

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

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!

Yearbook Pictures

Have you taken pictures that would look great in the yearbook? Please share them with us. Go to the link below and use the access code BEARS26 to upload and share photos with the yearbook staff.

-  [Yearbook Photo Snap](#)

SBDM Parent Representative Elections

We have three nominees for the two open parent representative spots on our inaugural SBDM council. Please review the biographies attached below and vote for two nominees at the link below.

-  [SBDM Parent Representative Form](#)

Voting will close on October 17, 2025.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Academic team hosts Bates Creek at 5:00 PM
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Football hosts Southern at FDHS at 6:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- 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 16, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- GLOW young women's mentoring group in the media center at 8:00 AM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- HOSA meeting in C111 art 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

- BEARS young men's mentoring group in A132 at 8:00 AM
- Fall dance from 4:15-6:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 9:00 AM
- Cheer practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at noon
- Cross country state championship meet at Masterson Station Park at 3:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- November 17: Volleyball hosts Bryan Station
- November 18: All Things Britton student showcase
- November 19: Volleyball vs. Bates Creek

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.



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!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 6... No school
- Tuesday, October 7... 94.05%
- Wednesday, October 8... 96.31%
- Thursday, October 9... 95.59%
- Friday, October 10... 92.61%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 3
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 6
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 8
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET hours... 12.5
- Suspension days... 0

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 6... No school
- Tuesday, October 7... 93.33%
- Wednesday, October 8... 91.11%
- Thursday, October 9... 91.11%
- Friday, October 10... 87.78%

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: 246 (+2)
- 7th grade: 174 (--)
- 8th grade: 135 (+1)
- **Total: 555 (+3)**



BEAR HUGS

- Congratulations to our student council members!
 - Caroline Board
 - Kaitlyn Borsarge
 - Ryah Franz
 - Lola Gonzalez
 - Silas Hargrove
 - Rafe Hayden
 - Adyson Lovell
 - Reagan Naylor
 - Ann O'Brien
 - Finley Peugh



Preferred Financial Partner of
Mary E. Britton Middle School
Call us at 859.293.0411

It can be a challenge to avoid "lifestyle creep" as your income grows--don't let spending grow with your paycheck. Upgrade your savings, not just your streaming subscriptions. Set automatic transfers to your emergency fund or investments. It's okay to treat yourself--just don't let it become the default. Wealth builds faster when your lifestyle stays steady.

How can we help?
Scan for our website:



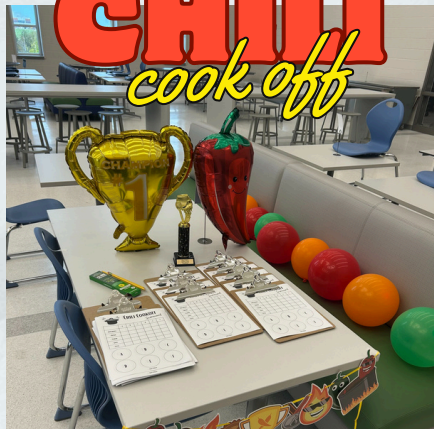
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BEAR SNAPS

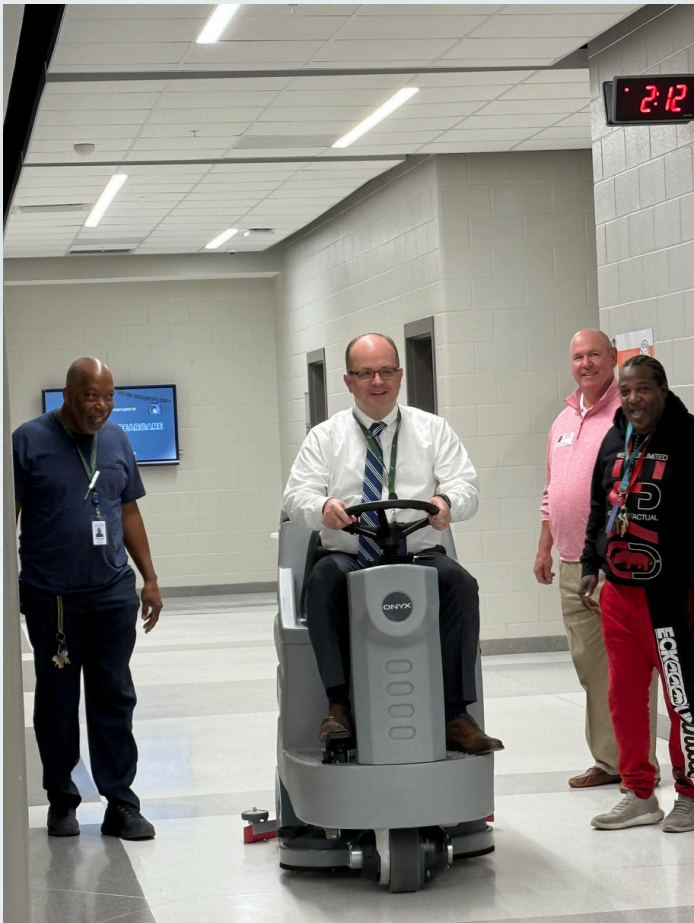
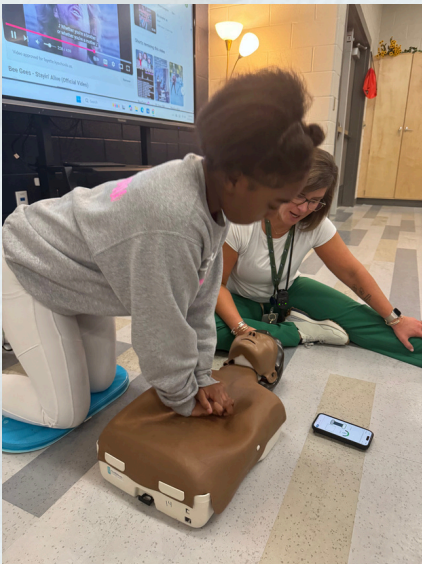
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BEAR SNAPS

Students in Mrs. Manley's Introduction to Health Professions class practice their CPR skills.



