

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

📌 First Quarter Report Cards

It's hard to believe, but the first quarter of the school year is already coming to a close. The official end of the quarter is Friday, October 17.

We've had a fantastic start to our first year at Mary E. Britton Middle School, and we're so proud of the hard work, growth, and positive energy our students have shown.

As we prepare for the second quarter, here are a few important updates:

- **New Schedules:** Second quarter schedules will be printed and distributed to students on Friday. Students can also view their schedules on Infinite Campus.
- **Report Cards:** First quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, October 23.

Thank you for your continued support as we build something special together at Mary E. Britton. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

🏃 Britton Bears Excel at Area 6 and Fayette County Cross Country Championships

The Britton Bears Cross Country teams capped off an incredible season with standout performances at the Area 6 Championships, hosted by Frederick Douglass High School. The event featured more than 1,500 runners from 13 counties, making it one of the most competitive meets of the year. The Fayette County Middle School Championships, postponed earlier due to weather, were also held within the same meet—giving our Bears a chance to compete for both regional and district honors on the same day.

The hard work and dedication of our student-athletes paid off in a big way, as the team brought home another trophy for the case and celebrated 20 new personal records (PRs) in the 4K race.

Area 6 Championships

- Boys Team: 3rd place out of 19 teams—just one point shy of runner-up honors.
- Top 50 finishers included Asa Park (6th), Noah Rohan (12th), Donovan Kwan (15th), Carter Howard (27th), and Samuel Alvarez (41st).
- Girls Team: 5th place out of 15 teams.
- Top 50 finishers were Maggie Henderson (1st), Larkin McConnell (26th), Caroline Musilli (42nd), and Sena Ouchi (49th).

Fayette County Middle School Championships

- Boys Team: County Runner-Up, finishing just nine points behind Jessie Clark Middle School.
- Top 30 finishers included Asa Park (4th), Noah Rohan (7th), Donovan Kwan (9th), Carter Howard (11th), and Samuel Alvarez (27th).
- Girls Team: 4th place overall, led by **Maggie Henderson**, who earned the title of Fayette County Girls Champion as a sixth grader.
- Additional top 30 finishers included Larkin McConnell (14th), Caroline Musilli (23rd), Sena Ouchi (27th), and Adelaide Williams (28th).

Congratulations to all our runners for representing Mary E. Britton Middle School with excellence, perseverance, and Bear Pride!

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, OCTOBER 20, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Volleyball practice at 7:15 AM
- Academic team hosts LCA at 5:00 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Woodhill Center drama tryouts on the stage at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 7:15 AM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- FCCLA meeting in room E101 at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- Tutoring in the media center at 4:15 PM.
 - [Tutoring sign up link](#)
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- CRASH in 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

- BEARS young men's mentoring group in A132 at 8:00 AM
- Battle of the Books at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Dance practice at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 9:00 AM
- Cheer practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Dance practice at 9:30 AM
- Boys' basketball open gym at noon

LOOKING AHEAD...

- November 3: Volleyball travels to Crawford
- 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. Tates Creek
- November 24: Academic team hosts Christ the King
- November 24: Volleyball hosts Morton

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.



★ Need a little extra help with your current classwork? 🇺🇸

🇺🇸 Students and parents—sign up today for after-school tutoring! Join us on Wednesdays starting **October 22** to get the help you need with your classwork and assignments!

Important Details & Expectations:

- ✓ Sign up by noon on the day of tutoring using the link below. Only students who sign up in advance can attend.
- ✓ Tutoring is in the Library Media Center, starting promptly at 4:05 PM.
- ✓ Bring your homework, Chromebooks, and all necessary materials—students who come unprepared cannot stay. We're here to help you with the work you're doing right now!
- ✓ All school rules apply. Misbehavior may result in loss of privileges.
- ✓ Students should stay until 5:05 PM, with rides ready no later than 5:15 PM. Frequent late pickups may lead to loss of tutoring privileges.

🌐 Sign up here: <https://go.fcps.net/brittontutoring>

Let's make learning after school productive and fun! ★

👕 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!

