

PATRIOT PRESS

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Mrs. Good & Ms. Keller read students' temperatures before school starts.

Safety Remains Our #1

AUSTIN LEADER
OCTOBER 2, 2020

Students and staff have returned for what is a very interesting 2020-2021 school year. Over the last six months many of us have been huddled in our houses, waiting for the quarantine to end. August came and went and summer with it. The Britton Deerfield administrative team has done an amazing job getting the buildings ready for a safe return to school. Although it isn't exactly how we imagined it would be, school is on!

The first few weeks have been amazing. Smiling faces underneath masks, teachers dual-wielding textbooks and Google Classroom, signage posted in every building encouraging hand washing and safety procedures. They really have thought out every scenario for the student's and staff's safety.

The year may be different but we are looking forward to the coming months.



Clockwise from top, Korrynn Sharp, Victoria Heeringa, Mandi Lynn entering the school. Tehya Clement and Haven Hurley waiting to be temperature screened. Brett and Natalie McNicol along with Alivia Salenbien arrive for school ready to learn.



Mr. Scott and Mrs. Good pose for a photo before students arrive for classes. Mr. Scott can't wait for the school year to start! Mrs. Good continually shows her Patriot Pride.

Face-to-Face Classwork Begins

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OCTOBER 6, 2020

Students in Mr. Grace's Principles of Biomedical Science class conducted a lab study examining the effectiveness of polygraph tests. According to Mr. Grace:

"Students in this lab are attempting to use the basics of a polygraph to tell if the suspects in a possible murder are lying. To do this, they test the polygraph idea on their lab partners. The polygraph measures heart rate, blood pressure, respiration rate, respiration force, and skin conductivity. In our lab, we use heart rate, respiration rate, and respiration force to plot their reactions to questions. The original theory was that a person's various metabolic rates would drastically change when they were lying, ie: heart rate would rise, skin conductivity would increase (a person would sweat more), and so on. However, it has since been proven that polygraphs are not reliable. If a person suffers from test anxiety, their heart rate could spike. If it were a hot day, they could simply be sweating because of the weather. So, while they have been proven to be unreliable, they are still used by many law enforcement agencies that utilize them."



Clockwise from top, Raychel Varga, Bailee Fox, KayLee Sharp fiercely posing for the camera, Connor Gendron awaiting the results to see if his brother Anthony Gendron is telling the truth. Robert Puhr and Renee Nangle work together to disprove the validity of the polygraph test.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Football Takes Off Against Pittsford *Varsity Football Wins!*

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OCTOBER 10, 2020

Fans were in attendance or huddled together on the couch watching virtually as the Patriots took on Pittsford on October 2nd. Right off the opening kick-off Nico Johnson ran for 56 yards for the first touchdown. The ball changed possession and the Britton Deerfield defense held strong for a stop. On the Patriots next scoring possession our offensive line got down to the one yard line and #3 Johnson ran the ball into the end zone for another touchdown. With the score now 12-0, the Patriots looked to capitalize on their success, continually shutting the Pittsford offense down. In the second quarter, Nico Johnson found #44 Carter Fore for a 5 yard pass which resulted in yet another BD touchdown, the boys looked unstoppable now with an 18-0 lead. As the sun disappeared behind the trees, the lights to the BD stadium shown brighter than they have in their last two games. Our boys were determined and excited, the win was solidly in their grasp. They weren't done there, late in the third quarter Nico Johnson ran for another 5 yards and notched another touchdown for the Patriots. The clock hit zero in the fourth quarter, the boys raised their heads for their first win of the 2020-2021 season with a final score of 24-0. With a total of 372 yards in the game, a new fire seems to be spreading throughout the Patriots Varsity team. We can't wait to see what's in store for them this season, GO PATRIOTS!



BD's defensive line looks to stop the Pittsford offense again on their 25 yard drive.



The defensive line continued to showcase their stopping power in Friday's game at home.



A great night for football, regardless of the current enforcement of social distancing, fans came out to support their varsity football team.

CURRENT RECORD:

- 9/18 Away @ Morenci (L)
- 9/25 Home vs Sand Creek (L)
- 10/2 Home vs Pittsford (W)
- 10/9 Away @ Erie Mason (L)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Runners Stride Together in Home Opener

AUSTIN LEADER
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

It was a beautiful morning at Gerber Hill Park on Saturday. A crisp 37 degrees enveloped the field, bringing with it our first real taste of fall weather. Large groups of parents and friends lined the race course. I crossed over the road and headed toward the starting line where I met the BD cross country teams. All of the students were ready and excited for their home opener. The sun decided that it was now time to start the races, warmth finally drying up the dew soaked grass. I asked Lance Rafalko, a senior runner for the boy's team how he was feeling, "I love the weather, the crisp air, it's so good!" Each student told me where to get the best pictures and once the official started the race I was off to capture the moments.

The boys team couldn't place unfortunately, a few of them were dealing with nagging injuries. Lance Rafalko finished in 16th place, followed by Malakai Bundshuh in 20th and Nick Isaly in 23rd.



