

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

NEW FEE PAYMENT SYSTEM

You might have received an email asking you to pay your school fees for MEBMS. If you have already paid, please disregard the email. Our accounting software is new this year and we are still learning all of the nuances of the system. In addition, if a fee is listed more than one time, please only pay it once!

If you paid a fee online more than once, you will be refunded this money back onto the card you used. We are anticipating refunds going out this week. We appreciate your patience with the new system.

CANVAS PARENT APP

We are excited to introduce you to the **Canvas Parent App**, a powerful tool designed to help you stay informed and engaged in your student's academic life.

This app provides you with real-time access to your student's classroom information, including:

- Upcoming and past **assignments**
- **Grades** and academic progress
- Course **announcements** and due dates

Using the Canvas Parent App is a great way to partner with us in your student's educational journey and support their success. On page 9, you will find a **step-by-step guide** on how to download the app, create your account, and link it to your student. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our main office.

INTRODUCING CRASH- A NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are excited to launch CRASH, an afterschool program sponsored by Mrs. Stacey McKenzie, 7th grade math teacher and team leader.

CRASH is not a study hall, tutoring service, or childcare—it's a structured, positive environment where students can enjoy dinner together, complete schoolwork, and practice good manners and teamwork. Students are expected to bring a respectful attitude, work independently, and stay until 6:00 PM in the 7th grade flex room.

 Scheduled Wednesdays (Semester 1, 2025–26):

- September: 10, 17, 24
- October: 8, 15, 22, 29
- November: 5, 12, 19

 Resumes 1/14/26

We are seeking volunteers and donations to support meals, supplies, and tutoring. Items such as disposable utensils, plates, bowls, paper towels, and prepared meals are greatly appreciated.

 To sign up or donate, contact [Mrs. McKenzie](#).

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

- No school for Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

- Fall MAP Math administration
- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Girls' basketball hosts Morton at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

- Academic team tryouts at 7:45 AM
- Yearbook club meeting at 8:00 AM
- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Girls' basketball travels to EJ Hayes at 5:00 PM
- Cross country meet at Bourbon Co. Park at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

- Fall MAP Reading administration
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Cheer practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Football hosts Bryan Station at 6:00 PM at EJ Hayes Middle School

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

- Academic team tryouts at 7:45 AM
- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Volleyball open gym at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

- Cheerleading practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Cross country meet at Somerset Christian School at 11:00 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at 12:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- September 8: Girls' basketball hosts Jessie Clark
- September 9: School picture day
- September 10: Girls' basketball travels to Leestown
- September 11: Football travels to Bates Creek
- September 12: Battle of the Books meeting
- September 13: Track meet at Bourbon Co. Park
- September 16: FCCLA meeting
- September 18: HOSA meeting
- September 19: Football vs. EJ Hayes
- September 20: 6th girls' basketball tournament
- September 20: Track meet at Berea Alumni Field

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.

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.



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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, August 25... 93.97%
- Tuesday, August 26... 93.35%
- Wednesday, August 27... 94.87%
- Thursday, August 28... 95.94%
- Friday, August 29... 91.61%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, August 25... 98.89%
- Tuesday, August 26... 98.89%
- Wednesday, August 27... 98.89%
- Thursday, August 28... 98.89%
- Friday, August 29... 100%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET hours... 13
- Suspension days...

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 13
- Suspension days...

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET hours... 1
- Suspension days...

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 (--)
- 7th grade: 173 (-1)
- 8th grade: 137 (-1)
- **Total: 554 (-2)**



BEAR HUGS

- 8th grade girls' basketball defeated Bryan Station on August 25 34-14. 6th and 7th did not play, since BSMS does not have a team for those levels.



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Mary E. Britton Middle School**
Call us at 859.293.0411

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Fixed-rate mortgages offer stability—your payment won't change, no matter the market. Variable (or adjustable) rates often start lower, but they can increase over time. Fixed is great if you plan to stay long-term or want predictable budgeting. Variable may work if you'll move or refinance soon. Pick what fits your life, not just the interest rate. Let us help you choose!

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BEAR SNAPS



The girls' 8th grade basketball team defeated Bryan Station on August 25 34-14. there was not a 6th or 7th grade game.

The team is now 3-2 for the season.





MARY E. BRITTON GEAR

Support our school and look great while doing it!

