarod Larson and his family can be found on the district website.

Dr. Larson strongly believes, building positive professional working relationships is critical to educational leadership. Utilizing a Strategic 100 Day Entrance Plan, he is committed to building relationships, gaining a fundamental working knowledge of the district, and receiving valuable patron insight.

Drawing upon past practice at Brandon Valley, we are planning for the on-going growth of the district. The district's Five Year Plan outlines future budget needs. Included within the Five Year Plan, a Facilities Plan establishes a planned progression for adding new facilities using a set of enrollment triggers that alert the district to the next need. These plans, when taken together, provide an orderly and proactive set of responses to growth. Copies of these plans are available in the Administration Center.

The creation of a District-wide Strategic Plan will be a major planning component of the next two years within the Brandon Valley School District. The development of a District-wide Strategic Plan engages groups of stakeholders within the school and community to: review our current mission, vision, and belief statements, discuss strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for growth, establish district goals, and create an action plan to meet goals. In the future, an established cycle of review, reflection, and consideration of the plan will be critical and an on-going part of our district’s strategic planning cycle.

The district has benefited from a long history of public support and trust. Dr. Larson is committed to continuing to earn that trust and support from the communities of the Brandon Valley School District.

Jennifer Swenson
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer is the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education. She handles correspondence and reports for the Superintendent and Board, assists in the compilation of district publications and state reports, and processes new student enrollments.

She has been with the district since 2013, and is starting her second year in the administration center.

Paul Lundberg
District Business Manager

Paul Lundberg is serving his 27th 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 Manager

Jim Schobert is beginning his 19th 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
Payroll & Benefits Specialist

Merry Bauer begins her 19th year with the district and 12th year in the business office.

She works with the business manager and operations manager in all areas of the business office including payroll & benefits, purchasing and district correspondence.

Ty Hentschel
Operations Manager

Ty Hentschel 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 child nutrition.
The Brandon Valley High School Booster Club will be hosting the Sixteenth Annual Brandon Valley Pigskin Classic on Saturday, August 27, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
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 and so much more. Mark your calendars and be ready for a full day of fun!

"NEW" TEACHERS JOIN STAFF
2016-2017

Blossom Buum  BE  3rd Grade
Jillian Irbeck  BE  1st Grade
Erin Lindner  BE  Kindergarten
Kimberly Moots  BE  Kindergarten
M. Brandon Rogers  BE  Kindergarten
Kristina Pappas  BE  4th Grade
Katherine Davidson  BE  Special Services
Dacia Boehms  District  Psychologist
Sonja Braucht  District  PE-Adapted/General
Geoffrey Place  Els/MS  Gifted Ed Teacher
Kali Rowe  HS  Social Science/German
Klaire Pearson  HS  English
Janna Kloth  HS/FAE  Art
Jeffery O’Connell  IS  Title I Math
Michael Putnam  IS  PE
Jodi Robertson  IS  Science-6th Grade
Mallory Jark  MS  Counselor
James Kerr  MS  Math-7th Grade
Jennifer Simmons  MS  ELA-8th Grade
Calvin Lipetzky  MS  Science-8th Grade
Amy Dulaney  MS  Band/Asst Marching Band
VSE/MS  Speech Language Pathologist
Jenna Storm  VSE  4th Grade

"NEW" CLASSIFIED STAFF
2016-2017

Morgan Javers  BE  SS EA
Taylor Delker  BE  SS SLPA
Priscilla Leslie  BE  SS EA
Crystal Reimers  District  CNS Manager in Training
Larry Bixby  District  Maintenance
Kris Jones  District  Tech. Coordinator-Asst.
Melinda Michels  District  SS ELL Asst.
Melissa Burggraaf  FAE  Custodian
Holly Driscoll  HS  CNS
Devon Melillo  HS  Marching Band-Asst. Coach
Jennifer DeBlieck  IS  CNS
Kaylee Anderson  IS  EA
Kaitlynne Beck  IS/RBE  SS EA
Carole Pierce  MS  CNS
Keren Shafer  VSE  SS EA

Y.E.S.
After School Program Available at
BE, RBE & FAE Elementary Schools,
& BV Intermediate School
Contact Y.E.S. @ 338-8061

ALL ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS
OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016
5:30—7:00 P.M.

