



## BRANDON VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION



**RENEE ULLOM**  
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.



**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.



**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.



**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**

# ADMINISTRATION CENTER PERSONNEL



**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.



Brandon Valley Lynx  
Vs

Washington Warriors

Saturday, August 27, 2016

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!

## 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, 1-605-773-4961.

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.

### Y.E.S.

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

## "NEW" TEACHERS JOIN STAFF 2016-2017

Blossom Buom	BE	3rd Grade
Jillian Irlbeck	BE	1st Grade
Erin Lindner	BE	Kindergarten
Kimberly Moots	BE	Kindergarten
M. Brandon Rogers	BE	4th Grade
Kristina Pappas	BE	Special Services
Katherine Davidson	District	Psychologist
Dacia Boehrns	District	PE-Adapted/General
Sonja Braucht	Els/MS	Gifted Ed Teacher
Geoffrey Place	HS	Social Science/German
Kali Rowe	HS	English
Klaire Pearson	HS/FAE	Art
Janna Kloth	IS	Title I Math
Jeffery O'Connell	IS	PE
Michael Putnam	IS	Science-6th Grade
Jodi Robertson	MS	Counselor
Mallory Jark	MS	Math-7th Grade
James Kerr	MS	ELA-8th Grade
Jennifer Simmons	MS	Science-8th Grade
Calvin Lipetzky	MS	Band/Asst Marching Band
Amy Dulaney	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 DeBlicke	IS	CNS
Kaylee Anderson	IS	EA
Kaitlynne Beck	IS/RBE	SS EA
Carole Pierce	MS	CNS
Keren Shafer	VSE	SS EA

## 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.

# 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 Glammeir ..... Title I
- Paula Gordon ..... Physical Education
- Jessica Griebel ..... Speech
- Krista Halseth ..... 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.**

**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](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.

# BRANDON ELEMENTARY

## GRADES K-4



### BRANDON ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Merle Horst ..... Principal**

Sandy Cummings.....Administrative Assistant

Ann Beesley .....Grade 2  
 Dacia Boehrns.....Adaptive Physical Ed  
 Teresa Brandsrud.....Speech  
 Sonja Braucht.....Gifted Education  
 Blossom Buom.....Grade 3  
 Sarah Darling .....Grade 1  
 Katherine Davidson .....Psychologist  
 Jeff Duncanson .....P.E.  
 Mary Erickson .....Librarian  
 Jill Flint.....Grade 3  
 Julie Forbes .....Title I  
 Matt Gappa.....Computer  
 Scott Giles .....Grade 4  
 Pam Hedman .....Speech  
 Jillian Irlbeck .....Grade 1  
 Alyssa (Duncan) Johnson.....Grade 2  
 Andy Johnson .....Grade 3  
 Lisa Johnson .....Early Childhood Coordinator  
 Erica Kline .....Kindergarten  
 Vicki Kolb .....Counselor  
 Brent Kramer .....Grade 3  
 Merissa Kringen .....Grade 1  
 Joe Krivarchka .....Grade 4  
 Kim Kueter .....Grade 2  
 Erin Lindner .....Kindergarten  
 Nicole Manke .....Resource Room  
 Kimberly Moots .....Kindergarten  
 Heidi Meier .....Grade 1  
 Patti Nelson .....Elementary Orchestra  
 Robin Nipp.....Resource Room  
 Kristina Pappas .....Resource Room  
 Renae Peyton .....Nurse  
 Allison Rasmussen.....Early Childhood  
 Jami Ray .....Speech  
 Matt Reese .....Psychologist  
 Erin Rieff .....Art  
 Marshall Rogers .....Grade 4  
 Cheryl Roos .....Grade 2  
 Sherri Rygh .....Music  
 Beth Schaffer.....Kindergarten  
 Kris Sellers .....Early Childhood  
 Stephanie Sinclair .....Psychologist  
 Sara Stone.....Reading Specialist  
 Jerrid Van Sloten .....Grade 4  
 Erin Visser .....Junior Kindergarten  
 Jody Woehl .....Grade 1

