

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

SBDM Election Update

Teacher and parent elections for our School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council will be held in October, with terms beginning November 1. The PTSA will oversee the parent elections and is currently seeking two candidates to serve. The application is included at the end of this newsletter and was also shared via ParentSquare.

This year's SBDM Council is especially important, as it will approve all required policies for our school. Learn more here:

-  [Kentucky Department of Education – SBDM](#)
-  [FCPS – SBDM](#)

BEARiTones Band Fundraiser

Our BEARiTones Band has officially launched its first-ever fundraiser with Bumblebee Fundraising — and we need your support!

- Who: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade MEBMS Band members
- What: Selling Discover Lexington coupon books
- Cost: \$20 each (cash or check payable to Mary E. Britton Middle School)
- When: Orders are due Wednesday, September 25; books will be delivered the week after fall break
- Where: The books include valuable coupons to local restaurants, stores, and services in the Lexington and Louisville areas. Just the Kroger coupons alone can save you \$60, and each book comes with an app for even more savings.
- Why: Funds raised will support band student t-shirts and a spring performance field trip.

How it works:

- Students have one sample book inside an envelope. This book is just to show — it should not be sold. They will collect orders and payments, then return order forms by September 25.
- Safety note: Students have been reminded to sell only to adults they know. They should not sell to other students or go door-to-door unless their family approves.
-  Questions? Contact [Mr. Mitchell](#), band director.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball open gym at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- FCCLA meeting at 4:15 pm
- First round of the 7th grade girls' basketball tournament at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- CRASH- 4:15–6:00 PM
- First round of the 8th grade girls' basketball tournament at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

- HOSA meeting in room C111 at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Cheer practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Football travels to Edythe J. Hayes at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

- Girls' basketball 6th grade tournament at MEBMS at 9:00 AM
- Cheerleading practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Cross country meet at the Alumni Field in Berea at 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- September 22: Volleyball tryouts
- September 24: Cross country district meet
- September 25: Football hosts Beaumont
- September 25: International travel club Greece and Italy interest meeting
- September 26: Volleyball parent meeting
- September 27: Cross country Bluegrass Invitational
- September 29–October 4: Fall break
- October 6: No school for students
- October 9: Football vs. Morton
- October 11: Cross country Area 6 Championships

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.



17 Parent & Family Night – We Want Your Input!

We're planning a Parent & Family Night in October 🗓️ and want your feedback to help us design an event that best serves our school community.

✍️ Please share your ideas here: [Parent & Family Night Feedback Form](#)

🏀 District Tournament Tip-Off

Both our 7th grade and 8th grade Lady Bears basketball teams will face Leestown in the opening round of the district tournament on Monday, September 16, with games beginning at 5:00 PM at Leestown Middle School.

Let's pack the stands and cheer on our Lady Bears – good luck, Lady Bears!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 8... 95.05%
- Tuesday, September 9... 96.03%
- Wednesday, September 10... 91.88%
- Thursday, September 11... 92.69%
- Friday, September 12... 93.77%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 8... 100%
- Tuesday, September 9... 95.56%
- Wednesday, September 10... 98.42%
- Thursday, September 11... 96.67%
- Friday, September 12... 99.47%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET hours... 0
- Suspension days... 1

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 4
- RESET hours... 6.5
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET hours... 3
- Suspension days... 1

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: 243 (-1)
- 7th grade: 174 (+1)
- 8th grade: 137 (-2)
- Total: 554 (-2)**



BEAR HUGS

- A huge shout out to our Mary E. Britton Cross Country team for an outstanding showing at the Southern Harrier Classic in Somerset! Despite the rain and mud, our athletes gave it their all:
 - 🏆 Boys Team Champions – bringing home the 1st place trophy with top finishes from Asa Park (2nd), Carter Howard (3rd), Noah Rohan (4th), Donovan Kwan (6th), and Samuel Alvarez (12th).
 - 🏆 Girls Team – 2nd Place Finish – earning a trophy while placing six runners in the top 25, led by Sena Ouchi (9th), Caroline Musilli (12th), Lola Gonzalez (19th), Molly Wheeler (20th), Aubree Tresaloni (21st), and Kaelee Riddle (25th).



