

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Enrollment & Schedules

We are excited to share that enrollment at Mary E. Britton Middle School has increased by 120 students since schedules were finalized in May. We've also seen a substantial increase in students with IEPs and students whose primary language is not English.

The largest growth has been in sixth grade. Typically, schools see as many as 30 students not show up on the first day, but we only had nine—a wonderful start! While enrollment usually fluctuates during the first week, our numbers have held steady.

Now that enrollment has stabilized, we will be reviewing student schedules to balance class sizes. New schedules will be distributed to students on Monday. We know this isn't ideal, but it is a necessary step to ensure the best possible learning environment for all.

Reporting an Absence

This year, we are using a new online system to report absences and submit excuse notes. Please use this link to let us know when your student is absent and to upload any required documentation:

👉 <https://go.fcps.net/MEBReportAbsence>

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Families who wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals may do so online at:

👉 <http://bit.ly/FCPSMealApp>

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball hosts Bryan Station at 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
 - Team pictures
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

- Dance team training session at 4:15 PM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball travels to Bates Creek at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

- Dance team training session at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 4:30 PM
- Football hosts Jessie Clark at 6:00 PM. The game will be played at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

- Dance team tryouts at 7:00 AM
- Academic team interest meeting in A136 at 8:00 AM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball open gym at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

- 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 Bates 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.



MAP Testing

MAP testing will take place on:

- September 2 – Math
- September 4 – Reading

We will follow an alternative schedule on these days. Please help us by ensuring your student is present for testing so we can minimize make-up sessions

MAP Testing Schedule

6th Grade

- 9:05-11:48- MAP testing with first period class
- 11:52-1:13- Fourth period with lunch
- 1:17-2:07- Fifth period
- 2:11-3:01- Sixth period
- 3:05-3:55- Seventh period

7th/8th Grade

- 9:05-12:19- MAP testing with third period class with lunch
- 12:23-1:13- Fourth period
- 1:17-2:07- Fifth period
- 2:11-3:01- Sixth period
- 3:05-3:55- Seventh period

Because our band and chorus teachers travel to other schools in the afternoons, we are unable to run 1st, 2nd, and 3rd period classes during the alternative schedule for MAP testing.

Around the Building

There are already lots of exciting things happening in classrooms throughout the building. Please check out the pictures in the Bear Snaps portion of the newsletter beginning on page three. If you have pictures you would like me to post, please email me!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, August 18... 96.40%
- Tuesday, August 19... 96.67%
- Wednesday, August 20... 96.04%
- Thursday, August 21... 95.41%
- Friday, August 22... No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, August 18... 98.89%
- Tuesday, August 19... 98.89%
- Wednesday, August 20... 100%
- Thursday, August 21... 95.56%
- Friday, August 22... No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 6.5
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

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

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 6.5
- 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

- [Absence form](#)
- [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 (+1)
- 7th grade: 174 (--)
- 8th grade: 138 (--)
- **Total: 556 (+1)**



BEAR HUGS

- Congratulations to the Britton Bears Cross Country teams. At the August 2 Bluegrass State Games, both the girls' and boys' teams finished 2nd. Maggie Henderson and Asa Park were the 3K Race Champions. Carter Howard, Noah Rohan, Samuel Alvarez, Larkin McConnell, and Lola Gonzalez were all top 10 medalists.
- At the Fleet Feet Relays on August 16, the girls' relay team of Maggie Henderson and Lola Gonzalez finished 6th, and the boys' relay team of Carter Howard and Asa Park finished 7th place, while Donovan Kwan and Noah Rohan finished 17th.
- On August 20, both the boys' and girls' team won the Archives Cross Country meet in Frankfort. Finishing in the top five were Maggie Henderson (2nd- girls), Larkin McConnell (3rd- girls), Asa Park (3rd- boys), and Carter Howard (5th- boys).



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BEAR SLAPS



The cross country team at the Fleet Feet Relays in Louisville, KY on August 16. It's a unique cross country race with teams of only 2 runners who race 3x800m, handing off to each other in a relay format with their combined times as their finishing result. The top 10 teams of 2 received Asics Race Singlets as awards. There were 68 Middle School girls teams of two and 80 Middle School boys teams of two.





