MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 30, 2025

Dear Mary E. Britton Middle School Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the inaugural school year at **Mary E. Britton Middle School**! As we prepare to open our doors this August, our team is hard at work creating a safe, engaging, and student-centered learning environment. We know that transitions can bring both excitement and uncertainty, and we are committed to partnering with you every step of the way. In this letter, you'll find important information to help your student feel confident and prepared as they begin this new journey.

Enclosed is your student's daily schedule for the 2025–2026 school year. Please take time to review it with your student. If you believe there is an error, such as a missing class or incorrect placement, please submit a request using the link below:

🔗 https://bit.ly/MEBMSScheduleChange

Please note: *This form is for schedule corrections only and not for requests related to specific teachers or team changes. For example, if your student requested chorus, but it is not on their schedule, you may use the form to request its inclusion.*

We also want to invite you to attend one of our summer **Simulation Camps**, held each Wednesday evening from **June 18 through July 30**, starting at **6:00 PM**. These events are designed to help students and families feel comfortable and confident before the first day of school. During your visit, you can:

- Practice drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Tour the building
- Practice opening lockers
- Visit classrooms
- Meet staff members

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Simulation Camps follow an "open house" format—arrive anytime between **6:00 PM and 7:30 PM**. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; drop-offs are not permitted.

🎉 **Incoming Sixth Graders:** Don't forget to register for **Den Days!**

- **Kodiaks:** July 28–29
- **Polars:** July 30–31

Your team assignment is noted on your student's schedule.

Den Days take place from **9:15 AM to 12:15 PM**. To register, use the link below:

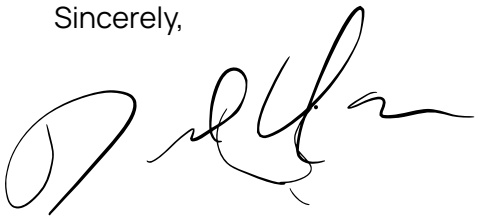
🔗 https://bit.ly/DenDaysRegistration

For questions about Den Days, please contact **Allison Neal** at allison.neal@fayette.kyschools.us.

Lastly, we've included a copy of the 2025–2026 **School Supply List** with this mailing. It is also available on our school website for your convenience.

We are honored to be part of your child's educational journey and look forward to an amazing first year together at Mary E. Britton Middle School!

Sincerely,



Dave Hoskins

Principal

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Dear Parents,

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a program called Yondr. Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 27 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and student mental health improve drastically when students are fully present with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

In an annual survey of over 1,200 of schools that implemented the Yondr Program:

- 86% saw a positive impact in student safety and wellness
- 84% saw a positive change in student engagement
- 72% saw a positive change in student behavior
- 68% saw a positive change in academic performance

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at (859) 422-1195, or attend one of our summer Thursday mini sessions, beginning June 19 at the school.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child during the school day, please call the main school line at (859) 422-1195.

To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,

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HOW YONDR WORKS

As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.

Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.

When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

- We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at (859) 422-1195.

What if there is a school emergency?

- In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

- Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

- The Yondr pouch is property of Mary E. Britton Middle School. Following is our process for damages to the pouch, losing the pouch, or not using the pouch as instructed:
    - Damaging a Yondr pouch
        - $25 restitution
    - Losing a Yondr pouch
        - $25 restitution
    - Failure to use the Yondr pouch or using a "dummy" phone
        - 1st offense: Confiscation of phone and returned to student at the end of the day
        - 2nd offense: Confiscation of phone and parent required to pick up the phone
        - 3rd offense: Phone turned in daily to the front office
- Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

6TH GRADE

- Headphones (compatible with chromebook)
- Pencils
- 4 Composition Notebooks (2 Sci/Math/ELA)
- 2 Two Pocket Folder (Sci/SS)
- 1' 3-ring Binder (Math)
- Loose-leaf Paper (Math)
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Pouch Recommended

Last Name A-M:

Box of Tissues

Last Name N-Z:

Lysol Wipes

Optional:

TI-34 Calculator

7TH GRADE

- Headphones (compatible with chromebook)
- Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks (Science)
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (Math/SS)
- 2 Two Pocket Folder (Sci/SS)
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Pouch Recommended

Last Name A-M:

Box of Tissues

Last Name N-Z:

Lysol Wipes

Optional:

TI-34 Calculator

8TH GRADE

- Headphones (compatible with chromebook)
- Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks (Science)
- 3 Two Pocket Folder (Sci/SS/ELA)
- 1' 3-ring Binder (Math)
- Loose-leaf Paper (Math)
- 4 Highlighters, different colors (ELA)
- Pouch Recommended

Last Name A-M:

Box of Tissues

Last Name N-Z:

Lysol Wipes

Optional:

TI-34 Calculator

FEES:

Locker Rental: $5

Technology: $25

Math: $5

Science: $15

Language Arts: $25

Social Studies: $25

Physical Education: $15

Digital/Visual Art: $25

Agriscience: $10

Spanish: $10

Life Essentials: $20

Chorus: $10

Instrument Rental: $25

Band: $25

Orchestra: $25

PATHWAY CLASSES

Agriscience:

3 Ring Binder

Digital/Visual Art:

Multi-Colored Sharpies

Spanish:

Two Pocket Folder

Life Essentials:

Composition Notebook

Medical Sciences:

Two Pocket Folder

One Subject Notebook

BE CURIOUS BE KIND BE BOLD BE RESPONSIBLE