MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE Bear Claw

Friday
August 15, 2025

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN



Honoring the Past, Supporting the Future

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Patricia Hooks-Gray, the great-great grandniece of our namesake Mary E. Britton and keynote speaker at our dedication ceremony, for her generous donation of **$1,000** to Mary E. Britton Middle School.

Her gift will be used to purchase supplies and materials for our Youth Services Center, ensuring our students have the resources they need to thrive.
Thank you, Mrs. Hooks-Gray, for carrying forward Dr. Britton's legacy of service and commitment to education.

💳 **Paying School Fees**

To pay school fees by check, parents will need to write separate checks if not paying online.

- Team Fees – $100 total (language arts, social studies, math, science, technology/Chromebook, and locker)
- Pathways Classes – separate check for each class

💻 Pay online anytime at: schoolcashonline.com

🍎 **Free & Reduced Lunch Applications**
Mary E. Britton Middle School is not a CEP school – students are not automatically eligible for free breakfast and lunch.
To apply:

- Go to fcps.net/food
- Click My School Apps Assistance
- Scroll to FAQ and Meal Assistance Application to complete the online form
- 📌 No paper applications are available.

🔒 **Lockers, Yondr Pouches & Cell Phone Use**

- Distributed Monday, August 18
- Even with pouches, cell phones may not be used during the school day

📄 **New Consent Form: Outside Communication**
A new district consent form is required for outside traceable communication — any non-district-approved texting or emailing between a school employee and a student (e.g., if a student babysits for a public school employee).
📍 Find the form in the Links section on **Page 2** of this newsletter.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

- Locker and Yondr pouch distribution
- Boys' basketball open gym at 4:15 PM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball travels to Beaumont at 5:00 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 4:15 PM
- FCCLA meeting in room E101 at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball open gym at 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball open gym at 4:30 PM
- Girls' basketball travels to Southern at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 4:30 PM
- Football travels to Crawford at 6:00 PM
- International Travel Club Iceland interest meeting at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

- No classes for students
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:00-6:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

- Girls' basketball hosts Lexington Middle at 9:00 AM
- Cheerleading practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at 1:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- August 25: Girls' basketball hosts Bryan Station at 5:00 PM
- August 27: Girls' basketball travels to Tates Creek at 5:00 PM
- August 28: Football hosts Jessie Clark at 6:00 PM
- September 1: No school
- September 2: Football pictures
- September 2: Football hosts Morton at 5:00 PM.
- September 3: Girls' basketball travels to EJ Hayes at 5:00 PM
- September 9: School picture day

THE BEAR NECESSITIES FOR SUCCESS

- Be Curious
- Be Kind
- Be Bold
- Be Responsible

VISION: BRITTON AND BEYOND

- Expose Students to Career Pathways in Health and Medical Sciences
- Ensure Equitable Access to Courses So Every Student Earns at Least One High School Credit.
- Provide Opportunities for Civic Engagement.
- Foster School Pride and a Sense of Belonging.

The mission of Mary E. Britton Middle School is to foster a safe and supportive environment where every student is valued and inspired to reach their fullest potential. Through academic rigor, civic engagement, and strong relationships, we cultivate leaders prepared to thrive today and build a better tomorrow.

🚗 **Arrival & Dismissal**

A huge thank you to everyone for helping make our carline run so smoothly this week. Both arrival and dismissal have been exceptionally efficient for our car riders.

Friday also brought big improvements for bus transportation. We were able to implement our normal dismissal procedures, and with buses arriving closer to schedule, the process was much smoother.

As we continue adjusting to the new transportation system, we ask for your continued patience with bus arrival times.

🎉 **Welcome Our PTSA Board of Directors**

Thank you to everyone who attended our first PTSA meeting on August 11. We had a fantastic turnout, and I'm excited to introduce our inaugural PTSA Board of Directors:

- President: Alena Glass
- Treasurer: Helen Turner
- Secretary: Allison Downing
- VP of Membership: Haley Brewer
- VP of Communications: Amanda Overall
- VP of Fundraising: Glodie Hacker
- VP of Engagement: Dana Shalash

We are thrilled to have an active PTSA supporting our school! Stay tuned for more information about future meetings and how you can get involved in the weeks ahead.

