MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE Bear Claw

Friday
September 26, 2025

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

🐻 A Pep Rally to Remember!

Thanks to the exceptional work of our PBIS Committee—Ketcia Alvarez, Missy Browning, Neira Kekic, Cameryn Hutchinson, chair Ryan Timmons, and Elliott Widmer—Mary E. Britton Middle School hosted its very first pep rally!

During the celebration, we proudly introduced and highlighted our fall sports teams: football, cross country, girls' basketball, cheer, and dance, and unveiled our first-ever volleyball team. Students and staff came together to play games, cheer, and show off their Britton Bear spirit!

I've had the privilege of attending many pep rallies over the past 25 years, but this one was truly special. Our students are proud, energized, and excited to be part of the Britton community—and their enthusiasm was contagious.

One of our core vision statements is to foster school pride and a sense of belonging. Everything we do begins with that purpose. We hope your child came home today feeling excited to be a Britton Bear!

📸 Picture Retakes

If your child needs picture retakes, please complete the form below so we can plan accordingly.
📋 Click here to sign up for picture retakes

🧩 Family Needs Assessment

As part of our application to open a Youth Services Center (YSC) at Mary E. Britton Middle School, we need your input!

Please take a few minutes to complete this Family Needs Assessment to help us identify services and supports that would most benefit our students and families.
💡 Complete the Needs Assessment here

Your feedback is essential as we work to provide wrap-around support for every Britton Bear!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

- No school for students

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- CRASH in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- FFA meeting at 4:15 PM
- Football vs. Morton at FDHS at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

- Picture retakes. Sign up here!
- Football practice from 4:15-6:15 PM
- Volleyball parent meeting at 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 9:00 AM
- Cheer practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at noon
- Cross country Area 7 championships at Masteron Station Park at 3:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- November 4: Election Day, no school
- November 5: Volleyball hosts Winburn
- November 10: Volleyball travels to Beaumont
- November 11: Volleyball travels to Southern
- November 13: Volleyball hosts LEX

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.

Girls' Basketball All City Team

congratulations to Paislee Baker! She was named to the FCPS All City Team for girls' basketball.

Paislee will represent our school in the All City Game.



🧠 Support Our Academic Team!

Our Academic Team has launched a BSN Sports apparel store—a great way to show your school spirit while supporting our scholars!

🛍️ Shop the store and show your Bear pride!

🧥 Youth Services Center Clothing Drive

We are collecting clothing items to support our Youth Services Center and help students in need.

We are especially in need of:
👖 Girls' pants (smaller sizes preferred)
👕 Hoodies
🧣 Winter clothing

Donations can be dropped off in the front office. Thank you for helping us keep every Bear warm this winter!

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: 134 (-1)
- **Total: 552 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS

- Britton XC tackled the tough and unique Berea Invitational course — complete with creek crossings and wooded trails — and came away with another great showing!
  - 🏆 Boys Team – Runner-Up out of 11 teams (another 2nd place trophy!)
  - 👏 Girls Team – Strong 4th place finish

  For individual highlights, please check out our website under Athletics.
- Congratulations to the following students for making our academic team: Aafreen Ansari, Eli Bivins, Caroline Board, Jack Caudill, Wells Downing, Matthew Flores, Norah Hoehne, Kingston Hudspeth, Kristina Kausing, Lincoln Lashbrook, Mason Martinkovic, Nolan Newton, Lawson Parsons, Hagan Perkins, and Chloe Yang.
- Congratulations to Paislee Baker for making the FCPS Girls' Basketball All City Team!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 22... 95.38%
- Tuesday, September 23... 95.38%
- Wednesday, September 24... 96.20%
- Thursday, September 25... 96.38%
- Friday, September 26... 93.57%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 22... 93.33%
- Tuesday, September 23... 98.89%
- Wednesday, September 24... 96.67%
- Thursday, September 25... 96.67%
- Friday, September 26... 97.78%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 14
- RESET hours... 22.5
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET hours... 2.5
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 5
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET hours... 2
- Suspension days... 1.5



BEAR SNAPS

Thanks to our partners at White, Greer, and Maggard Orthodontics for providing every Britton student with a free t-shirt!





