



SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT

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October Teacher of the Month:

Ms. Lori Davis is being recognized this month for her unwavering commitment to the district and her desire to always develop herself as a professional. Ms. Davis gives 100% of herself and always has the best interests of her students in mind! Thank you for all you do!

Immunizations

Each year our district is required to comply with requirements in the State of Michigan for having student's immunization records on file. We are then "graded" on a percentage basis for having documentation that our students have been immunized or have gotten a waiver for doing such. If you have not yet updated your child's immunizations and they are due—we may exclude your child from school. Please help us by turning in your immunization records to the Student Services offices. Call ext. 234 if you have questions.

Britton Deerfield Sports Updates

I want to take a moment to recognize our Fall 2020 athletes for remarkable seasons. Our cross country runners were amazing this season! They worked hard on the courses, improved their times, and our teams had strong finishes in major races. I am so proud of their representation of our district. The newspaper articles and photos just didn't do them justice this year! Thank you to the boys and girls cross country teams for making us proud! Good luck at regionals and beyond! Our girls volleyball team was stellar! Their hard-fought games were so intense to watch! I saw some of the best and longest volleys I have seen in a long while this season and I was so proud of the hitting all the way across the front and the ability of our defensive specialists to dig, dig and dig more! Thank you for making the season fun and for bringing BD back on the map with this sport! Our football boys have continued to fight their way to the playoffs. I know our men didn't always have the outcome on the scoreboard they wanted—but they continue to improve and to continue to learn how to get the job done—play after play. They are a tough group of young men and I am so happy they were able to have their season and learn and grow as a team! Thank you for wearing the red, white and blue with true Patriot Pride!

Well—we almost made it through the first marking period without a COVID-19 case. I am so thankful for our Britton Deerfield staff in being prepared—in a moments notice—to switch to virtual learning for our students. I realize face-to-face is the delivery method preferred by many, but this proves that we can be successful in delivering instruction in many ways to our children. And, with this being the 21st century, we must start teaching in these different modes if we are to prepare our students for the future. Who knows what we will look like post-pandemic!

As we prepare to start the second nine weeks, I would like to encourage families within the district to continue to monitor Google Classroom and to remain knowledgeable about how that tool works for your children. With the uptake in COVID-19 cases, we should be prepared to switch over to virtual learning if we are called to do so. If you have questions about this learning platform, please contact any member of our Britton or Deerfield staff. We would be happy to help you work through the process. In the coming weeks, I will be kicking-off a new piece to our PARENT tab on the BD webpage. "Google for Parents" will have helpful hints, video tutorials and extra links to aspects of the Google Classroom that you may need as a parent. We want to support your efforts at home. There is no greater team than one that has a strong connection between home and school. Please take a moment to visit this tab. It can be found at www.bdschools.us.

Finally, it is hard to believe the holiday season is already quickly approaching. Please remember as the weather gets colder to send your elementary children with the proper attire to go outside for recess. Also, due to COVID-19, there are not going to be as many festivities as normal, and we have scheduled four Fridays as virtual learning days to help our teachers. Please watch for additional announcements and news on our website. We will certainly update everyone as activities arise and winter sports activities begin. As always, feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns: stacyjohnson@bdschools.us.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Stacy L. Johnson
Superintendent

We are preparing to start the winter sports season. 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

There is not face-to face learning on November 5th, 13th or 20th; and December 11th and 18th. All students will be working on Google Classroom on these days and catching up with missing work!



Have you seen our new curriculum information under the ACADEMICS tab on the website? There is wonderful information here about all of the BD course offerings! Take a peek!



HUGE THANKS...
Goes out to the Deerfield Staff & Students for their excellent transition to virtual learning during our 2 week closure! Your work as the situation unfolded and the great things I have seen during the virtual time showcases your commitment to education! Thank You! Way to Rock It OUT!!!

What's new in NEWS???

Over the course of the past few years, it has been a high priority on my “wish list” to have newsletters for the district. Starting one of my own has been so exciting. But, even more exciting is the newspaper being led by our students and our Journalism instructor, Austin Leader. Last month, Mr. Leader published the very first student-led newspaper that BD has seen in a number of years. I am so proud of this work and I can't wait to see the latest addition. If you haven't seen these new additions to our school—please take time to check them out! They can be seen on our webpage, too! They are under the blue button titled PATRIOT PRESS. Thank you to our students and to Mr. Leader—for making my wish come true!

Food Distribution

As we engage in virtual learning options within the district, we want families to know about meals that are available, free of charge, to all K-12 families in Britton Deerfield. We have a survey up on the website for any virtual family in need. We will also be distributing meals for the four virtual Fridays we have planned. That food will go home with students end the end of the day on Thursday—before those days off. We ask that you please complete the survey so our food services directors can be sure to order enough food for all. If you have questions, please contact Terri Kniffen at ext. 131 (Britton) or Mrs. Eisenmann at ext. 253 (Deerfield).