🤝 **Thank You to Our Community Partners**

A heartfelt thank you to our community partners who joined us for our first annual Britton Bash on August 11. Your support played a key role in making this event a success:

- Baptist Health Lexington
- Benchmark Mortgage
- Costco
- Hucks
- LFUCG Division of Parks and Recreation
- UK Federal Credit Union
- Urban Impact
- Whittaker Family YMCA
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday… N/A
- Tuesday… N/A
- Wednesday… 99.71%
- Thursday… 96.66%
- Friday… 97.93%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday… 100%
- Tuesday… 100%
- Wednesday… 100%
- Thursday… 100%
- Friday… 100%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 0
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET hours… 0
- Suspension days… 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 1
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET hours… 0
- Suspension days… 2

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 1
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET hours… 1
- Suspension days… 0

INFO

TIMES

- Doors open daily at 8:35 AM
- First period begins at 9:05 AM
- Dismissal is at 3:55 PM
- Walkers and car riders should be picked up by 4:15 PM

LINKS

- eOS
- Campus Parent
- Canvas
- Student and Family Handbook
- Voluntary Student Accident Insurance
- Consent for Outside Traceable Communication

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- YouTube

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

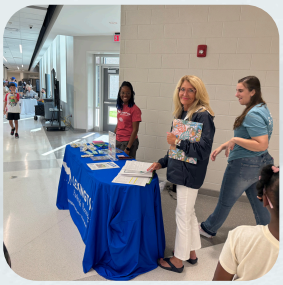
- 6th grade: 244 (+2)
- 7th grade: 173 (+8)
- 8th grade: 140 (+5)
- Total: 557 (+15)

SHOUT OUTS AND GOOD NEWS

- The Britton Lady Bears varsity team defeated Winburn 28-13 on August 14! The team is now 2-0, having defeated Crawford via forfeit on August 12.

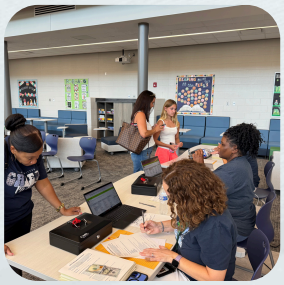


BRITTON BASH '25

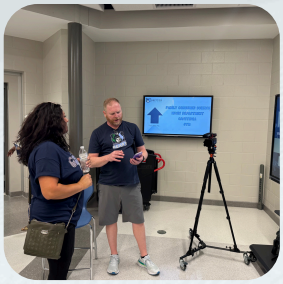













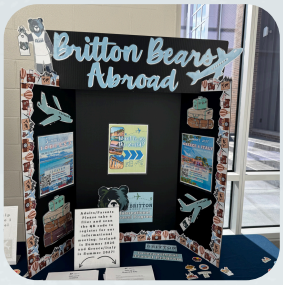




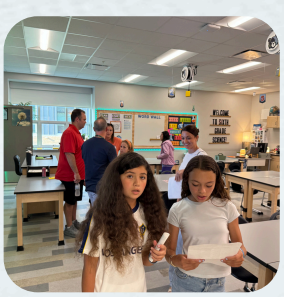


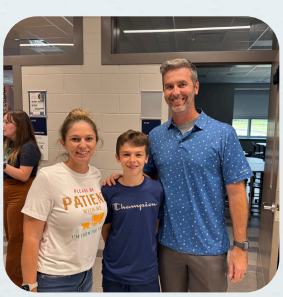
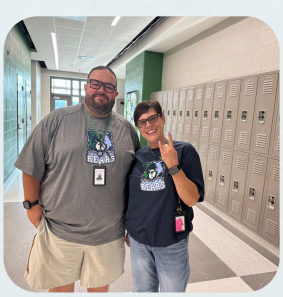









BRITTON FIRSTS!