BEAR SNAPS



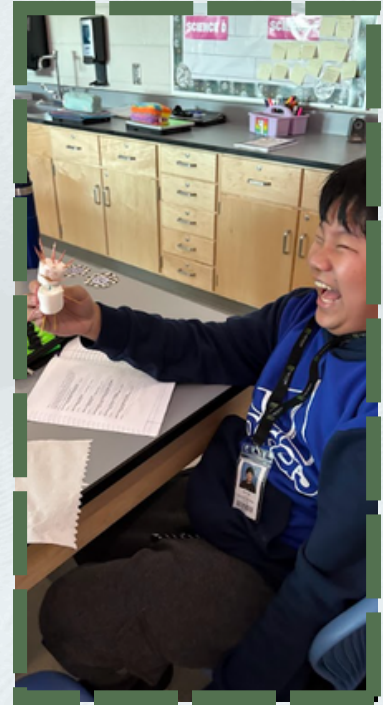
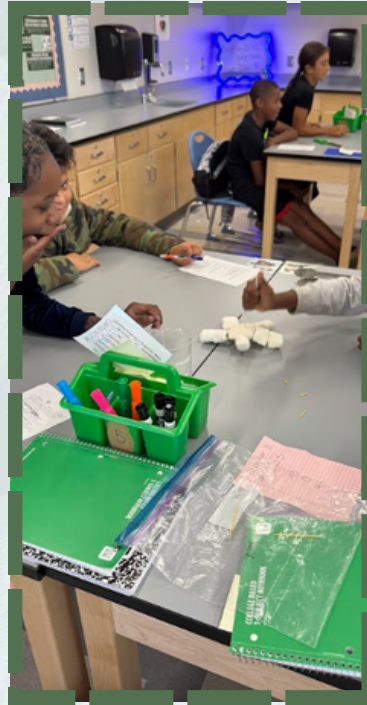
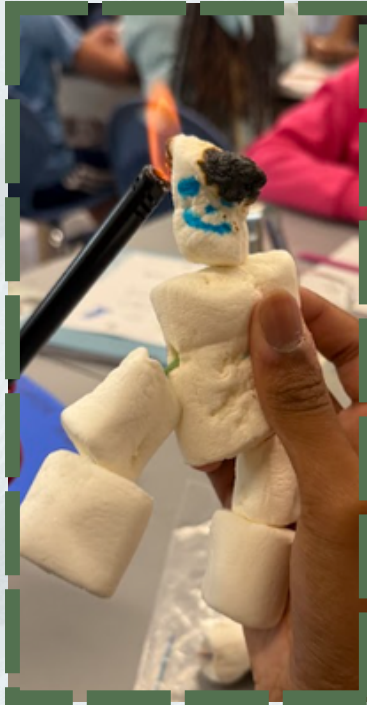
Football played Crawford on August 21 in our first official football game ever! Above is our first ever pre-game warm up, and on the right is our first ever coin flip. Below is our first kick off.



Above is our first snap in a football game.

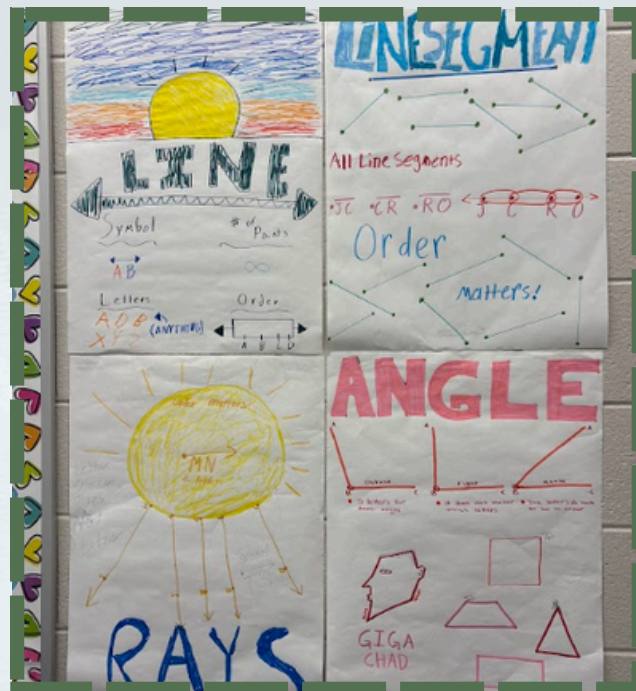


BEAR SNAPS



7TH GRADE
MS. HARRIS AND MRS. RITTER

Students completed a “Marshmallow Man” activity to explore physical vs chemical changes.



8TH GRADE
MS. KEKIC

Geometry students created posters to demonstrate understanding of vocabulary.



BEAR SNAPS



6TH GRADE
MRS. CZIRR

Students connected their understanding of fluency with decimals in a real world example (olympic swimmers).



CTE PATHWAY
MRS. MARGITA

Mrs. Margita represented Locust Trace Agriscience Center at the Kentucky State Fair this week.



BEAR SNAPS



7TH GRADE SCIENCE
MRS. RITTER AND MS. HARRIS

Science classes making use of our outdoor classroom.



CTE PATHWAY
MRS. MARGITA

Mrs. Margita represented Locust Trace Agriscience Center at the Kentucky State Fair this week.

DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

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



MARY E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



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



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



Mary E. Britton Middle School Gym



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For Questions,
please email or
call:



MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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



SCAPA
LAFAYETTE

INFORMATION
NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 6:00-7:30 PM

Lafayette Beeler Auditorium

www.fcps.net/scapalhs



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

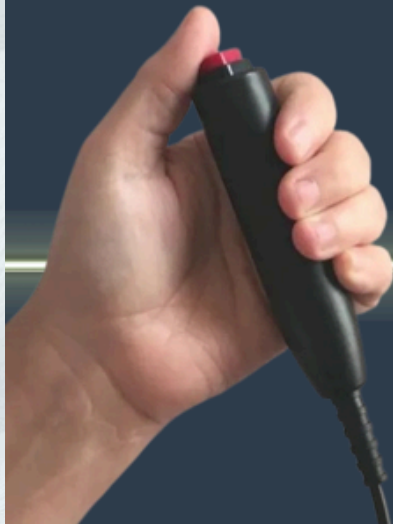
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ACADEMIC TEAM



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

Mary E Britton
Book Club

COME
& JOIN



September 12th, 2025

4 PM – 5 PM

MEB Media Center

<https://go.fcps.net/BOBClub>





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