

Brandon Home E-mail November 29, 2018 (4 Attachments in e-mail)

Reminder of Upcoming Important Dates

Friday, November 30th- Supper with Santa (grades K-5)

Friday, December 7th- Early Dismissal for Students

Mon., December 24th- Mon., January 1st- NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

ALL:

Coats, hats and gloves

All students are required to go outside for recess each day unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero. Please send your child to school wearing warm coats, hats and gloves. When it begins to snow, elementary students will also need to wear snow pants and boots daily.

Active Intruder Drills to Take Place in December

The safety and welfare of our staff and students are our highest priorities. Because of this importance, we practice drills in response to a variety of scenarios throughout the year. Based on experience and input from outside agencies, including law enforcement, the FBI, and the Office of Homeland Security, we make adjustments to our responses as deemed necessary. That is why the District has adopted a different strategy to respond to an active intruder on school grounds. We have adopted a response known as Avoid, Deny, Defend. Staff received training on this response last spring.

We are doing a number of things to train and prepare our students to implement this new strategy. A few weeks ago, our elementary teachers read a book called *I'M NOT SCARED...I'M PREPARED!* with their students and discussed plans of what to do if there is a "dangerous someone" in the building. Our 6-12 students are discussing the same concepts with designated building staff, and we will be completing announced drills at each school building beginning on December 13. As we continue to practice these drills throughout the year, staff may practice different strategies that lead to the safest outcome for their students. Therefore, it is very important for students to listen to the directions given by their teacher as the course of action during these drills will not always be the same.

We want our students and staff to feel safe at school. By practicing these types of drills, our students gain confidence in how to respond to a crisis. Our students benefit from reminders of safe practices in order for them to make good decisions regarding their personal safety. Parents can prepare their children by helping them understand the following objectives:

- While most people are good, there are people of all ages, color, and types that can be mean and may wish to harm them
- Self-confidence comes from trying things that are hard and getting better each time
- There are many solutions and options when faced with a problem
- When we are prepared for difficult situations, we can make informed decisions and will have more self-control
- Have your child explain the different safety drills we practice and how they respond to each drill
- Discuss the importance of following the teacher's directions without hesitation

Thank you for your help in making your child feel confident and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal at your child's school.

Raising Caring Kids: Building Strong Relationships Through Communication

From the beginning of life your child has been communicating with you. Communication with your child can be amazing. Do you remember seeing your child's first smile or celebrating your child's first word? Communication can be challenging, too. It doesn't feel quite as amazing when a child communicates by having a temper tantrum, rolling his eyes, or slamming a door. Naming emotions and showing your child examples of body language can help them understand how actions may express what someone is feeling or thinking. [Read more ideas on growing emotion communication.](#)

School Pictures and Yearbook

If you have any questions about your child's school pictures or placing a yearbook order, please contact HRImaging's customer service directly at: 815-433-1766 or online at www.hrimging.com.

Winter Coats

If you are having an issue providing a winter coat for your child, please contact Mary Verch at vercmar@rbsd.k12.wi.us or call the Brandon School Office at 920-346-2915 for possible assistance.

Holiday Food Drive at Brandon School

Please join the Brandon School in collecting needed items from December 10-14th to help out our local families. Please see the attachment for a list of suggested items. All items collected will be donated to the Brandon Food Pantry. Thank you for participating! (Attachment: Brandon Schools Holiday Food Drive)

December Lunch Menu

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Employment Opportunities

Please see the attachment for a listing of current opportunities available within the Rosendale-Brandon School District. (Attachment: Emp Ops)

ELEMENTARY:

Supper With Santa

Supper with Santa will be **tomorrow** Friday, November 30th at the firehouse in Brandon. Students in grades K-3 will be singing Christmas songs and the 4-5 grade students will be playing music on their recorders. Students are welcome to dress in festive attire or whatever they would be comfortable in. The parade will begin at 6:00 and the music program will begin immediately following the parade, at approximately 6:30.

CLUB/COMMUNITY:

South Shore Chorale & Orchestra Concert

A South Shore Christmas concert will be held at the Fond du Lac High School Performing Arts Center on December 1st at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15.

(Attachment: South Shore Christmas)