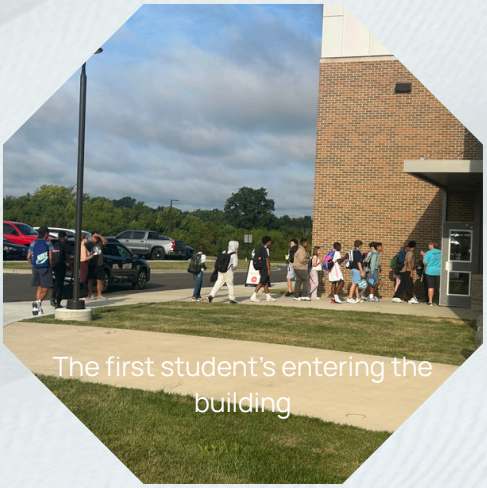
First PTSA meeting



First day for staff



The first morning



The first student's entering the building



The first hallway transition



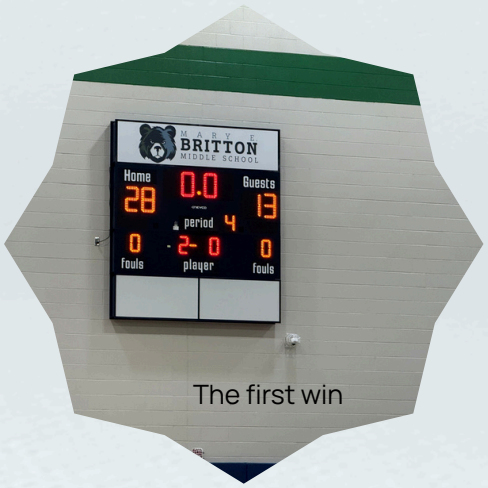
The first lunch purchased



The first tip off



The first score



The first win



The first post game celebration!



DANCE TEAM
TRYOUTS

Show off your spirit and skills at our upcoming dance team tryouts—your chance to shine and join the winning team!

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Aug 27-28 (intensive) Aug 29th (tryouts)

4:15pm-6:30pm 27th & 28th / 7am-8:30am 29th

Mary E. Britton Middle School Gym

For Questions, please email or call:

859.422.1195

lauren.brett@fayette.kyschools.us



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FOOTBALL GEAR IS HERE



BSN ONLINE STORE!

- Show your team spirit and gear up for the season with official Britton Bears Football apparel—now available online through BSN Sports! From hoodies to hats, we've got everything you need to rep the Bears in style.
- 🛍️ Shop now: BSN Britton Football Store
- 📅 Hurry! The store closes soon—don't miss out

LINK

https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/pvbwrxoLzB

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL GEAR IS HERE



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INTERESTED IN PLAYING VOLLEYBALL?



OPEN GYM DATES:
AUGUST 15TH, 20TH & 29TH
SEPTEMBER 5TH & 12TH
4:30-6 PM

FIND DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE:
https://go.fcps.net/mebmsvb

MUST BE ENROLLED AT MEBMS TO ATTEND.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT
WHITNEY.RITTER@FAYETTE.KYSCHOOLS.US
ELLIE.VANCE@FAYETTE.KYSCHOOLS.US

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ACADEMIC TEAM

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR STUDENTS



- Friday, August 29th
- 8:00 AM
- Room A136 (Mr. Smith's Room)

Contact Coach Chase Smith
for more Information
chase.smith@fayette.kyschools.us



HENRY CLAY
DANCE TEAM

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM
PREP CLINIC

SIDELINE DANCE • SIDELINE CHEER • TECHNIQUE • POM CHOREO COMBO • COACHES FEEDBACK

WHEN: FRIDAY SEPT 19TH • 5:30PM-9:00PM
WHERE: LEXINGTON DANCE FACTORY
COST: $35 PER DANCER
WHO: MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE DANCERS

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER VIA OUR GOOGLE FORM BY SEPT 1ST TO GUARANTEE A CLINIC T-SHIRT



Congratulations to Mary E Britton Middle School staff, parents & students!

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