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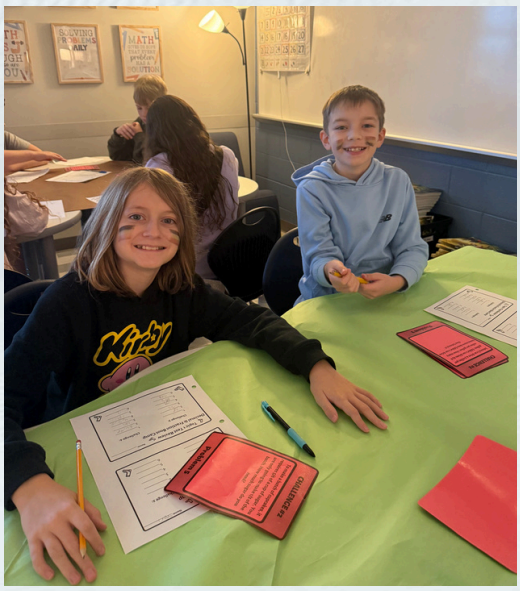


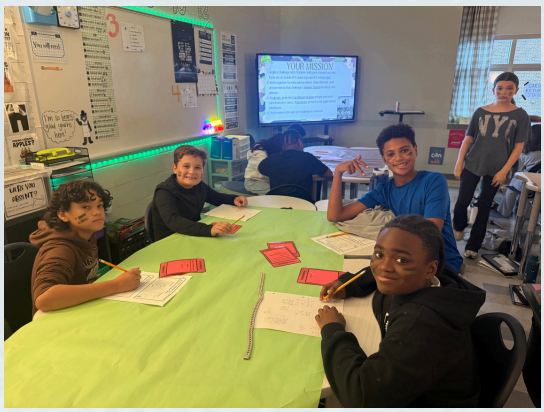


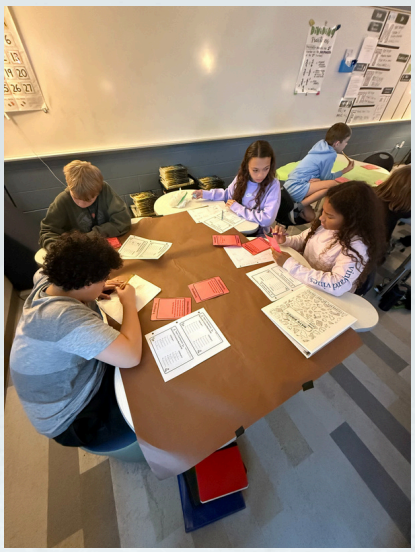




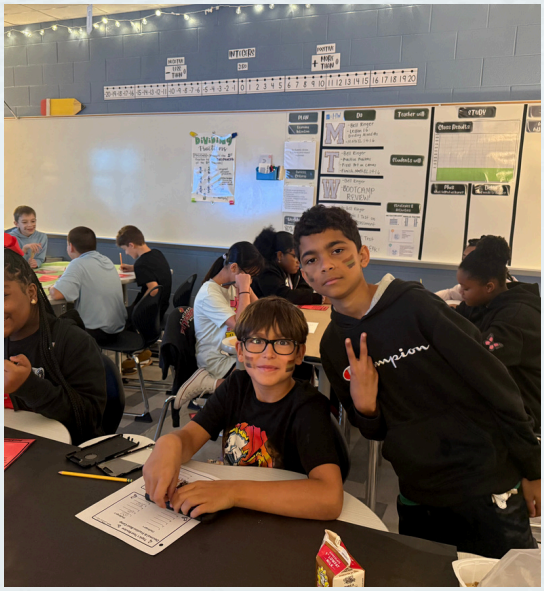
Above and right: Cross country at the Berea Invitational. **Below:** Sixth graders took part in the Decimal and Fraction Bootcamp in Mrs. Czirr and Mrs. Vance's math classes.











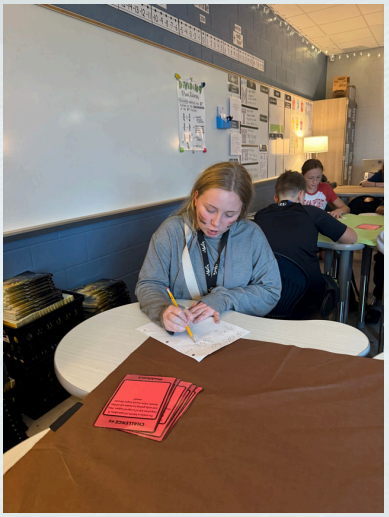


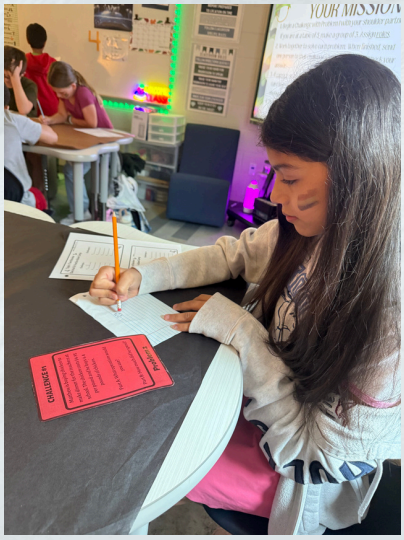
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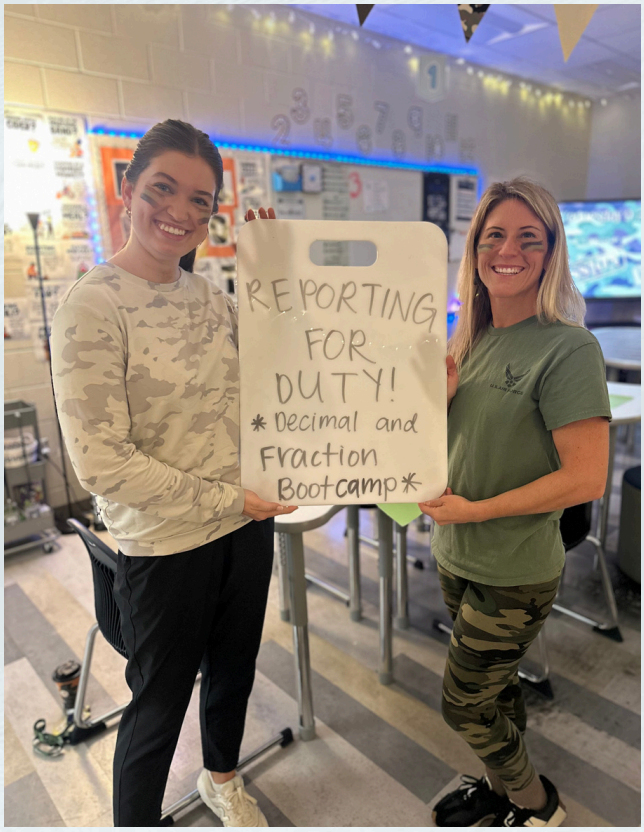
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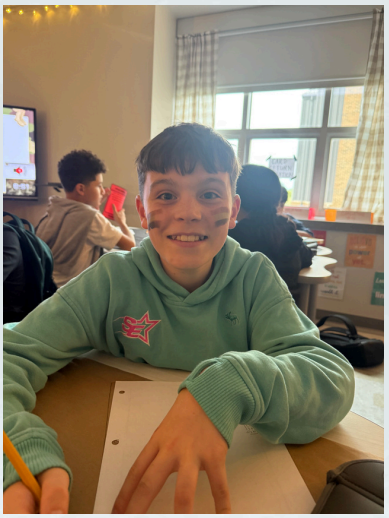