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL TO UPDATE THE SCHOOL’S MAILING LIST.
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 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m. Drop-off/pick-up lane: this lane has stopping, moving up, and students entering/exiting vehicles; students enter/exit on curb side only; do not linger -- move to allow others to drop-off/pick-up behind you. DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended. Driving Lane: Continuous movement to parking lot; do not have students enter/exit vehicle; yield to allow vehicles leaving the drop off/pick-up lane. Parking lot: parents should park and walk over to/with students. Signs are posted for no parking areas, entrance and turning lanes. If all drivers would follow this procedure I believe traffic would flow much smoother. Thanks for your patience and cooperation!

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work with the parents, students, and staff of this beautiful school and exceptional school district. One powerful way to strengthen our community is by continuously improving the relationships between parents and schools. As we enter into the school year, I want to personally thank you for your time and encourage you to be an integral part of Fred Assam Elementary. Great things happen when everyone works together to create a stronger community and a learning environment that results in success. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact me at the elementary school 582-1500 or email me at susan.foster@k12.sd.us

Susan Foster
Principal

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.

FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY
GRADES K-4

FRED ASSAM ELEMENTARY STAFF

Susan Foster .................Principal
Debbie Arrowsmith ..........Secretary

Nicole Anderson-Gappa ...............Junior Kindergarten
Kim Becker ................................Kindergarten
Kate Bergstrom .....................Physical Education
Erin Bisbee ..........................Grade 1
Adam Bobzien .........................Grade 1
Megan Dieren .........................Grade 1
Tina Feenstra .........................Kindergarten
Stacie Fletcher ......................Interpreter
Jeff Ganschow .......................Grade 3
Mary Gile ................................Computer
Amy Glammel ......................Title I
Paula Gordon .......................Physical Education
Jessica Griebel ......................Speech
Krista Halseh .........................Speech
Sarah Harte ..........................Grade 4
Jessica Hunsaid ......................Grade 3
Deb Jones ..........................Grade 3
Jeri Keenan-Cattnach ..........Speech
Pamela Klenner .................District Elementary Librarian
Kyla Kroger .........................Grade 2
Dawn Leenderts ....................Special Education
Missy Livingston ..................Grade 2
Mandy Lodmel .......................Special Education
Christine Murtha ..........English Learner
Patti Nelson .........................Orchestra
Jill Nuebel ....................Kindergarten
Angie Olson .........................Grade 2
Klaire Pearson ......................Art
JoAnn Presler .......................Grade 2
Roxie Rauk .........................Title I
Peggy Reiter .........................Grade 4
Michelle Rist .....................Kindergarten
Elizabeth Rus ..................Counselor
Tara Scholten .......................Grade 4
Noel Sunne ..........................Grade 4
Jacque Terveer ....................Nurse
Jennifer Van Dyke ...........Reading Specialist
Lila Van Horn ................Behavior Specialist
Chelsea VanLeur ..................Grade 3
April Verburg ......................Music
Leah Williamson .................Kindergarten

OPEN HOUSE
Monday, August 22, 2016
5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Merle Horst
Principal

The staff at Brandon Elementary is looking forward to a busy school year. Education at Brandon Elementary is truly a team effort and we appreciate the involvement and interest of the parents.

I want to extend a "welcome back" to our returning students and welcome new students and families to the BE community. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 24th. As a reminder the school day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The Jr Kindergarten students attend from 8:10 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. or 12:05 to 3:00.

Brandon Elementary will be hosting an Open House on Monday, August 22 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. At that time all students and parents are welcome to come and visit the classroom your child has been assigned to, take care of lunch accounts, and meet your child's teacher. We will have 4th grade helpers on Open House evening and also on the first day of school to assist you in finding your child's classroom. The fourth grade helpers will be wearing Dr. Suess hats so that they can be identified. See you at our Open House.

Sandy Cummings
Administrative Assistant

Sandy is the secretary to Mr. Horst. She is in charge of attendance, the monthly newsletter, daily attendance and assisting Mr. Horst and the B.E. staff with general office duties. She considers it a privilege to work with students, parents and staff at Brandon Elementary.