Mr. Hoskins is having some fun with the custodians new ride!

MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall Dance

Friday October 17th

After school until 6pm.

Students must provide their own transportation home.



\$5 ADMISSION

WRIST BANDS SOLD AT SCHOOL

CONCESSIONS WILL BE OPEN - CASH ONLY

Additional tickets sold in \$5 bundles to participate in games/activities not included with admission.

- Photo Booth
- Cornhole
- Horseshoe Game
- Giant Connect 4
- Rock Paper Scissors Bead Challenge

Cash or Check only please.

WRESTLING



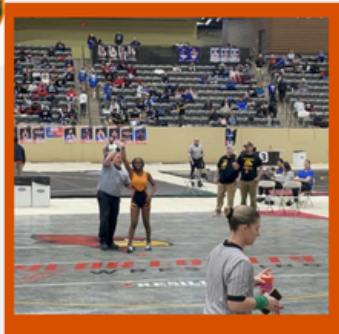
7TH & 8TH GRADERS — READY TO WRESTLE UP?
COME TRY OUT FOR THE DOUGLASS HIGH WRESTLING TEAM!

Boys and Girls
Must have a sports Physical!
7th and 8th Graders only

EACH WEEKDAY 3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARRIVE 4:30
@GYM STUDIO (UPSTAIRS)

Official
Practice
Starts
October 14th

To get more info, have Parents email
Head Coach
Tyran.price@fayette.kyschools.us



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

Scan or click to sign up! the library.



BRONCO BASH

MUSIC | FOOD | GAMES & PRIZES

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

\$3 ENTRY OR
BRING A
CANNED GOOD

OCTOBER
23, 2025

5:30PM -
7:30PM

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

All students 8th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES MAGNET PROGRAM

OPEN HOUSE

*Specifically
for current
8th graders!*

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

Frederick Douglass High School
Cafeteria

BEARS, YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!



What will you remember from this historic year? The yearbook has the complete story of the year – reserve your copy today!

COST: \$35
TO PURCHASE:

Want to make your book EXTRA special?
Cover Personalization/Name stamping
starts at just \$9.15, but hurry, it's only
available until March 1!

To use a credit card, debit card or PayPal, go to **yearbookforever.com** and enter our school name or **scan the QR code**.

For cash or check, bring order form and payment made out to Mary E. Britton Middle School to Room A218.

Student name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of yearbooks _____ x \$ _____ = _____ Total cost



Mary E Britton Book
Club

COME & JOIN US



Battle of the Books

October 24th, 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/2GAB8MQRFGUZ3?ref_wl_share

MONTHLY Reading Challenge

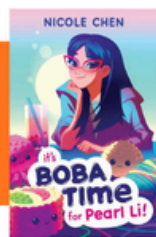


Pick up an 'IT'S FALL Y'ALL' read to participate:

- a **BEVERAGE** on the cover
- a **'COZY'** Read
- a **"FRIGHTENING"** Tale

Use the Reading Challenge Google Form on the LMC website to submit your entry and earn your monthly prize!

Features
A Drink!



A Cozy
Read!

Gives you
a scare!



SBDM PARENT REP NOMINEES

ANGELA CHRIST

I am a mother of two girls, Caroline, 12 and Evelyn, 9. As a staunch supporter of neighborhood schools, I hope to help shape the future of M. E. Britton on the site-based council. While Caroline is at Britton now, it will not be long before my younger daughter follows. I've taught in Fayette County middle schools for 28 years. I've served on site-based councils before, but always as a teacher. I know the hard work that goes into site-based decision making, and the importance of putting student needs front and center of any decision-making process. I would welcome the opportunity to serve my child's school and my community as a parent member of the council.

SCOTT DOWNING

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council at Mary E. Britton Middle School as a parent representative. As the father of middle school twins, Elinor and Wells, I am deeply invested in the success of our school community and the educational experience of all students. I bring both personal and professional experience that I believe would add value to the council. I have served in multiple nonprofit leadership roles, including as President of the Lexington Dream Factory, where I continue to serve on the board, and as a current board member of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass. Additionally, I served as Treasurer of the Parents Association at my children's elementary school, gaining first-hand insight into the unique needs and perspectives of families within the school community.

Professionally, I am a partner in a local wealth management firm where I have built and grown a team of employees across a wide range of skill sets. This experience has strengthened my ability to listen, collaborate, and make decisions that balance diverse priorities—all of which I believe are essential qualities for an effective council member.

I would be honored to bring my background in leadership, governance, and collaboration to support the important work of the council in guiding the direction of Mary E. Britton Middle School. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute.

KATRINKA LITTLE

My name is Katrinka Little and I am a proud parent of a student at Mary E. Britton Middle School. It would be an honor to serve on the Site-Based Decision Making Committee for Mary E. Britton this term. As both a parent and an educator with 30 years of teaching experience, I would bring a unique dual perspective to the table. I understand the importance of fostering a strong partnership between families, educators, and the school community to ensure that every student thrives. My background allows me to approach decisions with both empathy and experience, always keeping students' best interest at the forefront. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my experience, perspective, and passion for education to support Mary E. Britton's continued excellence.