[HTTPS://GO.FCPS.NET/MEBSTORE](https://go.fcps.net/mebstore)

Store closes Thursday, September 11th





SCAPA LAFAYETTE

INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 6:00-7:30 PM
Lafayette Beeler Auditorium
www.fcps.net/scapalhs



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

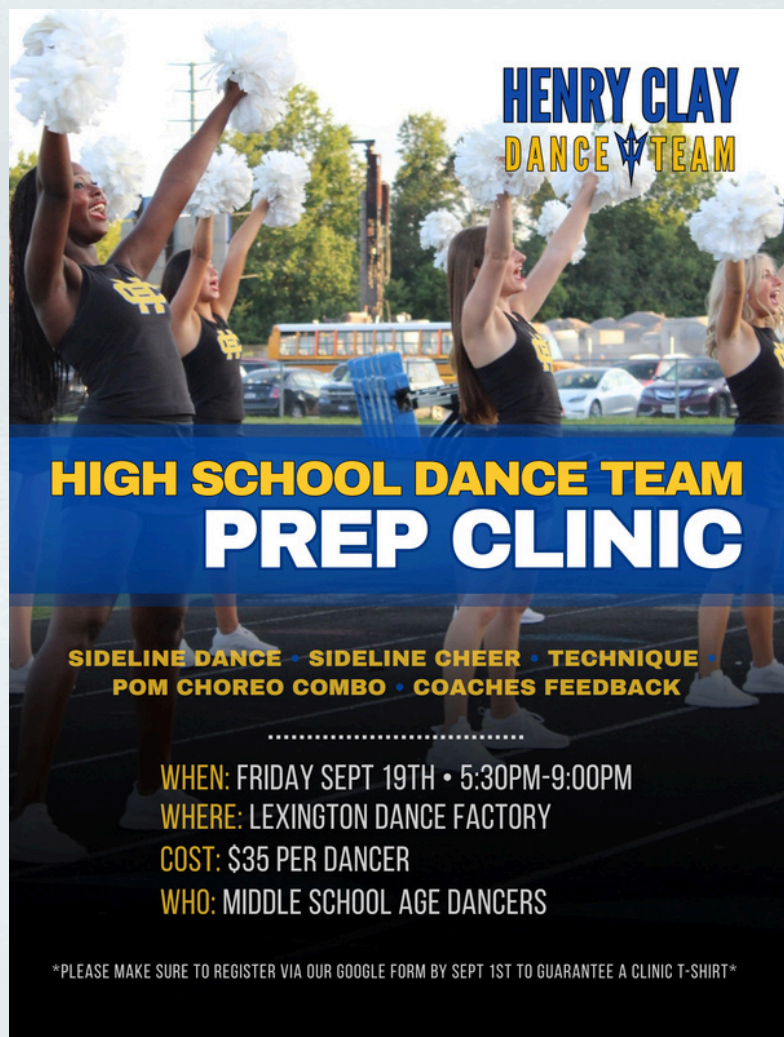


SCAPA BLUEGRASS
Serving Grades 4-8

Majors
Dance
Drama
Literary Arts (Creativity)
Visual Arts
Bands
Strings
Piano

September 11, 2025
6pm at SCAPA Bluegrass Informational Night

Contact Info
859.422.2398
fcps.net/auditions
scapa.fcps.net
scapabluegrass@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



MARY E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEARBOOK CLUB MEETING

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FOR STUDENTS

- Wednesday, Sep 3rd
- 8:00 AM
- Meet at MEB Office Entrance

CONTACT MS. CAIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT
CYNTHIA.CAIN@FAYETTE.KYSCHOOLS.US

Mary E. Britton Middle School

ACADEMIC TEAM TRYOUTS



- Wednesday, September 3rd
@7:45 AM
- Friday, September 5th
@7:45 AM.



Mr. Smith will meet students
at the front entrance at 7:45
AM.