Sandy looks forward to another great school year! Thanks to all that help make Brandon Elementary a great place to BE!
Karen Heyden
Principal

The staff at Robert Bennis would like to welcome all students to the first day of school on Wednesday, August 24, for an exciting and rewarding school year. I would encourage all parents to stop by ad visit at anytime throughout the year. The students love to share their experiences with you at school and are thrilled if you can eat with them. The staff and I believe in a positive climate that promotes student learning and we would love for you to be a part of that.

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 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m.

Robert Bennis will be hosting an open house on Monday, August 22 from 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. At that time all students and parents are welcome to come and visit the classroom your child has been assigned to, take care of lunch accounts, and meet your child’s teacher.

Terri Whipkey
Secretary

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.
Tanya Palmer
Principal

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are very excited to have you and your children as part of the Valley Springs Elementary Family! We are looking forward to working with you, as a partner in education, to create learning environments that result in success for your child. We are committed to providing your child with the quality education that he/she deserves. I am very privileged to work with the parents, students, and staff in the Brandon Valley School District. As always, our doors are open, and you are welcome to visit your child’s classroom and/or eat lunch at school. Visitors need to register in the Office upon entering the building.

As a reminder, school begins at 8:10 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m. and supervision on the playground begins at 7:45 a.m.

Parents are asked to review the Student Handbook (on our website) with their children and familiarize themselves with the district, attendance and discipline policies.

You are invited to come and meet your child’s teacher at our Open House on Monday, August 22nd from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 757-6285 or e-mail me at Tanya.Palmer@k12.sd.us.

Lanette Thompson
Secretary

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

GRADUES 5-6

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STAFF

Nick Skibsted ................. Principal
                       Ralynn Whitelock ............... Secretary
Jodi Ackerman ................. Grade 5 Music
Sarah Andera ................. Special Education
Molly Calkins ................. Speech
Aaron Carroll ................. Grade 5 ELA
Scott Carroll ................. Grade 5 Math
Corey Christensen ............ Grade 6 Social Studies
Justin Cook ................. Grade 6 Math
Jeff Fode ......................... Grade 5 Music
Marette Grage ................. Title I Reading
Tami Grieve ................. Grade 6 ELA
Jennifer Hart ................. Counselor
Del Hubers ..................... 5th Grade Band/6th Grade Chorus
Jacquee Jasinski ............ 6th Social Education
Lilian Keough ................. Title I Reading
Janna Kloth ................... Title I Math
Abigale Klumper ............. Grade 5 ELA
Sam Kruse ......................... Computer
Jeff Lockner ................. Grade 6 Social Studies
Michelle Lubinus ............ Grade 5 Social Studies
Chris Manitz ................. Special Education
Justin Mashian ............. Grade 5 Math
Tyson Metzger ................. Grade 5 Science
Lindsey Miller ................. Grade 5 Social Studies
Ardis Moeller ................. Nurse
Becky Mohr ................ Reading Specialist/District Assessment
Matt Mueller ................ SMART Lab & Gifted
Patti Nelson ................. Orchestra
Jeffery O’Connell ........ Physical Education
Jennifer Pechous ........ Special Education
Jonathan Peters ............. Grade 5 Math
Michael Putnam ........ Grade 6 Science
Jessie Rasmussen ........ Grade 5 ELA
Lisa Reinschmidt ........ Grade 6 ELA
Laura Schenck ................. Grade 6 Band
Sharon Schwebach ........ Grade 6 ELA
Gina Sershen ................ Grade 5 Science
Wendy Sports ................. Special Education
Jennifer Strand ................. Grade 5 Social Studies
Nick Stroh ......................... Grade 5 Science
Troy Sturgeon ................. Grade 6 Social Studies
Jennifer Terwee .......... Grades 5 & 6 Art
Jeremy VanHeel ........ Grade 6 Science
Rebecca Van Roekel ........ Grade 6 Math
April Verberg ................. Grade 5 Music
Stacey Wiese ................. Grade 6 Math
Kathy Woodard ................. Special Education
Michael Zerr ................. Grade 6 Science

Nick Skibsted
Principal

Mr. Skibsted and the staff would like to welcome all the students to the Brandon Valley Intermediate School for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Skibsted encourages students to be active learners, participate throughout the school year and challenge themselves every day.