### 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. Seuss 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!

# ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY GRADES K-4



## ROBERT BENNIS ELEMENTARY STAFF

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

Terri Whipkey ..... Secretary

Laurie Adams ..... Grade 2  
 Nicole Anderson-Gappa ..... Junior Kindergarten  
 Macy Archer ..... Speech  
 Terri Bastain ..... SpEd  
 Marcel Boscaljon ..... Kindergarten  
 Stacy DeBoer ..... Grade 2  
 Larry Beesley ..... District Computer  
 Sue Dekker ..... Grade 1  
 Jeff Fode ..... Music  
 Bill Freking ..... Grade 4  
 Melissa Garrow ..... Nurse  
 Randy Gibbons ..... Art  
 Elizabeth Gruis ..... Special Education  
 Andrea Hattlestad ..... Kindergarten  
 Kristin Hofkamp ..... Grade 3  
 Paula Huber ..... Kindergarten  
 Pamela Klenner ..... Librarian  
 Karen Kluin ..... Reading Specialist  
 Cody Linneweber ..... Grade 1  
 Alyssa Lutz ..... Grade 1  
 Coty McGuire ..... Grade 3  
 Mary Mudder ..... Special Education  
 Patti Nelson ..... Orchestra  
 Tammy Osheim ..... Counselor  
 Jill Pederson ..... Grade 3  
 Anne Peters ..... Grade 1  
 Chuck Plummer ..... Physical Education  
 Andrea Pudwill ..... Grade 4  
 Danylle Rozier ..... Grade 3  
 Kory Scholten ..... Grade 4  
 Jayna Specht ..... Grade 2  
 Tim Sylliaasen ..... Grade 4  
 Cassie Uithoven ..... Kindergarten  
 Sandra Westcott ..... Grade 2

**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 and 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.

# VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY GRADES K-4



**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.

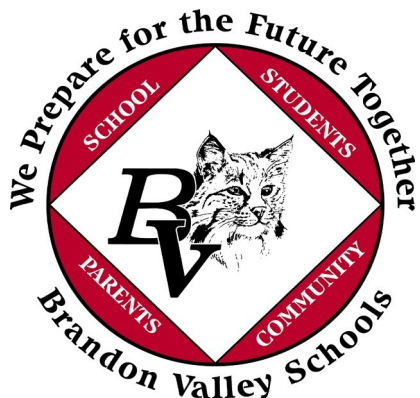
If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at the elementary school 757-6285 or e-mail me at [Tanya.Palmer@k12.sd.us](mailto:Tanya.Palmer@k12.sd.us).

## VALLEY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY STAFF

**Tanya Palmer** ..... Principal

Lanette Thompson ..... Secretary

- Jodi Ackerman ..... Music
- Larry Beesley ..... District Computer
- Amy Dulaney ..... Speech
- Amber Ernste ..... Kindergarten
- Teri Huska ..... Grade 1
- Paula Gordon ..... Physical Education
- Pamela Klenner ..... Librarian
- Wanda Logan ..... Grade 2
- Patti Nelson ..... Orchestra
- Teri Pieters ..... Grade 3
- Roxie Rauk ..... Title I
- Erin Rieff ..... Art
- Elizabeth Rus ..... Counselor
- Sarah Schroeder ..... SpEd
- Jena Storm ..... Grade 4



**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 GRADES 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 ..... 6 Physical 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 Mashlan ..... 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
- Jessee Rasmussen ..... Grade 5 ELA
- Lisa Reinschmidt ..... Grade 6 ELA
- Laura Schenk ..... 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto: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.

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

# 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

[Gregg.Talcott@k12.sd.us](mailto:Gregg.Talcott@k12.sd.us) or through the high school office #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](mailto:Mark.Schlekeway@k12.sd.us) or through the high school office at #582-3211.

### iInvest-MacBook Air Laptops

The Brandon Valley High School staff has been having on-going 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

<b>Dr. Gregg Talcott</b> .....	<b>Principal</b>
<b>Mark Schlekeway</b> .....	<b>Assistant Principal</b>
<b>Randy Marso</b> .....	<b>Activities Director</b>
Kent Anderson .....	Social Studies
Tammy Bailey .....	Math
Lynn Bartscher .....	Secretary
Shelly Berg .....	Orchestra
Dacia Boehrns .....	PE
Steve Boint .....	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 Melillo .....	HS/MS Band
Katie Murdy .....	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 Stembwedel.....	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

# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



**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 process and assists with computerized student schedules, grades and transcripts.