📷 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](#)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 13... 91.65%
- Tuesday, October 14... 95.42%
- Wednesday, October 15... 94.52%
- Thursday, October 16... 94.72%
- Friday, October 17... 94.12%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 10
- RESET hours... 7.5
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET hours... 11
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 7
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET hours... 20.5
- Suspension days... 0

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 13... 90.00%
- Tuesday, October 14... 92.22%
- Wednesday, October 15... 90.00%
- Thursday, October 16... 97.78%
- Friday, October 17... 95.56%

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](#)
- [Tutoring sign ups](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [PhotoSnap \(Upload pics for the yearbook\)](#)
 - [Access code: BEARS26](#)

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 6th grade: 249 (+3)
- 7th grade: 176 (+2)
- 8th grade: 136 (+1)
- **Total: 561 (+6)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out to our seventh grade Grizzlies for putting on an outstanding first dance at Mary E. Britton on October 17. Pictures will be included in next's week edition.



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Mary E. Britton Middle School
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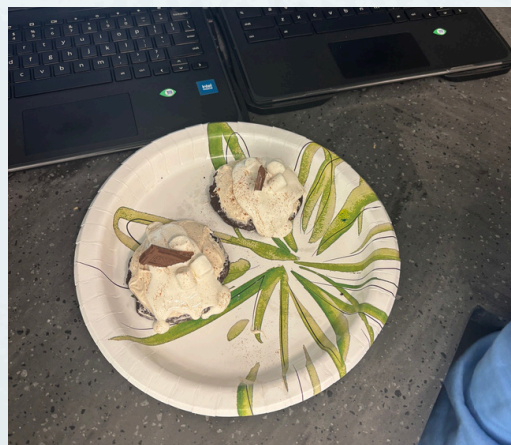
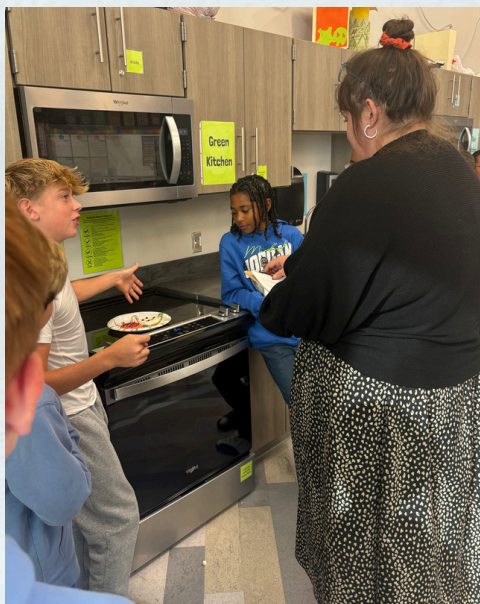


BEAR SNAPS



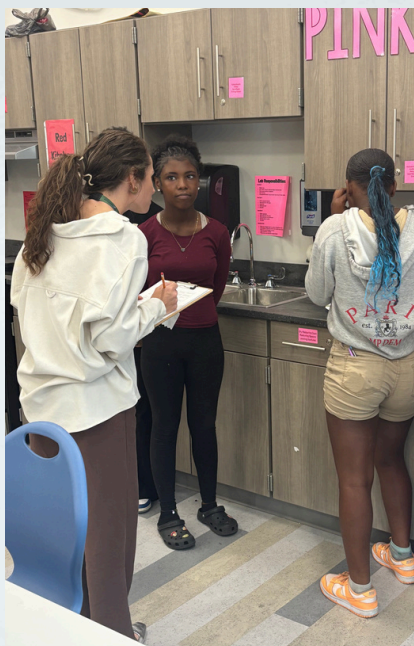
Above: Our cross country took home plenty of gold at the district and Area 6 meets.

Right and below: Students participated in Cup Cake Wars in our family consumer science class.





BEAR SNAPS





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



TRUNK OR TREAT



Food Trucks!

LIVE MUSIC!

Join Us for a Halloween
Trunk or Treating !

Date : October 27, 2025

Time : 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Venue : 1825 Little Herb Way

TRUNK REGISTRATION wnaylor@prestongreenssl.com

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Online INFORMATION NIGHT

TUES,



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COST: \$35
TO PURCHASE:

Want to make your book EXTRA special?
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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

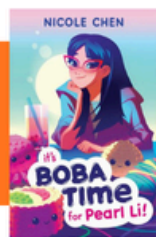


Pick up an 'IT'S FALL Y'ALL' read to participate:

- 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!

