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## Britton Deerfield Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our goal every school year is to ensure that every student attend school regularly.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success--starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and become more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 10% or more of our school days.

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. To help support you in this endeavor, we want to motivate and reward your student for good attendance.

Next school year (2023-24) we will start our Patriot Pride Awards. Each month we will look at student attendance. If your student comes to school on time, every day, with no absences or tardies for the entire month, they will receive a Patriot Pride Award. This certificate will allow them to choose a prize from the Principal's Pride Box. They will also have their picture taken displayed in recognition of their achievement. Additionally, students who have perfect attendance with no absences for the entire school year will receive a prize and be in a drawing for the following prizes:

- Elementary = a new bike with helmet and safety equipment
- Middle School = family pack to a Toledo Mud Hens Game
- High School = tickets to Cedar Point Amusement Park

I have been asked numerous times, "What is the difference between an EXCUSED absence versus an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. I am pleased to report that all schools in Lenawee County will be following these guidelines:

1. Documented medical condition by a medical doctor only
2. Note from a medical doctor for an appointment
3. Pupil's observance of a religious holiday
4. Death in the family
5. Mandated court appearance
6. An extraordinary educational opportunity that is approved by school officials
7. An emergency beyond the control of the pupil's self or family that can be documented or proven

Now is the time to practice planning for perfect attendance! We have so many fun, exciting end-of-the-year events planned. We are certain students will not want to miss out on preparing for these events and taking the last assessments to showcase just how far they have come in a year. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact any member of our Administrative Team!

Your Partner in Education,

Mrs. Stacy Johnson  
Superintendent