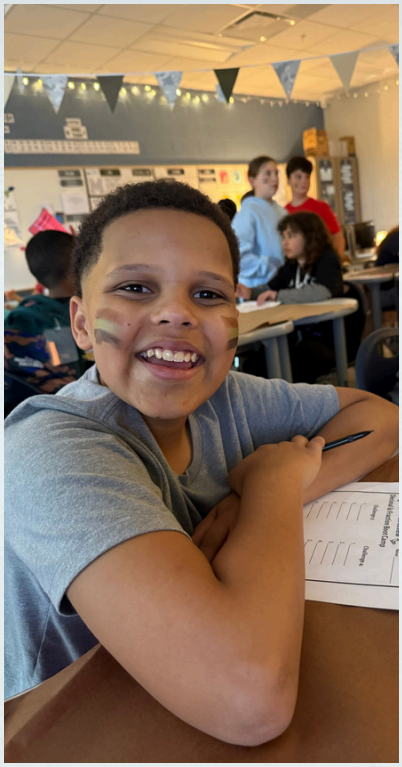


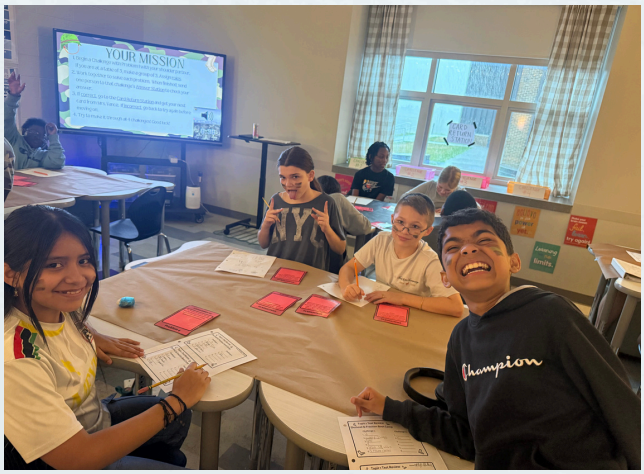


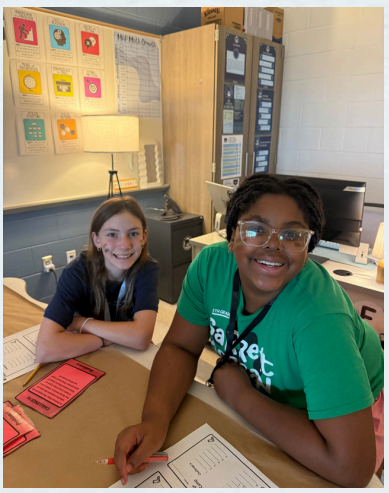












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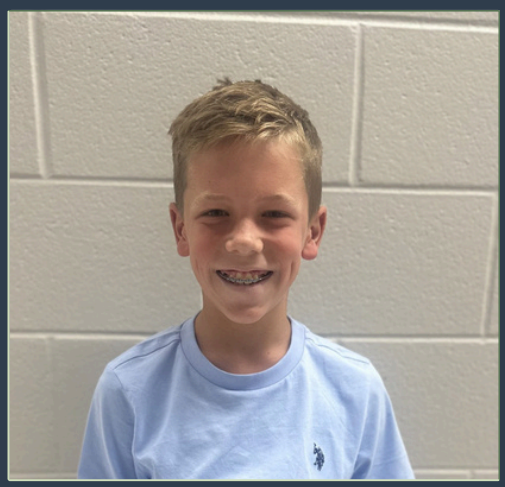


Cross Country Head Coach Leah Park places the first trophy in our trophy case!

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Students of the Month

6th Grade Kodiaks



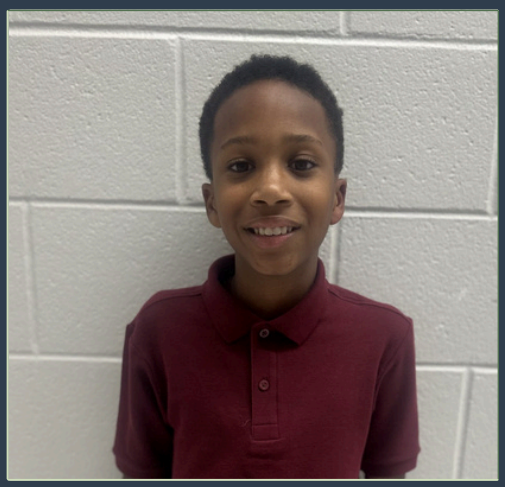
Lincoln Lashbrook



Neala Courtney



Blythe Wharton



Langston White

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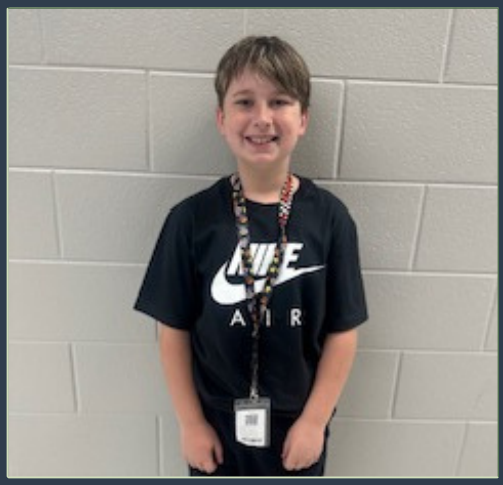
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Students of the Month