The girl's team placed 4th overall for the day, still a great team effort all around. Sara Bower a junior at BD finished 5th, followed by Jamie Stiver, also a junior, in 8th place. Haylie Shields followed closely behind for a 12th place finish. Junior, Alicia Clark and Senior Carlie Logan stuck together throughout the race finishing 23rd and 24th. Junior, Talia Jernigan and Sophomore Haley Carter finished 29th and 30th. Great job to both teams on what is a grueling and tough course. Way to go!



OCTOBER SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

RECOGNIZING THE GREATNESS AT BRITTON DEERFIELD SCHOOLS

MANTEY WINS NATIONAL ART EDUCATOR AWARD!!!

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OCTOBER 10, 2020

Taina Mantey has been teaching grades K-12 at Britton Deerfield for 30 years. She continually does an amazing job promoting arts education and ensuring that the arts programs thrive in our school environment. Students adore her artistic spirit and her determination. It came as no surprise to the staff and students when she was recognized and selected by the Michigan Art Education Association as the Elementary Art Educator of the year. Congratulations are certainly in order as she has progressed wonderfully through this very bizzare school year so far.

Ms. Mantey is not only a nationally recognized teacher award winner but is also Britton Deerfield’s first recognized Teacher of the Month. The administration wanted to further congratulate Taina on a job well done with a certificate of excellence as well as a thank you card for all that she does. When asked about how she feels about each award, Ms. Mantey responded with, “A HUGE THANK YOU to my students of the past 30 years that make getting up early and being on my feet all day so worth it. How lucky am I to be able to work with so many people that bring me so much laughter, challenge me to think in new ways and continue to show me love long after they’ve left my classroom? Incredibly lucky!”



Pictured: front row, Carlie Logan, Makayla Jewell, Jamie Lammers, and Katelyn Beard; back row, Austin Scheffler, Wyatt Carr, Dominic Arriaga, and Lance Rafalko.

HOMECOMING COURT 2020-2021

2020 Can’t Stop Them from Celebrating Homecoming

AUSTIN LEADER
OCTOBER 8, 2020

Senior students have been chosen for the BD Patriots Homecoming this week. The festivities will continue, regardless of what changes 2020 has brought to our district. BD will continue to have a spirit week and a football game on Friday, highlighting these seniors who were chosen to be recognized by their peers. Monday-Friday will host a variety of spirit days; Monday will be PJ Day, Tuesday will be Hat Day, Wednesday is Wacky Day, Thursday is Throwback Day, and Friday is of course Patriot Day. Make sure you’re wearing your spirit throughout the week to support Britton Deerfield as they go up against Whiteford on Friday night in Britton, kickoff is at 7:00 PM.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Seniors Spotlighthted Each Month

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OCTOBER 10, 2020

Although this school year is unlike anything we have ever seen, we have to make the best of it. Each month we will be recognizing a group of seniors who will be graduating in May of 2021. As they progress through the school year, I hope that they take with them all of the memories they have made and look towards their futures with courage and positivity. Yes, this school year is different, but as seniors you can rise above 2020 and make it the best year ever. Remember that once you’re a Patriot, you’ll always be a Patriot.





Andrea Martin

Future Plans: I am planning on attending college to focus on a Culinary Arts degree.

Favorite Memory of High School: Having fun with the bowling team!

Favorite restaurant: Chipotle.

KayLee Sharp

Future Plans: I am thinking about taking a gap year to figure everything out. I’m planning on working and saving up money to travel for a little bit.

Favorite Memory of High School: Coming here on the first day of school freshman year and just getting to see everyone and meeting everyone. Going to assemblies and games was really fun too.

Favorite Restaurant: Taco-Bell.



Autumn Snyder

Future Plans: After high school I plan on going to college to pursue a career to receive my PhD in Veterinary Anesthesiology and Environmental Science. I’ve always been passionate about caring for animals and the place that we call home.

Favorite Memory of High School: Attending all of the sporting events with my friends.

Favorite Restaurant: Five Guys Burgers and Fries!

Malakai Bundshuh

Future Plans: After high school I plan on going to college to pursue a career in software development or coding. Washtenaw or Eastern Michigan are in my sights.

Favorite Memory of High School: My favorite memory was definitely going to Disneyworld with the band my freshman year.

Favorite Restaurant: Easily the Mongolian Barbeque, because it’s the best.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Johnson is Jazzed About the 2020-2021 School Year

AUSTIN LEADER
OCTOBER 11, 2020

As we have progressed through the many unknowns of what school would look like, there has been a constant behind the scenes, pulling all the strings. Mrs. Johnson and her administrative team have done an amazing job getting us back in schools this year. Although it’s been difficult at times, we are very appreciative of all of their hard work. A huge thank you, to Mrs. Johnson and the administrative team for putting in place all of the procedures which are designed to keep staff and students safe. Without all of your tireless work from March until late August we may not have even made it in the building. Thank you!



MRS. JOHNSON’S FINAL WORD



As this new and unprecedented school year gets underway, I am so proud to announce the introduction of our new Britton Deerfield Schools student newspaper! This has been something I have been very excited about for a number of years and I am truly excited we are able to offer this opportunity to our students, staff, families, and community members!

My deep gratitude goes out to Austin Leader and the members of the BD news team. This would not be possible without their hard work and dedication. I am truly looking forward to seeing this project come to life and become another form of insightful information for our district. Please take time to read through their articles, look through their photos and congratulate them on this successful launch!!

Mrs. Stacy Johnson
Superintendent