

Letter to Families





Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

Britt David Magnet Academy was recently named a **2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence**. National PTA's School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools that work to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child. Britt David Magnet Academy and BDMA PTA are one of only **368 PTAs** and schools nationwide to be designated a 2022-2024 School of Excellence.

The School of Excellence program provided guidance to assist our school in engaging families in school decision-making, and help our school build inclusive policies related to safety, accessibility, diversity/inclusion and career magnet. Becoming a National PTA School of Excellence began with the joint commitment of PTA and our administrative team to work together to welcome all families, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community.

To celebrate our achievements, National PTA presented Britt David Magnet Academy and BDMA PTA with a certificate and a National PTA School of Excellence banner to hang in our school very soon. Here is a message from our principal:

"Family engagement and family school partnerships are key to a school's success. We want to connect with our students' families to identify the best ways to personalize and differentiate instruction for all of our students. In addition, we want to form school partnerships through our families and community members too.

Each stakeholder plays a key role in this process. Families can provide insight about supports that have worked well at home and in prior years at school and in turn our teachers can provide ongoing feedback to parents about student success and next steps.

In addition, our students can communicate their needs and celebrate their success. Community partners help expose our students to the outside world and build real-world connections to the academic content being studied at school.

Working together on the same team, promotes nothing but success and a world of opportunities to our students." – Lisa Whitaker



Our school has successfully mastered these commitments and we applaud everyone for doing so. However, the path to excellence is a journey, not a destination, and we encourage your continued participation toward our goals. We are extremely proud of the work that we have done to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community. Thank you for helping us reach this noteworthy milestone for our school and community.

Sincerely,

Ali Beck, PTA President Lisa Whitaker, Principal



