

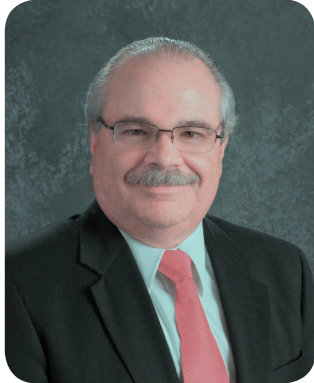


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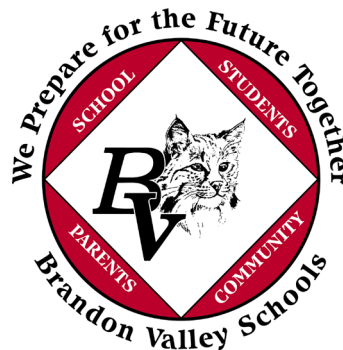
## SOME INFORMATION ABOUT NEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



The Brandon Valley School Board has set December 3rd, 2013 as Election Day asking voters to approve a bond issue for \$5,950,000 to be used for the construction and equipping of a new intermediate school. The proposed building will more appropriately group 5th and 6th grade students into their own building that can be designed to specifically meet the learning needs of these young adolescents. At the same time, the new intermediate school would relieve middle school and elementary schools of one grade level each. The overcrowding at the middle school and in-Brandon elementary schools will be eased buying the district time before another new elementary school will be needed.

The steady enrollment growth in Brandon Valley is a welcome part of our communities' development and with that growth comes the need to keep up with the facilities we need to provide quality learning environments for our students. The school board is only asking for a portion of the cost of the new building to come from the proposed bond. Current estimates are that the cost of the bond issue is approximately \$0.28 per thousand of taxable valuation. The rest of the funds needed to build the proposed intermediate school will come from the Capital Outlay Fund and will not result in any additional property taxes for those monies.

The school district has set up an Information Page regarding the proposed intermediate school. This page will be updated regularly as new information is developed. The page can be found at : [www.bvintermediateschool.blogspot.com](http://www.bvintermediateschool.blogspot.com).



INSIDE STORY: BRANDON VALLEY MARCHING LYNX

## **2013 Brandon Valley Marching Lynx Highlights**

### **Waseca Marching Classic, Waseca MN - September 21:**

- *First Place-Parade Competition*
- *First Place-Field Competition*
- *Best Horn Line*
- *Best Colorguard*
- *Best Drum Majors*
- *Overall Sweepstakes Champion*

### **Tri-State Band Festival Luverne, MN - September 28:**

- *First Place-Parade Competition*
- *First Place-Field Competition*
- *Outstanding Drum Majors*
- *Outstanding Colorguard*
- *Outstanding Percussion*
- *Overall Sweepstakes Champion*

### **Festival of Bands USA, Sioux Falls, SD - October 5:**

- *Second Place-Parade Competition*
- *Superior Rating (Preliminary Class Competition)*
- *5<sup>th</sup> Place in Overall Finals Competition*

### **Orange City Dutchmen Field Championships, Orange City Iowa - October 12:**

- *Third Place in Field Competition*

### **USD Quad State Marching Band Competition, Vermillion, SD - October 19:**

- *First Place-Field Competition*
- *Outstanding Percussion*
- *Outstanding Winds*
- *Outstanding Colorguard*
- *Outstanding Drum Majors*
- *Overall Grand Champion*

THE BRANDON VALLEY MARCHING LYNX  
2013





## FESTIVAL OF BANDS USA-SIOUX FALLS, SD HOWARD WOOD FIELD



On behalf of the Brandon Valley Marching Lynx, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to such a successful season this year. Our seniors did an excellent job of leading a freshman group that outnumbered our seniors twofold. We were continually impressed throughout the fall with the maturity growth that the group displayed.

Nurturing performers was always a high priority for the band as band members learned that achieving of excellence is a process, not an event and that it involves many challenges and standards. This is the beauty of marching band and other co-curricular activities; they provide a culture and a family to which all students can belong. Members began to learn that they could depend on one another in their pursuit of excellence-through responsibility, doing their fair share, and sticking to a common goal. While simultaneously building a stronger base for their adult life, students learned to value people; respect their peers; and to not make judgments on the superficial while simultaneously building



## TRI-STATE PARADE COMPETITION LUVERNE, MN



a stronger base for their adult life. Members were required to tap into their artistic, mathematical, athletic, social, psychological, cognitive and affective domains while rehearsing and performing. Throughout this process, students developed strength in leadership and esteem in areas not measured through academic testing. This development was particularly significant for students whose talents lie beyond the linguistic or the mathematical. The drive to achieve common goals fueled the band's journey into the competitive season.