A reminder to both students and parents that school begins at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the parent parking lot area. Parents and students are also encouraged to review the student handbook which is located on the district website. Please feel free to contact Mr. Skibsted at 582-6035 or email at Nick.Skibsted@k12.sd.us.

Intermediate School starts at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00

Ralynn Whitelock
Secretary

Ralynn is the secretary in the intermediate 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 Intermediate School.

Intermediate School Open House
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
5th Grade 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
6th Grade 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Brandon Valley
Middle School

Middle School Staff

Brad Thorson ............. Principal
Nancy Brown .............. Secretary

David Anderson ............ Industrial Technology
Shelly Berg ................ Orchestra
Jason Bisbee .............. History
Sonja Braucht ............. District Gifted Ed
Dylan Briest .............. SpEd
Wendy Bunker ............. Nurse
Suzanne Carroll .......... Physical Education
Brent Deckert ............. Physical Education
Amy Dulaney ............. Speech
Mary Erickson ............. Librarian
Stacia Ericsson .......... Science
Cindy Feyereisen .......... English/Reading
Roxie Geerdes .......... Reading
Todd Geerdes ............. Computer
Terry Gullickson .......... Choir
Paula Hahn ................. Foreign Language
Kelsey Hoff ............... Math
Mallory Jark ............. Math
James Kerr ............... English/Reading
Samuel Kruse .......... Computer
Calvin Lipetzky .......... Band
Christine Murtha ........ ELL
Dan Murtha .............. Geography
Mariah Nachreiner .... FACS/Health
Brady Olson .............. Geography
Kristal Perrine .......... SpEd
Molly Ring ............... Math
Amanda Ringling .......... Science
Jodi Robertson .......... Counselor
Cynthia Schilf .......... English/Reading
Martha Sewell .......... Art
Jennifer Simmons ......... Science
Kim Skibsted ............. Reading/English
Jennifer Smedsrud .... English/Reading
Tracy South ............. English/Reading
Stephanie Sparks .... SpEd
Sara Weber ............... English/Reading
Elaine Zell .............. Science
Mitchell Zerr ........ History/Reading

Middle School starts at 8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 3:10 p.m.

Brad Thorson
Principal

Mr. Thorson is beginning his twenty-third year in the Brandon Valley School District and his twenty-sixth overall year in education. On behalf of the entire staff, he would like to welcome all new and returning students to Brandon Valley Middle School. The administration and staff are excited about the upcoming year and we want to wish everyone the best of luck in the 2016-2017 school year.

A reminder to both students and parents that middle school classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the parent parking lot area which is on the east end of the school building. Parents and students are also encouraged to review the student handbook (located on the district website). Please feel free to contact Mr. Thorson at 582-3214 or email at brad.thorson@k12.sd.us.

Middle School Open House
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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 bus parking area.

Nancy Brown
Secretary

Nancy is happy to be starting her 25th year 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 seeing all the students and staff again.

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.
BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Gregg Talcott
Principal

Dr. Talcott begins his twentieth year at BVHS and his seventeenth as high school principal. He is responsible for the instruction program at the high school. He welcomes questions or comments at his email address Greg.Talcott@k12.sd.us or through the high school office at #582-3211.

Mark Schlekeway
Assistant Principal

Mr. Schlekeway begins his third year as high school assistant principal after having previously taught and coached ten years for Brandon Valley School District. 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 Mark.Schlekeway@k12.sd.us or through the high school office at #582-3211.

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iInvest-MacBook Air Laptops

The Brandon Valley High School staff has been having ongoing discussions about how we can move our school forward to better serve our students. As a staff, we feel that it is important to constantly be looking for ways to improve the educational experience for our students to help prepare them for their next step. Though we have been very successful in the past, based on certain indicators, it is key to the success of our future students that we continue to adapt, adjust, and innovate to meet the changing needs of our students in and out of the classroom. Based on this premise, the BVHS staff is excited to launch a learning initiative, iInvest, to begin with the 2016-2017 School Year. Learn more about the initiative at: https://gt001.k12.sd.us/iInvest%20Learning%20Initiative.htm

One component of the initiative is one-to-one, 24-7, computer access. Each student will be provided with a 13” MacBook Air laptop. Technology allows educators to provide effective formative learning opportunities and real time formative assessment. Students can be the curators of content for an audience or more than just a teacher. Technology is ubiquitous in lives of our students today and tomorrow. Technology can provide students voice and choice while allowing them to focus on relevancy and authenticity. Technology can allow students to control and regulate their learning. Students will be able to check out their new laptops on August 10, 11, 18. Information on the rollout days will be mailed to the home of each high school student.

