



# Lewis Britton Middle School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to Britton's 2019-2020 school year. Britton is a place where every child will experience academic and social-emotional success. As your child enters our new campus this year, he or she will experience our *Bobcat Pride* by **B**eing Respectful, **M**aking Safe Choices, and **S**howing Respect.

Much has changed at Britton, both physically and internally over the past year. This summer, our administration office was demolished and our parking lot expanded. Our temporary administration office is located on Central Avenue behind the auditorium. Our new classroom buildings A and C were completed this summer and will house our English, Math, and History classes for all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. They are beautiful learning environments and we are excited to welcome our students into these spaces!

As always, student safety remains our top priority. With the new building configurations and ongoing construction, *we will be shifting to a two lunch schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.* This schedule will help maximize our supervision and minimize the amount of time students stand in line to order food. Our newly created shaded outdoor areas are great spaces for students to congregate during their breaks. I anticipate the shift to a two lunch schedule to be a positive change for our students.

Internally, we continue to create and fine-tune systems of support to grow our students' academic and social-emotional success. Starting this school year, Britton is adding a weekly advisory period. During advisory, students learn skills to help Britton form a cohesive, collaborative, and caring community, which we anticipate will lead to a meaningful, positive, and lasting future for all our students. The addition of our advisory period will not affect Britton's beginning or end time, but we do anticipate it to positively affect our overall culture and add to our students' tools for success!

On the first day of school, students receive an agenda. Please take a minute to look through the agenda and read our school's rules and expectations. Some changes and additions have been made to our policies including our bathroom allowances, hall passes, merit/demerits, and clothing expectations. Additionally, we've adopted an *Appropriate Physical Interaction* policy. Students are expected to maintain physical space between each other at all times. All cell phones must be off and put away during school hours. Finally, as many negative social interactions in middle school are escalated through social media, it is strongly recommended that *all* social media sites such as SnapChat and Instagram are blocked from student devices for their duration at Britton.

Britton staff is honored to work with you to provide a high level of academic and social-emotional support for our students as they navigate their way through their middle school life. We look forward to taking this journey with your family and are excited for the year to come!

## **Thursday, August 8th**

***6th Grade Orientation Student Event (aka Bobcat Bonanza) 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

***6th Grade Parent Orientation 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Location: Britton Gym, located on Keystone Avenue  
Please drop off students at Britton's Gym, located on Keystone Avenue & join us at 5:00 p.m. for a Parent/Student Orientation.***

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. 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 13th**

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

**Location: Britton's Quad, located between newly build Buildings A & C**

**Home & School Club will be there to provide popsicles to incoming students & their families.**

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

### **Thursday, August 15**

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

### **Friday, August 16**

**Parent Coffee-Meet the Principal 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The Lounge, room 31**

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

### **Thursday, September 19**

**Back to School Night 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Location: Britton Classrooms**

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](http://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](mailto:thompsonc@mhusd.org)
- Subscribe to **Britton's Public Calendar:** [goo.gl/nQpw9M](http://goo.gl/nQpw9M)
- Subscribe to **Britton's Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/BrittonMiddleSchool](http://www.facebook.com/BrittonMiddleSchool)
- Join **Britton's Home & School Club:** Check out [www.facebook.com/BrittonHSA](http://www.facebook.com/BrittonHSA) for more information
- Go to <http://aeries.mhusd.org/> and set up an **Aeries parent account**. In Aeries, you can view student attendance, grades, assignments, and get email links to all teachers. For more information or support, contact Cheri Valcarcel, [valcarcelc@mhusd.org](mailto:valcarcelc@mhusd.org).
- Need **Spanish translation?** Call Britton and ask for Alba Garay, [albag@mhusd.org](mailto:albag@mhusd.org)
- Review your child's **student agenda** daily! Every student receives an agenda that includes a student code of conduct, hall pass, and general information.
- **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 p.m. 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, **Britton Agenda** (provided by us), **Paper, Pencil, Pen**
- 7th & 8th Graders will bring their **fully charged school-issued Chromebooks** to school daily.

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

Go Bobcats!



Nanette Donohue  
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