



Lewis Britton Middle School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Britton Middle School. I am thrilled to have joined Britton's team of exceptional educators who believe in the academic and emotional success of every student. As your child steps foot onto our campus for the first time this year, I know he or she will experience our Britton Pride and will be filled with a joy and excitement for learning!

These are exciting times here at Britton. If you've driven by our campus in the last month, you may have noticed many changes are in progress as Britton's much anticipated rebuild is well underway. Student safety is always our top priority. As construction continues, we will do our best to anticipate any upcoming safety needs and shift procedures accordingly. As these shifts occur, we will, of course, communicate them with our students and community. Our returning students will notice that we are moving back to one lunch. By doing this, we are able to provide our PE department increased space without lunchtime distractions. Additionally, our students will have more opportunities to join together and grow our Bobcat Pride.

Thursday, August 9th

6th Grade Orientation Student Event (aka Bobcat Bonanza) 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Please drop off students at Britton's Gym, located on Keystone Avenue

This year, Britton partners with One Yard to provide incoming 6th graders a fun and active introduction to Bobcat Life. Activities include: icebreakers, team building games, dodgeball, a scavenger hunt, campus tour, meeting the principal, and more! Sixth Graders who participate will receive their schedules* at the conclusion of the day. Bobcat Bonanza is FREE to all incoming 6th graders. Lunch is not available, however snacks and water will be provided.

****6th grade students will receive their schedule early in exchange for completed Emergency Card and Signature Page***

Tuesday, August 14th

All School Schedule Distribution 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Britton's Front Office, located on Central Avenue

Students will receive their schedule early in exchange for completed Emergency Card and Signature Page. In addition, **7th grade students** must have their **Tdap immunizations record** on file in order to pick up their schedule.

Tuesday, August 14th

6th Grade Parent Orientation 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Britton's Gym, located on Keystone Avenue

Thursday, August 16

First Day Of School 8:55 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.

Friday, August 17

Parent Coffee-Meet the Principal 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Have questions? Stop by, grab a cup of coffee, learn about Britton and meet Mrs. Donohue.

Location: The Shop, sign in at the front office and head toward our 6th grade classes

Thursday, September 20

Back to School Night 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Location: Britton's Gym, located on Keystone Avenue

Staying connected and being able to communicate is an important part of middle school. We strongly encourage you to use the **BMS website** at: britton.mhusd.org where you can find all school related information. In addition, the following tools can help you stay connected:

- Join our **School Site Council!** Contact Christy Thompson at thompsonc@mhusd.org if you are interested!
- Subscribe to **Britton's Public Calendar:** goo.gl/nQpw9M
- Subscribe to **Britton's Facebook Page:** www.facebook.com/BrittonMiddleSchool
- Join **Britton's Home & School Club** head over to their **Facebook Page:** www.facebook.com/BrittonHSA for more information, events, and volunteer opportunities.
- Go to <http://aeries.mhusd.org/> and set up an **Aeries parent account**. Through Aeries you can view student attendance, grades, assignments, and get email links to all teachers. For more information or support, call Britton and ask for Cheri Valcarcel or send her an email at valcarcelc@mhusd.org.
- Need **spanish translation**? Call Britton and ask for Lily Olmos, our community liaison. You can also send her an email at olmosl@mhusd.org.
- Check your child's **student planner** daily! Every student receives an agenda that includes a student code of conduct, hall pass, and general information. They are required to carry it daily and note assignments and messages. Parents may also write notes to their child's teacher in this planner as well.

Middle school years are crucial in a student's educational experience. During his or her time at Britton, your child will be supported as he or she gains the academic skills and work ethic to ensure success in high school and beyond. We are here to help.

- **Report Cards** are sent home **four times a year**. Half-way through each grading period, notices will be sent home for students who are experiencing academic difficulties and have a D or an F in class.
- We have **homework assistance after school** in the library Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 4:00. We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity for targeted academic support.
- All students are required to **attend school daily** and have the following items with them:
 - **3 - ring binder** with dividers
 - Please place binder dividers in the following order:
 - Elective, English, History, Math, PE, Science
 - **Britton Agenda** (provided by us)
 - **Paper, Pencil, Pen**
- 7th & 8th Grades are expected to bring their **fully charged school-issued Chromebooks** to school every day. Chromebook distribution will begin at the end of August.

I look forward to meeting each of you and your children. When you see me around, please stop me and introduce yourself. This is going to be a great year!

Go Bobcats!

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