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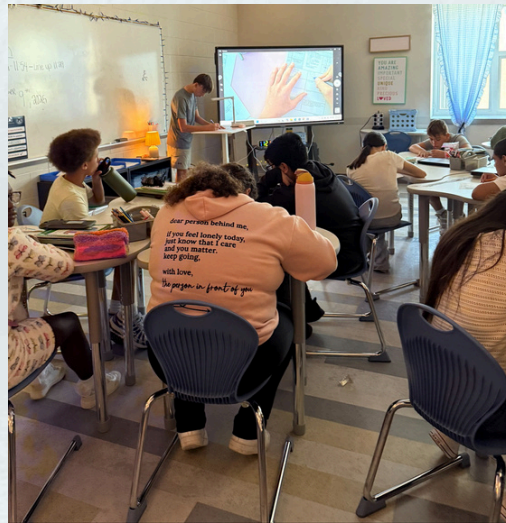
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BEAR SNAPS

The boys and girls' cross country team dominated the Southern Harrier Classic meet in Somerset on September 6. The boys' placed first, while the girls' placed second. Six girls' placed in the top 25!



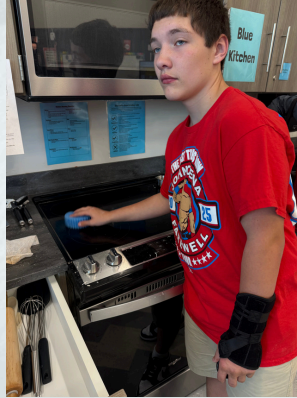
Students modeling their mastery of adding and subtracting rational numbers in Ms. Robinson's 7th grade math class.

Our Bear Crew Coffee Cart is open for business! Shout out to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wright for setting this up for our students and staff.





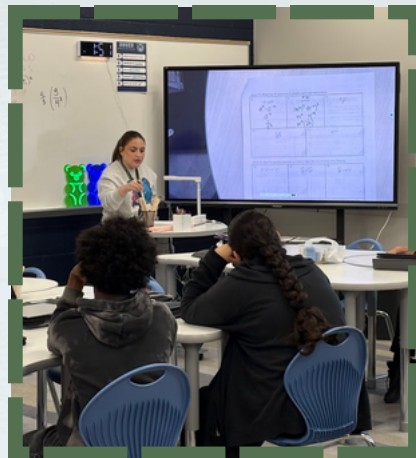
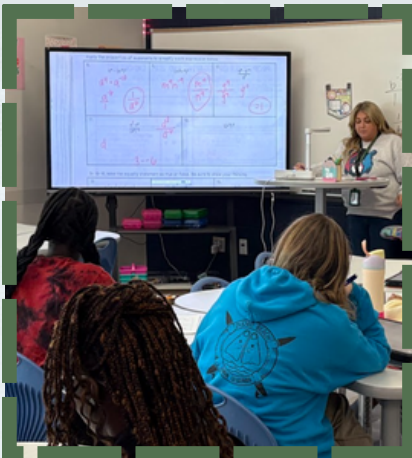
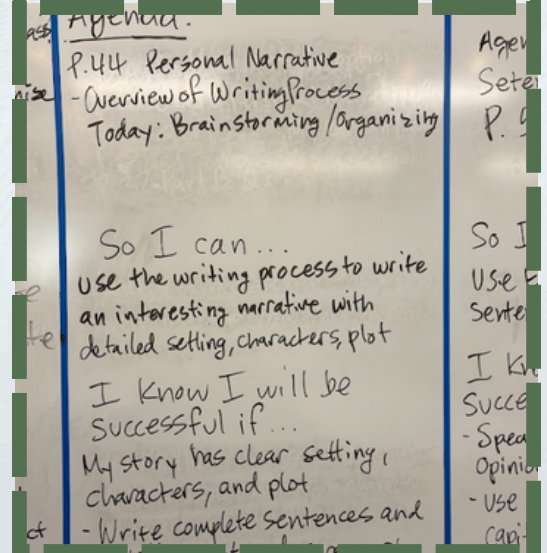
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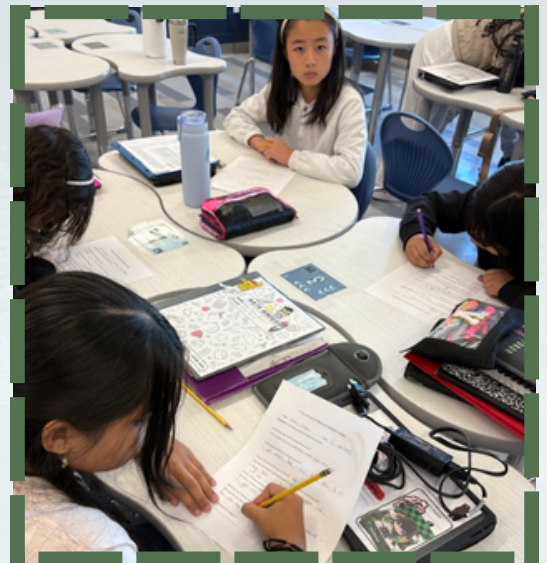
Students in Ms. Taylor's 8th grade family and consumer science class made some incredible pizza this week!