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

Mary E Britton
Book Club

COME & JOIN



Battle of the Books

September 12th, 2025

4 PM – 5 PM

MEB Media Center

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

GOLF FOR A CURE: JUNIOR CLINIC & Q&A



FEATURING

Josh Teater
&
Jansen Preston



**Q&A ON THE RANGE
WITH A KORN
FERRY TOUR WINNER**

12:30-2:30

Range Seminar
Lunch (provided)

Hitting on the Range
Short Game Work

**FREE TO THE
FIRST 50 WHO
SIGN UP**

**MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL
GOLFERS**

**PARENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED
TO COME AND STAY**

**SUNDAY
SEP. 7, 2025**

**AT GREENBRIER GOLF
& COUNTRY CLUB**

SPONSORS



**DONATIONS AND SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT GO TO
SUPPORT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**



**Sign up following the golf genius link or:
Call/ Text Andrew Marrs: 859-913-1022**

Canvas

**This is where your student's current, up to date, live grade will always be.
Always refer to Canvas to see your student's progress.**

Canvas Guide for Families

If you try to create an account and have issues please call the Student Family Helpdesk

Helpdesk Phone

859-422-5555

Canvas Parent App



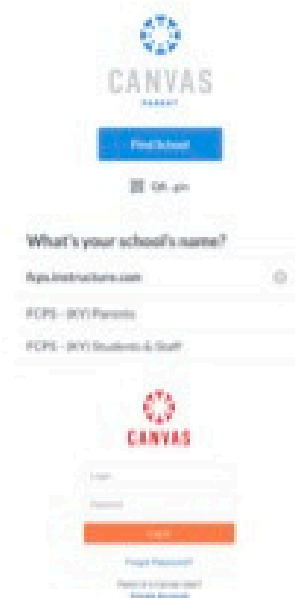
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Canvas Parent Site via Web Browser

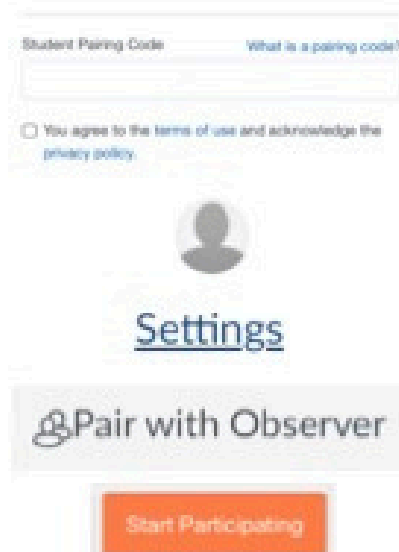
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How do I set up the Parent App?

1. Download the Canvas Parent app from your app store.
2. Open the Canvas Parent app
3. Tap the Find the School button
4. Enter: fcps.instructure.com NOT Fayette County
5. Select FCPS-(KY) Parents
6. First time users, select Create Account
 - a. If you already have an account you can log in here
7. Fill out information to create an account



8. You will need a Pairing Code from your student's account.
 - a. Parent code can only be retrieved from your student from their Canvas account.
 - b. On your student's Canvas account they:
 - i. Click Account
 - ii. Settings
 - iii. Pair with Observer
9. Click Start Participating



Canvas Parent App Tour

Settings
This is the settings for the app

Classes and Grades
This will show you at a quick glance at your student's grade and class. You can click on the class to see any missing assignments.

Class Calendars
This will show you any upcoming assignments or due dates

Multiple Students
Use this toggle to switch between your different students to see their classes, assignments, and grades.

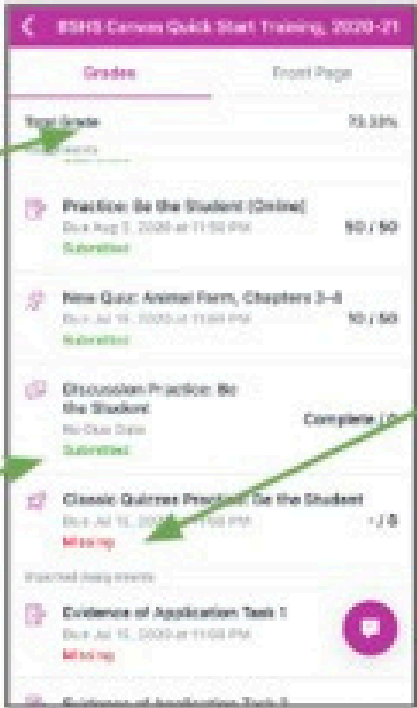
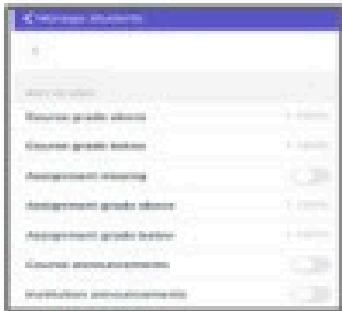
Alerts
Any alerts will appear in the Alerts tab. You can manage your alerts in the Manage Students section under the settings in the top left.

