

## Brandon Home E-mail 2/21/2019 with 10 attachments

### ***Reminder of Upcoming Important Dates***

**Monday, February 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm (grades K-8) (Regular School Day)**

### **ALL:**

#### ***Inclement Weather Make-up Time - a note from Mr. Weber:***

Due to the crazy weather we've had this winter, we have the need to make up a portion of the instructional time we've lost so far. To date, we've missed 6 complete days due to weather with an additional 2 hours for a late start. The Department of Public Instruction has requirements regarding the number of hours of instruction not the number of days of instruction. Therefore, we will be looking at increasing our hours of instruction.

Here's the current plan for adding instructional time:

- Beginning on March 4 we will be increasing the minutes of instruction at each building. Brandon, Rosendale Intermediate, and Rosendale Primary students will begin their days at 7:50 a.m. and end at 3:21 p.m. Laconia and Cirrus High School students will begin at 7:53 a.m. and end at 3:31 p.m.
- March 8 was scheduled as an early dismissal day. **This will now be a full day of school for students in grades 5K-12. This day will remain as originally scheduled for our 4K families.**
- Should we need to have any late starts, early dismissals or complete cancellation of school days moving forward, we would make up that time Thursday, April 18. Currently, that day is part of our Spring Break.

Please note that this is the current plan. Weather in Wisconsin can change at any moment, which means we may need to make further changes to the calendar. Attached is a revised Master Calendar indicating the change to March 8. (Attachment: Revised 2018-2019 School Calendar)

#### ***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 snows, elementary students will also need to wear snow pants and boots daily.

#### ***Gloves***

If your child has borrowed a pair of extra gloves from the school, please send them back as our "extras" are running low. Also, if you have any gloves that you no longer use at home & would like to donate them to school, we would gladly take them.

#### ***Parent Teacher Conferences***

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at Brandon School on Monday, February 25th from 4:00-7:30pm. Elementary teachers will be contacting parents to schedule appointments for elementary students. Not all parents will have a conference during this time.

The Middle School (grades 6-8) will have an open house format. You may stop in anytime from 4:00-7:30pm to speak with teachers.

#### ***Book Fair***

Follett Book Fair is here now through February 29, 2019. The Book Fair will be open during school days 7:45am - 3:30pm with a special Family Event on Monday, February 25, 2019 from 4:00pm - 7:30pm. The Book Fair is a great way to get books into the hands of students. Not only will you grow your home library, but every purchase benefits Brandon School. We hope to see you at the Book Fair! (Attachments: Book Fair Letter to Parents; Family Event Invite)

#### ***Dr. Seuss Week***

Next week our school will celebrate Dr. Seuss week! Students are invited to dress up each day. See the attachment for each day's theme! (Attachment: Dr. Seuss Week)

### ***Child Development Days***

Child Development Days for 4K & 5K registration was held earlier this week. If you still need to register your child, you may call the school office at 346-2915.

### ***Dental Visit Outreach***

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Bridging Brighter Smiles will be visiting our school on March 11, 2019 to provide preventative services to students. See attachment for further details. (Attachment: Bridging Brighter Smiles)

### ***School Pictures and Yearbook***

Last Chance! The deadline to reserve your yearbook is March 1st. We have been notified that if you want to order a yearbook online, you will have to choose Brandon Elementary for the school you wish to order from. There could only be one label set up on the website, so even if your child is in middle school, you will be ordering the correct 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.hrimaging.com](http://www.hrimaging.com).

### ***Raising Caring Kids: Humankind. Be Both.***

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness makes people feel good and helps develop friendships. In a recent study, kids who did kind things for others had more friends. Social and relationships skills, such as kindness, can be developed. One way to practice this skill is through random acts of kindness. [Check out a great video on random acts of kindness.](#)

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

### ***2020 German Exchange Program - Family Information Meeting***

All current seventh grade students and their families are encouraged to attend a family information meeting at Rosendale Intermediate on Monday, March 11th at 6:15 PM. We will discuss the details of the program, and we will help you start the family application process for our exchange in 2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to Morgan Mattheis at [mattmor@rbsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:mattmor@rbsd.k12.wi.us).

Exchange Website & Online Application: <https://sites.google.com/rbsd.k12.wi.us/exchange/home>

### ***Wrestling***

A reminder for Middle School Students who signed up for School Wrestling: all of the required sports paperwork, along with the fee of \$25 needs to be turned in at the first practice, which is Monday, February 25th from 3:30-5:30pm, before you will be allowed to practice.

### ***Vocal Solo & Ensemble***

Middle School and High School Vocal Solo & Ensemble is this Saturday, February 23 from 8am-4pm at Laconia High School! We are looking for some community volunteers to help the day run smoothly. There are many positions available that need to be filled to make the day a success. You can help out the whole day, half day, or whatever works for you! We currently need help with some positions in the morning and many in the afternoon. If you would like to help at solo & ensemble please fill out the attached google form. Parents of choir members who have already filled out the form do not need to fill it out again. Solo & Ensemble is hosted on an 8 year rotating cycle at schools in the Flyway Conference. Over the course of the day upwards of 500 student performers and many more parents, grandparents, family, and friends come to watch. It is a great day to highlight the great community that makes up the RBSD! You may also follow this link to fill out the google form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14rZZDI8CcML-OEfjugL7Eq5xlTQrtDttEv4Kp\\_KLluE/edit?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14rZZDI8CcML-OEfjugL7Eq5xlTQrtDttEv4Kp_KLluE/edit?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

### ***Instrumental Solo & Ensemble***

Middle School and High School Instrumental Solo & Ensemble is Saturday March 2nd from 8am-4pm at Laconia High School! We are looking for some community volunteers to help the day run smoothly. Please see attached file for more information. You may also follow this link to fill out the google form: (Attachment: Solo Ensemble Volunteer)

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## **CLUB/COMMUNITY:**

### ***Laconia Little League***

Baseball registration is taking place now through March 1st. Register early to avoid a late fee! (Attachment: 2019 LLL Registration Flyer)

### ***Tractor Safety***

UW Extension is offering Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification courses for youth ages 12-16 years old. See attachment for locations & times offered (Attachment: Tractor Safety)

### ***Pancake Supper***

Join St. Stephens Lutheran Church as they host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper on March 4, 2019. (Attachment: Pancake Supper)

### ***Child Abuse Prevention 5K***

The Boys and Girls Club in Berlin will be hosting a Child Abuse Prevention 5K Run/Walk at the end of April. See attached flyer for more details (Attachment: 5K Flyer 2019)