6th Grade Polars



Kaylee Chen



Jeremiah Daniels



Hannah Gibson



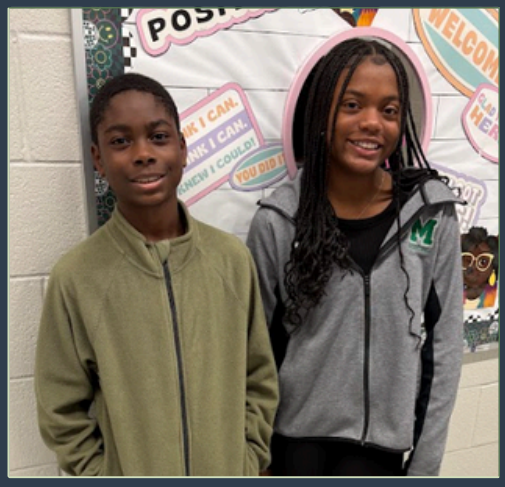
Cheikh Mbengue

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7th Grade Grizzlies



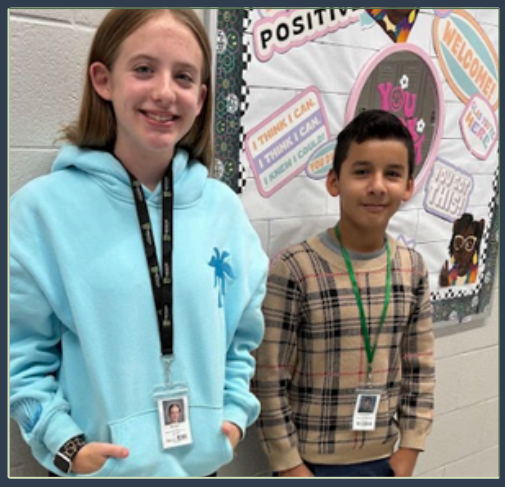
Zach Harris, Aiyonna Ashley

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

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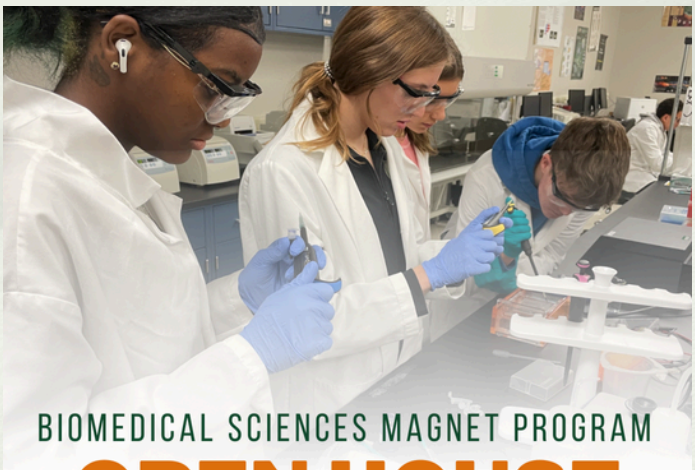
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YEARBOOK STAFF MEETINGS

- Wednesday, October 8
- 8:00 AM
- Meet at MEB Office Entrance

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- Wednesday, October 15
- 4:00 to 5:00 PM
- Meet in Ms. Cain's Room, A 218



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES MAGNET PROGRAM

OPEN HOUSE

Specifically for current 8th graders!

Tuesday, October 28
5:30-6:30pm

Frederick Douglass High School
Cafeteria

Mary E Britton Book Club

COME & JOIN US

Battle of the Books

October 17th, 2025 | 4 PM - 5 PM

MEB Media Center

Complete the Interest Form:
https://go.fcps.net/BOBClub

We need some things. Want to help? Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GAB8MQRFUGZ3?ref_=wl_share

GLOW
girls Leading others Wisely

ALL GIRLS Join us Thursday, October 16th 8:00 a.m. MEB library

You are about to become part of a worldwide movement! Girls Leading Others Wisely (GLOW) inspires girls of all ethnic, socio-economic, and cultural backgrounds to be influential, positive leaders.

Every girl has an opportunity to be passionate about what they believe in, and grow their social~emotional~physical well-being!

For more information, see Mrs. Estep in A118; Ms. Reid in C114, or Ms. Brack-Jones in the library.

Scan or click to sign up!

Mary E. Britton Volleyball 2025 Roster		
6th Grade	**7th Grade**	**8th Grade**
Briley Brett	Taytum Adu-Gyamfi	Ireland Brown
Anna Collins	Aiyonna Ashley	Fatoumata Doumbouya
Yelena Cruz-Alcantar	Natalya Bradley	Zoey Jones
Elinor Downing	Heniah Dillard	Avianna Jones-Washington
Payton Griffith	Caroline Faesy	Lorelei Leazott
Savannah Johnson	Lola Gonzalez	Wendy Lopez
Raegan Mastin	Ariana Hashemi	Nelcherie Loutete
Brianna Miller	Kaylee Higgins	Alaina Lyon
Kayanne Morris	Amiyah Naji	Chadeah Miles
Ann Bayless O’Brien	Liliana Perez Alvarez	Zihren Suarez
Kaelee Riddle	Taniyah Sanford	Paislee Baker
Layla Williams	Violet Sotelo	