Class View
This will show you a detailed list of all assignments and your student's grades.

Submitted
This assignment is submitted. It might not be graded, but it is submitted.

Missing
This assignment is missing and was not turned in. Check with your child to see why it is missing.

Email
You can use this icon to email your student's teacher.





CRASH

Sponsored by Stacey McKenzie
(7th Grade Math Teacher & 7th Grade Team Leader)



**SCHEDULED
WEDNESDAYS**



DISMISSAL - 6:00 PM



7TH GRADE WING
FLEX Room



STACEY MCKENZIE
stacey.mckenzie@fayette.kyschools.us



****This program completely relies on time and donations from Mrs. McKenzie, Volunteers and Sponsors.**

WHAT IS CRASH?

An afterschool program offered for students that provides dinner and an opportunity to do school work in a safe, positive, and structured environment.

WHAT IT ISN'T

- Not a Study Hall
- Not ESS
- Not One-on-One Tutoring Service
- Not Child Care

EXPECTATIONS

- Respect
- Manners
- Positive attitude
- Self-directed work ethic
- Must be able to attend until 6:00 PM
- Must be able to be picked up promptly at 6:00 PM

DINNER

Dismissal - 4:45 - Students will eat dinner and quietly speak with those sitting at the same table. Students are encouraged to get to know each other and practice table etiquette as they would at a more formal dinner, not as they would in the Cafeteria. Phones should not be used for social purposes.

HOMEWORK

4:45-5:45 Students must be on task working on school assignments (math first). Students that finish early are expected to read, do math practice, tutor others. *No one is permitted to play on phone or do games on Chromebook.*

*****At 5:45 all students will assist in clean up.**

VOLUNTEERS / DONATIONS

- Looking for volunteers to help with serving, clean up and tutoring.
- Need disposable utensils, napkins, paper towels, plates and bowls.
- Will accept groceries, drinks, meals prepared.
- Sponsors

9/10/25

9/17/25

9/24/25

10/8/25

10/15/25

10/22/25

10/29/25

11/5/25

11/12/25

11/19/25

NO CRASH 10/1/25, 11/26/25, 12/17/25, 12/24/25, 12/31/25 AND 1/7/26

CRASH RESUMES

1/14/25

IN THE EVENT THAT MRS. MCKENZIE HAS ANOTHER OBLIGATION THAT ARISES, SCHOOL IS
CANCELED, OR EVENING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED, THERE WILL BE NO CRASH
THAT EVENING, NOR WILL THERE BE A MAKEUP DAY.

Cut here and return if you wish to sign your student up for CRASH.

I would like for my student/child _____, to participate in CRASH. We
understand the expectations of CRASH

Food Allergies?_____

If you can provide assistance, support, or donations, list here:_____

STUDENT(Print Name):_____Student Signature:_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Signature):_____

Contact Email:_____Phone #_____



DIXIE BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Friday August 29th: 6 - 8 (Early Bird)
Saturday, August 30th: 11 - 3pm (Early Bird)

Friday, September 5th: 6 - 8pm
Saturday, September 6th: 11 - 3pm

Location for Sign Ups: Foyer of Bryan Station High School

Divisions:

Training League (TL) 4-6 yrs old / Cheerleading 4-6 yrs. old
Junior Varsity (JV) 7-9 yrs old Cheerleading 7-9 yrs. old
Varsity (V) 10-12 yrs old / Cheerleading 10-12 yrs. old

Children play based on their age as of Sept 1, 2025
Cheerleading is based on age as of Sept.1, 2025

COST: Basketball \$155.00 Early Bird Special \$145.00
Cheerleading - \$150.00 Early Bird Special 140.00
Early Bird Special must be paid in full by 3pm on August 30th

NOTE: Both fees include a uniform for the child that they get to keep

Practices: Start the week of October 7th and are one night a week

Games: Played on Saturdays starting early November at Lexington Traditional Magnet School

For more information regarding Basketball:
Email: gjones1@twc.com & Facebook (Dixie Basketball, Inc)

For more information regarding Cheerleading:
Email: shannondd75@gmail.com

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