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HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Gregg Talcott .................. Principal
Mark Schlekeway .................. Assistant Principal
Randy Marso .................. Activities Director

Kent Anderson .................. Social Studies
Tammy Bailey .................. Math
Lynn Bartscher .................. Secretary
Shelly Berg .................. Orchestra
Dacia Boehrns .................. PE
Steve Bojnt .................. Science
Chris Borchardt .................. Band
Kevin Brick .................. Senior Internship
Maggie Bryant .................. English/Journalism/Yearbook
Dan Canfield .................. English
Emily Carroll .................. Math
Matt Christensen .................. English
Rebecca Corlew .................. Science
Patrick Donelan .................. Ind. Tech.
Carolyn Ebright .................. Social Studies
Kelly Eichelberg .................. SpEd
Mary Erickson .................. Librarian
Lisa Fucello .................. Science
Amy Frantzen .................. SpEd
Chad Garrow .................. Math
Tom Grode .................. Social Studies
Terry Gullickson .................. Vocal Music
Brian Hardie .................. English
Allen Hogie .................. Math
Kathy Hunt .................. P.E.
Melissa Johnson .................. Computer
Katie Jurgensen .................. SpEd
Gina Koehn-Reif .................. English
Deb Kresak .................. English/Spanish
Kara Likness .................. Counselor
Leah Lockner .................. Spanish
Justin Lovrein .................. Science
Nick Massmann .................. SpEd
Devin Millilo .................. HS/MS Band
Katie Murgy .................. Counselor
Christine Murtha .................. District ELL
Chad Nelson .................. Art
Derek Outland .................. Social Studies
Klaire Pearson .................. Art
Geoffrey Place .................. Social Science/German
Naome Poppe .................. Family Consumer Science
Kraig Presler .................. Math
Jeremy Risty .................. Social Studies/PE
Kali Rowe .................. English
Martha Sewell .................. Art
Jacob Shoup .................. Math
Ann Sittig .................. English
Melanie Sittig .................. English
Mark Stadem .................. Science
Michelle Stemwedel .................. Counselor
Diane Sturgeon .................. English
Diann Terpstra .................. Social Studies
Jeffrey Trout .................. Science
Dian Versteeg .................. Computer
Bethany Waysman .................. Spanish
Natasha Wegner .................. Science
Christopher White .................. Math
Melinda Winter .................. Amer. Sign Language
Angie Wrightsman .................. Edgenuity
Maggie Youngberg .................. SpEd
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 secretary, Lynn Bartscher, at 623-2712.

High School Supplies
Notebooks, pens, pencils and calculators.
Randy Marso  
Activities Director  
Mr. Marso begins his thirtieth year with the Brandon Valley School District and his 19th 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 at 582-2886 or through email at Randy.Marso@k12.sd.us.

Jeanie Bruggeman  
Activities Secretary  
Jeanie Bruggeman 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. She 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 HS or MS principal's office or each Brandon Medical Clinic. All forms must be completed and on file in the office before participation in any practice or games. Physicals for the 2016-2017 school year must have been taken after April 1, 2016.

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.

Booster Sites  
Athletic: The Brandon Valley Athletic Booster Club has a website full of information on activities and all sports at www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/boosterclub/default.htm  
Fine Arts: The Brandon Valley Fine Arts Booster Club has a website on all fine arts disciplines at www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/finearts/default.htm  
Band: The Brandon Valley High School Band Booster Club has a website dedicated to band activities at www.bvband.com  

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.

Freshman Unity Day  
Wednesday, August 17  
2:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Becky Mohr  
District Assessment Coordinator  
Becky was a 6th grade teacher in the Brandon Valley School District for 28 years. She has been a part-time reading specialist in the Middle School for the past six years. She now splits her duties between reading specialist and District Assessment Coordinator.