**Jessica Henson**  
Secretary

Jessica Henson is secretary to the high school principals & Kevin Brick. Her responsibilities include 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.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS**

Parking permits for high school students may be purchased for a fee of \$75 per year.

The application can be printed from:

<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.
9. Students driving and texting in the parking lot will forfeit their parking spot for the entire year, and no refund will be given.

## **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.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students and parents should refer to the 2016-17 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 a counselor to insure proper courses for graduation and college entrance.

## **GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT**

**Winter:** January 18, 2017  
7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center

**Spring:** May 21, 2017  
2:00 p.m., Activities Center

## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

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

## **HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Notebooks, pens, pencils and calculators.

# BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## 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](mailto: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.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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## **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.

## **Freshman Unity Day**

Wednesday, August 17  
2:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.



**Marge Stoterau**  
Director of  
Instruction

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.



**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.



**Morgan Bobzien**  
Instructional  
Technology  
Integrationist

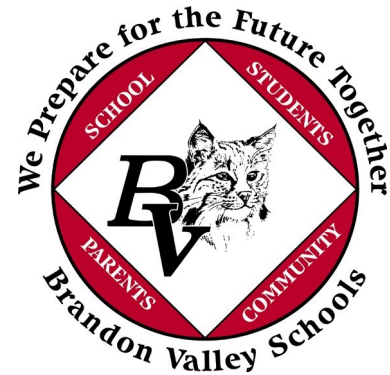
As the Instructional Technology Integrationist, Morgan's responsibilities include developing and offering district wide instructional technology education for

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.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

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!



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert @ 6:45pm
- 8 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert @ 7:00pm

# MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES



Melissa Garrow  
RBE & VSE



Jacque  
Terveer  
FAE & HS



Ardis Moeller  
BVIS



Renae Peyton  
BE



Wendy Bunker  
MS & HS

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/a1540enen.pdf>

	<u>One time policy year premium</u>
Full-Time Coverage (JrK - 12) (does NOT include All Sports coverage)	\$99.00
Full-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (includes All Sports Coverage except Football Grades 9 - 12)	\$174.00
School-Time Coverage (JrK - 12) (does NOT include All Sports Coverage)	\$16.00
School-Time Coverage (7 - 12) (includes All Sports Coverage except Football Grade 9 - 12)	\$91.00
Football (9 - 12)	\$250.00
Extended Dental (JrK - 12)	\$9.00

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/>

## 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:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Grades K-6:	\$1.70	\$2.65
Grades 7-8:	\$1.85	\$2.90
Grades 9-12:	\$1.90	\$2.95
Adults:	\$2.20	\$3.50

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 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 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 (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



## 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 202-720-6382 (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.

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

Child Nutrition Office telephone number is:  
605-582-3926 OR 1-888-201-3972

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# BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SERVICES

## 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](mailto:kyle.babb@k12.sd.us)

## 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.

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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
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## 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

## 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.

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## 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](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/spec_serv)  
or call the Brandon Valley Special Services Office at **582-3446** to schedule an appointment.*



# East Dakota Educational Cooperative



**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 Mail site at:

<https://bv.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

# BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17

## Budget Expenditures

TOTAL		\$38,696,000
GENERAL FUND		\$25,200,000
Instructional	\$15,447,300	
Support Services	9,014,300	
Co-Curricular	738,400	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$4,905,000
Instructional	\$1,289,600	
Support Services	2,357,400	
Co-Curricular	25,000	
Debt Service	558,000	
Operating Transfer	675,000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$5,467,000
Instructional	\$4,384,500	
Support Services	732,500	
Non-Programmed Services	350,000	
PENSION		\$330,000
Non-programmed Services	330,000	
BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,794,000

## Budget Revenue

TOTAL		\$38,277,000
GENERAL FUND		\$24,855,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$9,140,000	
Revenue from County Sources	175,000	
Revenue from State Sources	14,210,000	
Revenue from Federal Sources	655,000	
Operating Transfer	675,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$4,805,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$4,805,000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$5,588,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,553,000	
Revenue from State Sources	2,330,000	
Revenue from Federal Sources	705,000	
PENSION		\$235,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$235,000	
BOND REDEMPTION		\$2,794,000
Revenue from Local Sources	\$2,794,000	