Students in Mrs. Piatt's math class are building math comprehension by rotating through different learning stations.



Students in Mrs. Ryan and Ms. Kekic's math classes are learning exponent rules through teacher modeling so they can use them to simplify expressions.



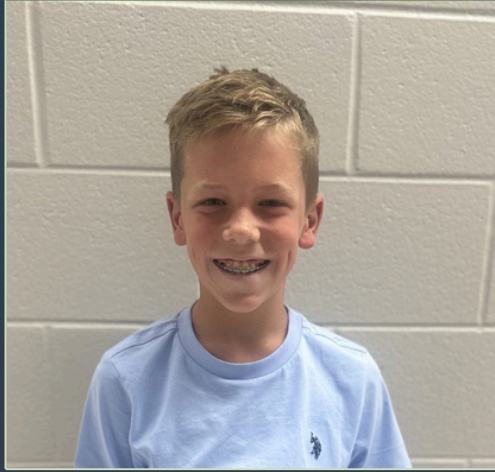
Multilingual students in Mr. Dean's classes are learning how to write a personal narrative by starting with an outline and receiving feedback.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students of the Month

6th Grade Kodiaks



Lincoln Lashbrook



Neala Courtney



Blythe Wharton



Langston White

SEPTEMBER



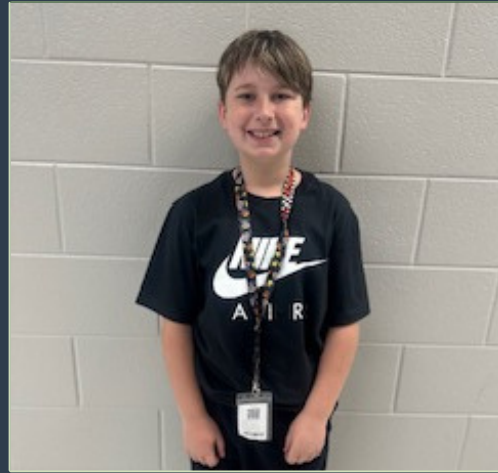
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Students of the Month

6th Grade Polars



Kaylee Chen



Jeremiah Daniels



Hannah Gibson



Cheikh Mbengue

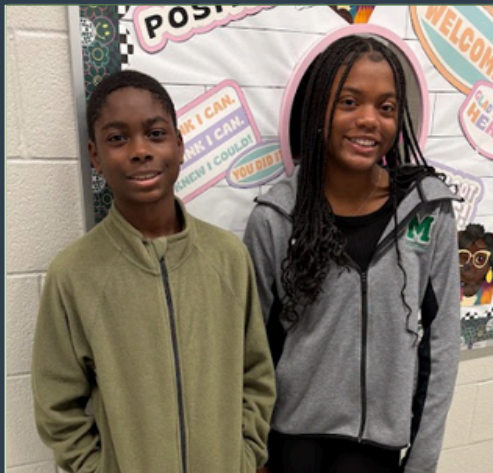
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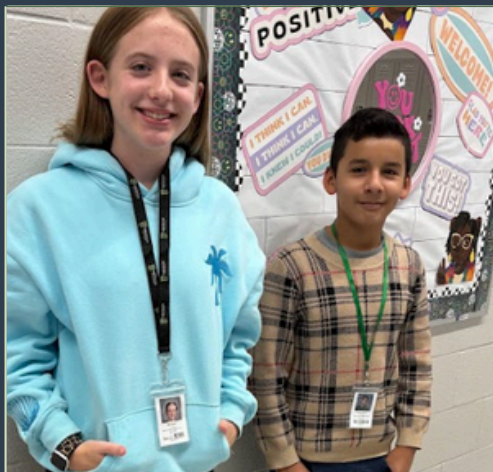
7th Grade Grizzlies



Zach Harris, Aiyonna Ashley
BE KIND



Falkon Suarez, Ainsley Overall
BE CURIOUS



Ella Gilliam, Erick Delarosa
BE RESPONSIBLE



Ganiya King, Alondra Romero
BE BOLD

SEPTEMBER



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Students of the Month

8th Grade Bruins



Lawson Parsons



Addilynn Peterson



Paislee Baker



Darius Mulder

SEPTEMBER



VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



6TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 22 @4:15 PM
& SEPTMEBER 23 @4:15 PM



7TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 22 @6:30 PM
& SEPTEMBER 23 @6:00 PM



8TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 24 @4:15 PM
& SEPTEMBER 25 @4:15 PM



MARY E. BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM



Must have a KHSAA Sports
physical to participate!
Bring a copy.

CONTACT US!

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YOU MUST REGISTER!

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



JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL!

Are you ready to be a leader, make a difference, and have fun?

What Is It?

Student Council is a group of students who plan events, lead service projects, and represent student voices.

Who Can Apply?

Any student in grades 6-8 who: Keeps good grades, comes to school regularly, and wants to make a positive impact.

How Do I Apply?

Fill out the application form, get a teacher recommendation, and ask them to email it to Mrs. Elkins.

Click for
the application.



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



Questions? Email Mrs. Elkins: pam.elkins@fayette.kyschools.us

SBDM Parent Council Member

Deadline: Must be postmarked by September 22, 2025

Directions: Mary E. Britton has 2 parent positions available for a term of 1 year on the first MEB Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council of the 2025-2026 Fayette County Public School calendar. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent as a nominee for election to the council. In order to qualify as a parent council member, a parent representative must be a parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student at MEB. A parent is ineligible if he or she is an employee or relative of an employee (father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter) of MEB, the district central office, a local school board member, or the spouse of a board member.

Name of Nominee: _____ **DATE:** _____

Address: _____

Children Enrolled in MEB: _____

Nominated By: _____

Person being nominated: I agree to complete a background check and a registry check from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding substantial child abuse or neglect and the school council member training. I accept this nomination and hereby certify that I am eligible to serve on this council and meet all qualifications as described above.

Nominee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a single page summary of your background and experiences that would qualify you for the SBDM Council. This information will be shared with voters before the election.

Please send the above nominations via email to alenaglass@gmail.com (President of PTSA at MEB) or send/bring form to MEB's front office.