



UP FRONT

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Marge Hauser
Director of Instruction



Marge has lived in Brandon for twenty-two years. For 13 years, she was a BVMS sixth grade language arts and science teacher. She worked at East Dakota Educational Cooperative for six years as a school improvement specialist and curriculum coordinator. Most recently she was an instructional coach and science consultant for the state of Iowa serving three public school districts and three parochial schools in northwest Iowa.

Marge's three sons are BV alumni. Nicolas, his wife and two daughters live in Laramie, WY, Taylor lives in Sioux Falls, and Thomas lives in Sartell, MN.

Marge is very excited to be "back home" with the Brandon Valley school district and looks forward to leading the staff in professional learning, current educational trends, and creating learning environments that result in success for all of our students.

Sandy Klatt
Board of Education



Sandy Klatt and her husband, Kevin, moved to Brandon last summer but have always open-enrolled their children to attend Brandon Valley schools: Carter is an 8th grader, Courtney a 7th grader, and Caleb is in 5th grade at Brandon Elementary. Kevin is an Agronomy Farm Marketer with Cargill AgHorizons while Sandy stays at home with their two-year-old son, Colten.

Sandy delights in cheering on her kids at their activities and games and helping Kevin coach them whenever possible. She is a member of First Evangelical Free Church in Sioux Falls, where she works with preschoolers on Wednesday nights at Awana. Sandy is an active PTA/PTSO member and has served as past president of Fred Assam Elementary PTA.

Sandy is eager for the prospect of serving on the Board of Education. She has a heart for the well-being of kids of all ages and especially for the support of the hardworking teachers and staff who instruct them.

Brandon Valley School District Calendar 2012-2013

Mon, Aug 20	First Day of School
Mon, Sept 3	Labor Day - No School
Mon, Oct 1	Conference-Elementary/HS
Tue, Oct 2	Conference-MS
Fri, Oct 5	Inservice/Workshop
Mon, Oct 8	Native American Day-No School
Fri, Oct 19	End of first quarter
Mon, Nov 12	Veteran's Day-No School
(Veteran's Day is the 11th-Celebrated Monday 12th)	
Thu & Fri, Nov 22 - 23	Thanksgiving-No School
Fri, Dec 21	End of Second Quarter
Mon-Tue, Dec 24-Jan 01	Winter Break-No School
Wed, Jan 2	No School
Thu, Jan 3	No School
Fri, Jan 4	No School
Mon, Jan 21	Martin Luther King-No School
Mon, Feb 11	Conference-MS
Tue, Feb 12	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri, Feb 15	No School - Comp Day
Mon, Feb 18	President's Day-No School
Fri, Mar 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri & Mon, Mar 29 & Apr 1	Spring Break-No School
Fri & Mon, Apr 26 & Apr 29	Snow Days-No School if unused
Tue, May 21	Last Day of School
Wed, May 22	Inservice/Workshop
Sun, May 19	Graduation

TRANSPORTATION

Changes to Bus Pass Policy

Students who reside within five miles of their attendance center and wish to ride the bus must purchase a bus pass for \$75 per semester with a family maximum of \$175. The cost per ride \$0.43. Passes purchased by August 3rd will be scheduled to ride the first day of school (Monday, August 20th). Passes purchased after Friday, August 3rd will be scheduled to ride on Monday, August 27th.

The bus fee for open enrolled students is \$150 per semester. The fee does not contribute to the family maximum. Families may avoid the increased fee and purchase a regular bus pass by arranging for their student(s) to be picked up and dropped off at a stop within their attendance center boundary.

For purposes of determining the five-mile distance to school, the transportation department uses the most direct route between the pickup point and the attendance center. If you have a question about bus pass requirements, please call the Transportation Department at 582-3514 for assistance.

Teacher of Year

Brady Olson-BVMS-Teacher of the Year 2012

with Nick Skibsted-BVMS
and

Matt Christensen-BVHS Runners-Up.

Amber Erneste - VSE
Terry Gullickson - BVHS/BVMS
Kim Kueter - BE
Grade Two
Michelle Rist - FAE
Kindergarten
Sandra Westcott - RBE
Grade Two
Elaine Zell - BVMS
Science



Retired Staff for 2012

Jan Bork-Librarian
Bonnie Fjerestad-Education Assistant
Gingi Hanson-Elementary Music
Alice Jacobson-Transportation
Mary Lee-Art
Sue Norberg-Vocal Music
Julie Reid-Elementary Computer
Linda Saathoff-Education Assistant
Denny Wrede-Speech/Math



UPFRONT

The Brandon Valley UPFRONT depicts and discusses programs that are in progress in the Brandon Valley Schools and are of interest to all members of the community. Additional copies are available upon request. Community suggestions and contributions to its contents are invited.

The Brandon Valley School District has entered into a collaborative agreement with Interlakes Head Start for the 2012-2013 school year. Eligible Head Start preschool children will be integrated into the district's current early childhood special education program located at Brandon Elementary. Parents interested in the program should contact Interlakes Head Start, 334-2808.