

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Fall KSA Projections: How Our Bears Are Doing and What's Next

This fall, our students completed their first MAP assessments of the year, which provide early insight into how they are projected to perform on the state KSA assessments in the spring. These results help us identify where our students are thriving and where they need additional support—long before the state test is given.

Math:

- Across all grades, about 43% of students are projected to reach Proficient or Distinguished on the spring KSA.
- Grade-level breakdown: 6th – 43.8%, 7th – 52%, 8th – 29.9%.
- Roughly 28% of students are currently projected as Novice, which signals significant learning gaps that we must address this year177296698

Reading:

- Across all grades, about 39% of students are projected to reach Proficient or Distinguished on the spring KSA.
- Grade-level breakdown: 6th – 39.5%, 7th – 45.6%, 8th – 30.6%.
- About 28% of students are projected as Novice, similar to math177296698

While we are proud of the hard work our students and staff are already putting forth, these results make it clear that we have important work ahead to ensure all students are prepared for success.

Our Plan Moving Forward

To support our Bears, we are implementing a multi-layered response:

- Targeted Small-Group Instruction: Teachers will use MAP and classroom data to provide focused intervention for students at risk of scoring Novice.
- Daily Skills Practice: We are embedding dedicated time for fluency, vocabulary, and math fact practice within our instructional blocks.
- Progress Monitoring: Students will complete MAP Skills and i-Ready checks to ensure they are growing toward grade-level expectations.
- Professional Learning for Teachers: Our teachers will engage in ongoing training around high-yield instructional strategies and analyzing student data to inform instruction.
- Family Communication: We will share updates throughout the year so families can celebrate growth and partner with us to support learning at home.

Together, we can ensure every student grows and thrives. Thank you for partnering with us as we build a strong foundation for success at Mary E. Britton Middle School!

Academic Team Parent Meeting

The academic team will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:30 pm in the media center.

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.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 6:00 PM
- Parent SBDM nomination forms due

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Football at Beaumont at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- CRASH in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- Dance team pictures at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Cross country district championship at Masterson Station Park at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 6:00 PM
- International Travel Club meeting regarding Greece and Italy trip in the media center at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Volleyball parent meeting at 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

- Cheerleading practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Cross country meet at Masterson Station Park at 11:00 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at noon

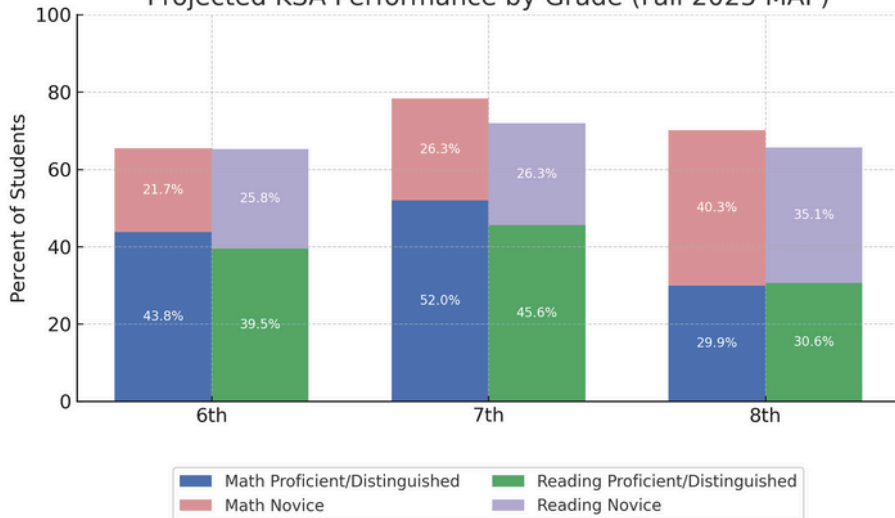
LOOKING AHEAD...

- September 29–October 4: Fall break
- October 6: No school for students
- October: Jazz band first meeting
- October 9: Football vs. Morton at FDHS
- October 11: Cross country Area 6 Championships
- October 16: Football vs. Southern
- October 17: Fall dance
- October 18: State cross country meet
- October 22: 7th grade football playoffs begin
- October 23: 8th grade football playoffs begin
- November 3: Volleyball travels to Crawford

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.



Projected KSA Performance by Grade (Fall 2025 MAP)



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](#)

The survey will close on September 27!

Travel Opportunity: Greece & Italy – Family Info Meeting

We'll host our 2nd travel meeting for the Greece & Italy trip on Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 PM at Mary E. Britton Middle School.

- Learn about the itinerary, safety, costs, and enrollment steps
- Q&A with our trip leaders
- Open to all families interested in joining the trip

Please enroll for the meeting here: <https://bit.ly/3Tx5FA>

If you've already signed up to attend, you'll receive a separate reminder as well. We hope to see you there!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 15... 96.12%
- Tuesday, September 16... 95.59%
- Wednesday, September 17... 94.86%
- Thursday, September 18... 96.20%
- Friday, September 19...

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 15... 100%
- Tuesday, September 16... 100%
- Wednesday, September 17... 96.67%
- Thursday, September 18... 96.84%
- Friday, September 19...