The band had one of its most successful seasons in years earning several awards and accomplishments. The band did not place lower than fifth at any competition, and this year's competitions were often in fields of bands greater than 20, consisting of schools of all sizes from three different states. The band finished the season earning top



## QUAD STATE FIELD COMPETITION VERMILLION, SD



honors in its class at the Quad State Field Competition on the campus of the University of South Dakota. The band was also named the Overall Grand Champion for the event, with a score of 94.8. This season proved to be an impressive one thanks primarily to the efforts of the students who marched and the dedicated team of instructors who guided them.

There were several other people that contributed significantly to the positive experience for our students and our audiences. It was a joint effort with many members of our school community. Chad Nelson, Brandon Valley High School art instructor, provided the band with images to represent the earthly structures portrayed musically on the field (Sky, Water, Desert and Mountains). In addition, Mr. Nelson provided artwork for the



# QUAD STATE FIELD COMPETITION-VERMILLION, SD

## DRUM MAJORS

Colin Entinger, Matthew Skadsen, Kaily Davis & Kjerstin Williams



student t-shirt that was part of the uniform students wore at competitions this season. He chose magnificent images that captured the spirit of each movement and created the final image where all landscapes came together. Jane Ellis spent hours sewing skirts for the guard and mending them throughout the season. Duane Rogers, our resident handyman and band parent, helped with everything from restructuring our trailers to fabricating new mounts for the drums in the front ensemble. His wife, Marie, also did a great deal of sewing and repair for us this season. Steve Wooten built a cabinet to store the vinyl pictures for the props, previously welded by Kevin Bowman and Duane Rogers. Renee Ullom was always there with a Band-Aid, Tylenol, or cure for whatever ailed students and staff. The band had an army of parent chaperones who assembled

props, kept everyone hydrated, moved frontline equipment, distributed plumes and kept everyone in good shape throughout the season.

We had a tech crew of prop movers this year as well, made up of band and non-band members who were with us on mornings and weekends to add extra effect to our show. We are so very thankful for the time and energy these students put forth behind the scenes, as they too worked very hard. To all of the people involved in this year's field show and marching band season, we would like to say thank you.

We were once again thoroughly delighted to share our community with the 14 bands who came to town for our 14th Big Sioux Review marching-band competition. Each year, we receive compliments and words of thanks in regard to our generous community and parent help with this event. It has become a great showcase for our community and school.

The Marching Lynx are part of a comprehensive program that includes three concert bands, two jazz bands and numerous solo and ensemble opportunities. In addition, several of the students from the Brandon Valley Marching Lynx have been selected for membership in the South Dakota All State Bands and Orchestra. Students and instructors of the Brandon Valley Marching Lynx would like to sincerely thank you, the people of the communities of Brandon and Valley Springs, who attend concerts, competitions and fundraising events. We would also like to thank our school's administration, staff and parents for their positive and generous support and appreciation of instrumental music and the performing-arts programs at Brandon Valley High School.

Submitted by Jesse Miller



## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

[www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/district/home.htm](http://www.brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/district/home.htm)



Superintendent.....	582-2049
Business Manager.....	582-2058
Operations Manager.....	582-2058
Business Office Fax Number.....	582-7456
High School Principal.....	582-3211
Activities Director.....	582-2886
Director of Instruction.....	582-3211
Performing Arts Center/Community Ed.....	582-8235
High School Fax.....	582-2652
Middle School Principal.....	582-3214
Fred Assam Elementary Principal.....	582-1500
Robert Bennis Elementary Principal.....	582-8010
Brandon Elementary Principal.....	582-6315
Valley Springs Elementary Principal.....	757-6285
Valley Springs Toll Free #.....	582-2948
Director of Special Services.....	582-3446
District Child Nutrition Director.....	582-3926
District Transportation Department.....	582-3514

In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio stations and/or local Television stations for school closings.

School Reach Emergency Messaging System will also be utilized.

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## BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2013-2014

Mon., Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School
Thurs.-Fri., Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving-No School
Fri., Dec 20	End of Second Quarter
Mon.-Wed, Dec 23-Jan 1	Winter Break-No School
Thurs., Jan 2	No School
Fri., Jan 3	No School
Mon., Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day-No School
Mon., Feb 10	Conference-MS
Tues., Feb 11	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri., Feb 14	No School
Mon., Feb 17	President's Day-No School
Thurs., March 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri., March 14	Teacher Inservice-No School
Fri., March 21	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri. - Mon., April 18 & 21	Spring Break-No School
Sun., May 18	Graduation
Thurs., May 22	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter