



SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Transportation

Our transportation department here in BD remains dedicated to ensuring safe travel to and from school, to athletic activities and to other school related events. This department prides itself in their ability to work cooperatively with families, retain certified and highly-trained drivers, and remain safe on our highways and roads. If you should have any concerns regarding transportation or questions pertaining to routes, please contact our Transportation Director, Dave Pizana, at ext. 108

HAC Information

The HAC—Home Access Center—is a web based program that allows students and families the opportunity to monitor student schedules and check academic progress on a regular basis. Please contact the Student Services Offices if you need assistance.

Pesticide Use

Pesticides are periodically applied to school district property as part of the district's pest management program. Parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in the district have the right to request prior notification of pesticide applications to the buildings and grounds. In order to be notified prior to the application process, the parent or legal guardian must request and return a "Pesticide Prior Notification Request Form." This form may be obtained from the Superintendent's Office at 201 College Ave., Britton, MI 49229, or by calling (517) 451-4581

September Teacher of the Month:

Ms. Taina Mantey, was named the Michigan Elementary Educator of the Year by the Michigan City Art Education Association! We couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments and your dedication to children through the years! Thank you for sharing your talents with so many!

The 2020-21 school year is off to a wonderful start—in spite of all the unprecedented things happening in our world. I am so fortunate to serve in this capacity here in Britton Deerfield Schools and truly enjoy working with our students, staff, parents and community members.

This year we are focused on student success and teaching and learning in equal-opportunity, safe environments. We continue our work in customized learning for each individual student and maintaining a high level of academic and athletic excellence. I could not be prouder of the work our administration and staff have done to ensure these aspects of our school district remain at the forefront. It is such a great year to be a Patriot!

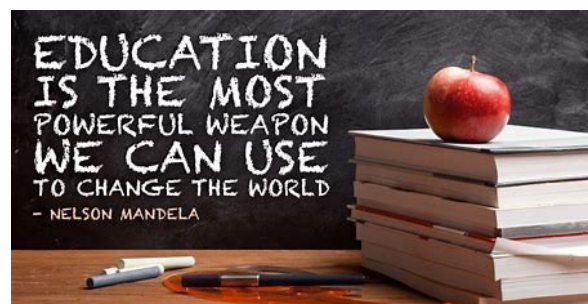
We have many Points of Pride to share this year. The district has worked diligently to clean, update, and improve building appearances and to adhere to all guidance set forth by the leaders in our State and our communities in response to COVID-19. The preparedness plans are updated on a continual basis and are available on our website. On that note...our district website has been completely redone—and it is a work of art! Never before have we had so many resources available to our families at the click of a button. Please watch for the new BD APP—set for release this winter—and be sure to check out our new home at www.bdschools.us. Our buildings had needed work done this summer on the roof at both of our buildings and we are so thankful for the sinking fund monies that allow us to keep the buildings operational. We are very thankful we have such a supportive community! Our continued plan for sinking fund monies include update on school bleachers, necessary work on the track and football fields, and hopeful improvements in safety and security systems. We will be reaching out this year to bring families the information needed to continue our sinking fund for future years here in Britton Deerfield Schools.

Our fall sports teams have experienced a great deal of change this year. We had to fight hard to keep our athletes competing and they are now taking to the field, court and course! These are hard-working, dedicated children and they make us proud each time they put on their uniforms. They are truly special!

This school year marks the beginning of continued change for Britton Deerfield Schools. Together, we have the ability to make a difference in the lives of our children each and everyday. We must work collaboratively to ensure the growth of the district. Its sustainability, growth and existence depend upon ALL of us. If you are new to Britton Deerfield or have questions about our mission, vision or purpose, please contact me by phone at 517-451-4581 or email stacyjohnson@bdschools.us.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Stacy L. Johnson
Superintendent



During the school year—children lose their personal belongings from time-to-time. Please take a moment to label your child's belongings. This includes sweatshirts, jackets, coats, book bags, lunch boxes, gym shoes, etc. This helps us to return items to your child when they are turned in. Also, please remember to keep valuable items at home. Britton Deerfield Schools is not responsible for lost or stolen items. At the end of each semester, lost and found items will be donated to a local charity.



In a normal year, we welcome visits from parents and community members. However, due to guidelines for COVID-19 and for the safety of our students and staff—we are not allowing visitors in the buildings at this time.

When not in pandemic learning—The Britton Deerfield Board of Education and Administrative team encourage parents, guardians and citizens to volunteer in our learning environment throughout the year. Anyone interested in volunteering or working directly with students after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted must complete a criminal background check before entering the building as a volunteer. Criminal Background forms are available in all school building offices.

*Did You Know?
Mr. Scott and Mrs. Wuelfing both recently became grandparents!*

Cafeteria News

Our school cafeteria uses the MEAL MAGIC system for payment. This allows families the opportunities to pay with cash, check, credit or debit card. Envelopes are available in the cafeteria for payments made to the school. To establish an account online, visit www.sendmoneytoschool.com. This website also allows parents to track their child's food purchases. Students are reminded that only one lunch charge can be made when accounts are negative. Lunch menus are available on our website at the start of each month. Each year, Federal Lunch Program requirements must be met. Our prices are based on these requirements and can also be found on our school website.

Britton Deerfield Schools
Hours of Operation:
 8:00 am — 3:00 pm
 (1/2 Days of school release at 11:32 am)
SCHOOL DOORS OPEN

The Britton Deerfield Board of Education Meetings 2020-21 are posted on the BD webpage. All meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice. ZOOM meeting information is posted on the front of the webpage before the start of each meeting.

Britton Deerfield Schools has added the Rotation A & B Days Calendar to the Website for all families. They are also listed in a convenient running toolbar across the

Medications

In keeping with the policies and laws associated with the distribution of medication in schools, Britton Deerfield Schools will use the following procedures:

- any medications dispensed from the office must have a medication form filled out and signed by the doctor and the parents. This form is available in the office.
- All medication must be brought to school by a parent and must be in the original bottle—even over-the-counter medications. NO baggies or other containers are acceptable.
- Prescriptions must be in the original bottle and have the physician's name and dosage information on the label.

All Pay-to-Participate monies should be turned in to the coaches by the date of the first athletic contest. If you need help or assistance, contact Athletic Director, Erik Johnson, @ ext. 116

If you have questions, please contact the Student Service's Office.

Notice of Non-Discrimination: Britton Deerfield Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap in the admission to, access to, participation in, benefits of, or employment in its programs or activities as provided by district policy and in compliance with federal and state law. For more information, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

Unfortunately—COVID-19 is going to prevent us from having Homecoming Festivities. But, we will have a Senior Class Court to vote on and the game against Whiteford on October 16th is our Homecoming Game.

*Did You Know?
Ms. Sniezek and her husband, Adam, are expecting their first child in May!*