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 8
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET hours... 25.5
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 0
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET hours... 0
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 11
- RESET hours... 7.5
- 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: 135 (-2)
- **Total: 553 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS

- A huge out to the boys and girls cross country teams. Both placed second the DCA Battlefield Blitz in Perryville on September 13. Here are the individual results:
 - Maggie Henderson- first place
 - Asa Park- second place
 - Noah Rohan- third place
 - Larkin McConnell- tenth place
 - Caroline Musilli- 19th place
 - Adelaide Williams -23rd place
 - Donovan Kwan- 4th place
 - Samuel Alvarez- 17th place
 - Jonah Hansford - 26th place



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BEAR SNAPS



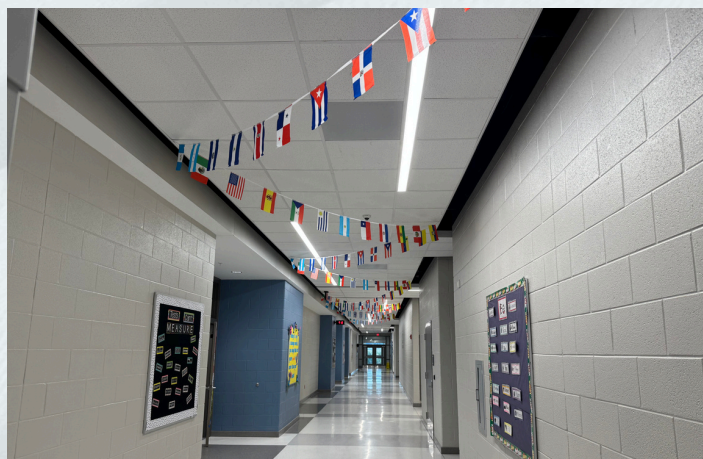
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BEAR SNAPS

Special thanks to Mr. Leo Ocasio Diaz, our Spanish teacher, for decorating for Spanish Heritage month!



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school
pictures

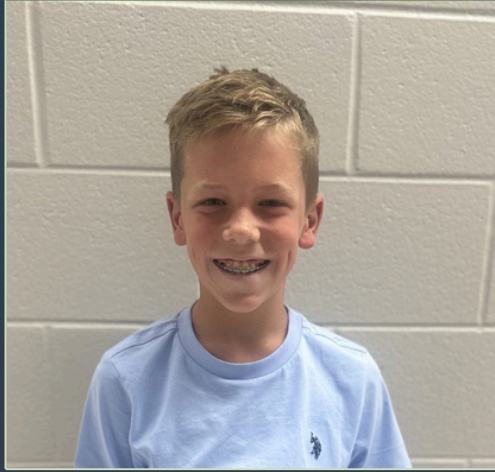




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Students of the Month

6th Grade Kodiaks



Lincoln Lashbrook



Neala Courtney



Blythe Wharton



Langston White

SEPTEMBER



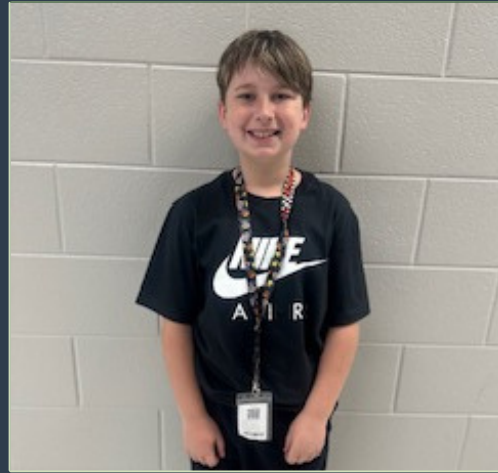
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Students of the Month

6th Grade Polars



Kaylee Chen



Jeremiah Daniels



Hannah Gibson



Cheikh Mbengue

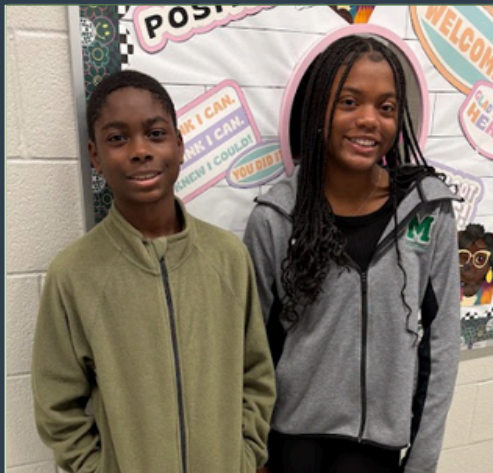
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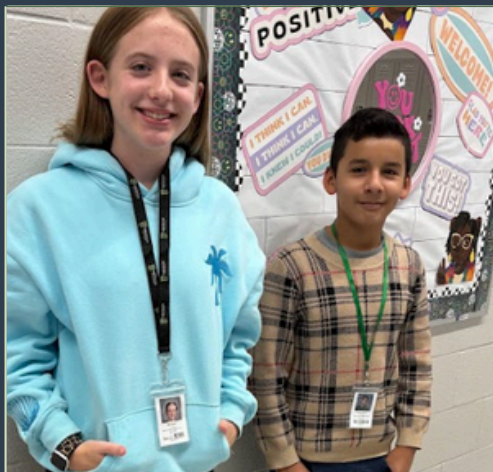
7th Grade Grizzlies



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!

whitney.ritter@fayette.kyschools.us

ellie.vance@fayette.kyschools.us

YOU MUST REGISTER!

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



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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

GREECE & ITALY

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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.