This position has a variety of duties such as analyzing data from test scores and providing input on what professional development teachers may need as a result of the test scores, which all lead back to ensuring that all students get what they need to be successful.

Marge Stoterau  
As the District Director of Instruction 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.

Mrs. Stoterau 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.

Morgan Bobzien  
Instructional Technology Integrationist  
As the Instructional Technology Integrationist, Morgan’s responsibilities include developing and offering district wide instructional technology education for administration, staff, and students. She also assists in the development and implementation of curriculum and technology integration projects.

As the district continues to integrate more technology into the schools, Morgan plans to continue assisting the teachers in creating effective technology-infused, content-based lessons, and supporting the teachers as they implement the lessons in their classrooms.

Morgan, her husband Adam, and three children reside in Brandon. Adam is currently a first grade teacher at Fred Assam Elementary and the Strength and Conditioning Coach at the High School.

Morgan is excited to work with administration, staff, and students in the district to help promote the use of technology for the upcoming school year.

**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:

- Comprehensive Plan for Special Education
- IDEA-B Flow-Thru Funds Application
- Monitoring Compliance Review Report
Performing Arts Center 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 school year marks eighteenth 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.bradonvalley.k12.sd.us/bypac 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

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.bradonvalley.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!

Kevin Brick
PAC Manager/Community Education Director

Kevin Brick is beginning his 18th 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 thirteenth year. He promises another “event-full” year ahead.
Performing Arts Center
October-December 2016
Calendar of Events

October
1 - Miss South Dakota USA Pageant @ 8:00pm
2 - Miss South Dakota USA Pageant @ 4:00pm
17 - BVHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm
24 - BVHS Financial Aid Night @ 7:00 pm
25 - BVHS Marching Band Indoor Concert @ 7:30pm

November
10 - 6th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:00 pm
17-19 - BVHS presents “A Christmas Carol” @ 7:00 pm
20 - BVHS presents “A Christmas Carol” @ 1:00pm
21 - Fred Assam Elementary 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm

December
1 - Valley Springs Elementary 1st & 3rd Grade Concert @ 6:30pm
1 - Brandon Elementary 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:30 pm
6 - Middle School Chorus (7:00 pm) & Orchestra (7:30pm) Concert
8 - 5th Grade Band Concert @ 6:45pm
8 - 6th Grade Band Concert @ 7:30pm
12 - BVHS Bands’ Concert @ 7:30pm
13 - Middle School Band and Jazz Bands Concert @ 7:30pm
19 - BVHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert @ 7:30pm
20 - Robert Bennis Elementary 3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00pm
MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES

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 proof of up-to-date immunizations 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 under 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.

- 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” indicating they have adequate insurance when they complete their New Student Online Enrollment or Family Access Updates. Families may purchase the student accident insurance by returning the enrollment form and check to the school. The enrollment form may be printed from [http://www.sas-mn.com/k12/pdf/k12enroll/a1540en.pdf](http://www.sas-mn.com/k12/pdf/k12enroll/a1540en.pdf)

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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 Service

If you have any questions concerning the CHIP program, please call South Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-305-3064 or visit their web site at: [http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/verifyeligibility/](http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/verifyeligibility/)

**STAY CURRENT ON BVSD NEWS**

Brandon Valley School District provides many important communication tools to keep in touch with parents; including our district website ([www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com)) and building level websites.

The district newsletter (Up Front), and monthly building newsletters are also provided to keep our patrons informed of the events at Brandon Valley.

Family Access parent portal is available for those that wish to stay current on their child's grades, attendance and lunch accounts.

In order for parents to receive e-mail messages sent from the school district, please submit/update your e-mail address through Family Access. You will then be able to receive news flashes regarding late starts and early dismissals due to the weather, and up-to-date information on happenings at your child's school.

If you do not have a Family Access account, please contact your building secretary or the BVSD Administration Center. To set up your email address, go to the school district website: [www.brandonvalleyschools.com](http://www.brandonvalleyschools.com). Find the “Skyward” link, then the “Family Access” link. Make sure the “Log-in Area”, is set to “Family/Student Access” and enter your log-in and password in the appropriate fields. To add or update an e-mail address click on “My Account” located at the top right-hand side of the page. Verify or update all contact information and click on “Save”.