# BUDGET FOR BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17

<u>BUDGET</u>			<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>			<u>GRADUATES</u>			
			<u>Year</u>	<u>K-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Grade School</u>	<u>High School</u>
1962-63	Actual	\$ 343,088	1963-64	705	261	966			
1963-64	Actual	\$ 383,452							
1964-65	Actual	\$ 443,236	1964-65	770	280	1050	May 1964	83	49
1965-66	Actual	\$ 523,259	1965-66	798	320	1118	May 1965	87	48
1966-67	Actual	\$ 568,535	1966-67	812	340	1152	May 1966	88	48
1967-68	Actual	\$ 730,728	1967-68	885	371	1256	May 1967	89	59
1968-69	Actual	\$ 935,597	1968-69	912	364	1276	May 1968	91	89
1969-70	Actual	\$ 992,811	1969-70	909	393	1302	May 1969	116	84
1970-71	Actual	\$1,119,756	1970-71	984	432	1416	May 1970	106	80
1971-72	Actual	\$1,072,151	1971-72	985	471	1456	May 1971	117	89
1972-73	Actual	\$1,252,100	1972-73	1005	503	1508	May 1972	128	84
1973-74	Actual	\$1,393,755	1973-74	1069	504	1573	May 1973	116	118
1974-75	Actual	\$2,039,164	1974-75	1041	526	1567	May 1974	157	110
1975-76	Actual	\$1,830,131	1975-76	1113	545	1658	May 1975	143	104
1976-77	Actual	\$2,025,712	1976-77	1129	586	1715	May 1976	154	110
1977-78	Actual	\$2,554,066	1977-78	1153	623	1776	May 1977	152	114
1978-79	Actual	\$2,431,268	1978-79	1144	617	1761	May 1978	158	144
1979-80	Actual	\$2,993,615	1979-80	1133	646	1779	May 1979	154	134
1980-81	Actual	\$4,276,245	1980-81	1144	594	1738	May 1980	133	173
1981-82	Actual	\$3,504,411	1981-82	1153	568	1721	May 1981	131	137
1982-83	Actual	\$3,637,582	1982-83	1152	550	1702	May 1982	147	152
1983-84	Actual	\$4,056,126	1983-84	1202	504	1706	May 1983	110	147
1984-85	Actual	\$4,564,234	1984-85	1244	545	1789	May 1984	142	122
1985-86	Actual	\$4,874,386	1985-86	1271	546	1817	May 1985	132	132
1986-87	Actual	\$5,332,627	1986-87	1307	538	1845	May 1986	132	154
1987-88	Actual	\$5,688,574	1987-88	1375	543	1918	May 1987	128	114
1988-89	Actual	\$5,777,452	1988-89	1420	541	1961	May 1988	142	142
1989-90	Actual	\$6,256,459	1989-90	1492	565	2057	May 1989	145	126
1990-91	Actual	\$6,951,334	1990-91	1526	572	2098	May 1990	158	156
1991-92	Actual	\$7,025,159	1991-92	1519	653	2172	May 1991	162	128
1992-93	Actual	\$7,525,014	1992-93	1534	646	2180	May 1992	162	138
1993-94	Actual	\$8,705,260	1993-94	1536	655	2191	May 1993	165	141
1994-95	Actual	\$9,613,862	1994-95	1575	664	2239	May 1994	177	154
1995-96	Actual	\$10,255,362	1995-96	1605	660	2265	May 1995	176	166
1996-97	Actual	\$10,801,108	1996-97	1596	697	2293	May 1996	202	156
1997-98	Actual	\$11,775,685	1997-98	1628	713	2341	May 1997	195	154
1998-99	Actual	\$13,627,337	1998-99	1703	750	2453	May 1998	197	154
1999-00	Actual	\$14,223,108	1999-00	1752	768	2520	May 1999	197	165
2000-01	Actual	\$14,764,387	2000-01	1783	773	2556	May 2000	201	181
2001-02	Actual	\$15,294,331	2001-02	1804	796	2600	May 2001	214	173
2002-03	Actual	\$15,465,826	2002-03	1838	794	2632	May 2002	186	192
2003-04	Actual	\$16,351,621	2003-04	1865	807	2672	May 2003	217	187
2004-05	Actual	\$18,387,460	2004-05	1950	831	2781	May 2004	173	181
2005-06	Actual	\$19,201,216	2005-06	2033	800	2833	May 2005	220	189
2006-07	Actual	\$20,547,851	2006-07	2103	872	2975	May 2006	248	179
2007-08	Actual	\$22,261,004	2007-08	2187	875	3062	May 2007	235	197
2008-09	Actual	\$24,166,877	2008-09	2200	895	3095	May 2008	235	206
2009-10	Actual	\$26,134,444	2009-10	2258	969	3227	May 2009	221	184
2010-11	Actual	\$28,138,861	2010-11	2311	986	3297	May 2010	266	221
2011-12	Actual	\$26,692,846	2011-12	2394	979	3373	May 2011	253	189
2012-13	Actual	\$28,250,000	2012-13	2531	988	3519	May 2012	239	217
2013-14	Actual	\$30,227,172	2013-14	2579	1006	3585	May 2013	264	252
2014-15	Actual	\$32,058,877	2014-15	2628	1012	3640	May 2014	275	219
2015-16	Actual	\$35,576,400	2015-16	2723	1055	3778	May 2015	295	225
2016-17	Budget	\$38,696,000	2016-17	2800	1085	3885	May 2016	275	225

# Brandon Valley School District DIRECTORY

## GEORGE A. GULSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Superintendent of Schools.....	582-2049
Business Office.....	582-2058
Operations Manager .....	582-2058
FAX.....	582-7456

## DEPARTMENTS

Child Nutrition.....	582-3926
Community Education.....	582-8235
Grounds.....	582-3516
Instruction.....	582-3211
Print Shop .....	582-8047
Special Services.....	582-3446
Transportation.....	582-3514

## SCHOOLS

Fred Assam Elementary .....	582-1500
FAE Nurse .....	582-1502
Fax Number.....	332-0947
Robert Bennis Elementary.....	582-8010
RBE Nurse .....	582-8015
Fax Number.....	582-8012
Brandon Elementary .....	582-6315
BE Nurse .....	582-3642
Fax Number.....	582-2709
Brandon Valley High School .....	582-3211
HS Activities Director.....	582-2886
HS Nurse.....	310-5225
Fax Number.....	582-2652
Brandon Valley Intermediate School.....	582-6035
School Nurse.....	582-6397
Fax.....	582-6036
Brandon Valley Middle School .....	582-3214
School Nurse.....	582-3214
Fax Number.....	582-7206
Valley Springs Elementary.....	757-6285 or 582-2948
Nurse.....	757-6285
FAX.....	757-6795

## **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 Siouland 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

Thurs., Aug. 18	New Staff Inservice
Fri., Aug. 19	Workshop-Extra Paid Day
Mon., Aug. 22	Inservice-Extra Paid Day
Tues., Aug. 23	Inservice
Wed., Aug. 24	First Day of School
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day - No School
Fri., Oct. 7	Inservice-No School
Tues., Oct. 25	End of First Quarter
Thurs., Nov. 3	Conference-IS/MS
Mon., Nov. 7	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri., Nov. 11	Veteran's Day-No School
Wed., Nov. 23	Comp Day-No School
Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 24, 25	Thanksgiving-No School
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break-No School
Thurs., Jan. 12	End of Second Quarter
Fri., Jan. 13	Workshop
Fri., Feb. 17	Inservice
Mon., Feb. 20	President's Day-No School
Mon., Mar. 13	Conference-IS/MS
Tues., Mar. 14	Conference-Elementary/HS
Thurs., Mar. 16	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri., Mar. 17	Comp Day-No School
Tues., Mar. 21	End of Third Quarter
Thurs., Apr. 13	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri.-Mon., April 14-17	Spring Break-No School
Sun., May 21	<b>Graduation</b>
Wed., May 24	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter
Thurs., May 25	Workshop
Mon., May 29	Memorial Day

Please check our website for any changes that may occur.

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