**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 Ty Hentschel, our designated coordinator.
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

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 14th year with the Brandon Valley School District and is in charge of purchasing food and directing the operations of staff in the Child Nutrition Services which serves over 3600 meals each day.

The cost of meals for 2016-17 will be:

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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.
- Email alerts are sent out and K-6 are given a green $ stamp. Should the account balance reach a minus $20.00, the student 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 regular lunch only.

Breakfast will be served the first day of school. Breakfast is served daily at 7:30 in the MS and HS levels and at 7:30 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 mall account available in the school office. There are several options available in making payments such as through the school district web mall 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.

Karen Smook
Child Nutrition Secretary

Karen is the secretary to the District’s Child Nutrition Director, Gay Anderson. She assists with product ordering, free/reduced food applications, and food allergy/special diet forms.

Karen looks forward to every day as a new and exciting challenge within the Food Service Department. She’s excited about another year of working with the staff and the district families.

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. All Free and Reduced applications will be completed online through your Family Access account. Computers are available in each school if you do not have access to one from home. The information on the application is confidential as directed by the National School Lunch Program. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year to 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 $3.50.

The Free Milk Program is available only to Junior Kindergarten if eligible.

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 to USDA, Director of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800)795-3272 (voice) or 202-475-4600 or TTY.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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. The forms are available in the school 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.

BRANDON VALLEY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

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. Jarod Larson
Section 504………………………………….. Kyle Babb, Sp. Services Dir.
ADA………………………………………………. Ty Hentschel, Operations Mgr.

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Kyle Babb
Director of Special Services

Mr. Babb will begin his first year as Director of Special Services for the Brandon Valley School District. Prior to his current role as Director of Special Services, Mr. Babb had completed sixteen years as a school psychologist for the district. Mr. Babb will be responsible for the administration of Special Education, Title I, Section 504, Homelessness, and the Title III programs. Mr. Babb is excited to start a new school year and welcomes all students and staff back for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Mr. Babb with any questions at (605) 582-3446 or email at kyle.babb@k12.sd.us

Amanda Henning
Special Services Secretary

Amanda Henning is entering her fourth year as secretary to the Director of Special Services. She helps the director provide support services for the special education department. She also provides support for Title I programs, Section 504, Homeless, and ELL

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.

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

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, Valley Springs Elementary, Fred Assam Elementary and Brandon Valley Intermediate School.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Early Childhood Developmental Screening (children birth to age five) is scheduled for September 29th 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 to have your child screened, please call Brandon Valley Special Services Office at 582-3446.
Brandon Valley School District

Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Thursday, September 29, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Screenings are held at:
Brandon Elementary School - 501 Holly Blvd

Screenings are free for all children from birth to age 5 who live in the Brandon Valley School District.

To register, please visit our website at www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/spec_serv or call the Brandon Valley Special Services Office at 582-3446 to schedule an appointment.
JOAN FREVIK  
Director of Teachwell Solutions

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

Teachwell Solutions is a non-profit, public educational entity providing auxiliary educational services to member districts through cooperative planning and/or action. Teachwell Solutions 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 Teachwell Solutions’ 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.

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.

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

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:

https://bv.revtrak.net/tek9.asp
# BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17

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FAMILY ACCESS UPDATES

You will receive an email reminding you to update student information in Family Access. You will receive more information on this process from your school via email or at the open house.

Computers will be available in all schools and the administration building for families to use throughout the school year. The Brandon Branch of the Siouxland Public Libraries (located at the Brandon Valley High School) also has computers to use if you have a library card (library cards are free for Brandon and Minnehaha County residents).

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

During the 2016-17 school year, students will be released on a shortened day schedule on the following dates:

Conferences: two hour early release
   November 3 & 7
   March 13 & 14

One hour early releases on:
   December 21
   April 13

Please check the school website for any changes. Please mark your calendar as a reminder.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

The results 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 the George G. Gulson Administration Center. School level results can be seen in individual buildings.

UP FRONT

The Brandon Valley UP FRONT depicts and discusses programs in the Brandon Valley Schools that are of interest to all members of the community. Community suggestions and contributions to its content are invited. Call Jennifer Swenson at 582-2049
### BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
#### 2016-2017

**Calendar**

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(ANY REMAINING SNOW DAYS WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR)