MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE Bear Claw

Friday
October 31, 2025

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

🇺🇸 Veterans Day Assembly

Mary E. Britton Middle School is honored to celebrate and recognize our nation's heroes during our Veterans Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

🕒 Schedule of Events

- 1:45 PM: Light reception for veterans and guests in the cafeteria
- 2:15 PM: Students transition to the gym
- 2:30–3:00 PM: Veterans Day Program featuring:
  - Entrance of Veterans
  - Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
  - National Anthem
  - Guest Speaker
  - In Memory of Those Who Gave All – Taps
  - Patriotic Musical Selection
  - Closing Remarks

🎖️ Family Participation

We invite families to help honor their loved ones who have served. Please send in photos of your service members by November 4 to be included in a rolling slideshow during the program.

✉️ Photos can be emailed to shane.mitchell@fayette.kyschools.us.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate the courage, sacrifice, and service of those who have defended our freedoms.

🐾 Congratulations to Our SBDM Council Representatives!

We are proud to announce our very first School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council representatives at Mary E. Britton Middle School!

- Teacher Representatives: Jeremy McGuire, Abigail Nash, and David Savastio
- Parent Representatives: Angela Christ and Katrinka Little

These dedicated individuals will work alongside school leadership to develop policies and guide important decisions that shape the future of Britton Middle School. We're grateful for their commitment to helping our Bears community grow and thrive!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Volleyball practice at 7:15 AM
- Academic team hosts EJ Hayes at 5:00 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball travels to Crawford at 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

- Music department concert at 6:00 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- Tutoring in the media center at 4:15 PM.
  - Tutoring sign up link
- CRASH in 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball hosts Winburn at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting in the gym at 8:00 AM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Dungeons and Dragons club in E101 at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

- Boys' basketball open gym at noon

LOOKING AHEAD...

- November 10: Volleyball travels to Beaumont
- November 11: Volleyball travels to Southern
- November 11: Veteran's Day Celebration
- 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
- November 26-28: Thanksgiving break
- December 1: Academic team vs. Jessie Clark
- December 1: Volleyball vs. EJ Hayes

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.

🌾 Locust Trace AgriScience Center Applications Open November 3

The application window for Locust Trace AgriScience Center (LTAC) opens Monday, November 3, 2025, and closes Friday, January 30, 2026 at bit.ly/fcpscteapp. Notifications will be sent by Tuesday, February 17, 2026—following the same timeline as FCPS special and magnet programs.

Students in grades 9–10 may apply to join one of LTAC's agriculture-based programs. Limited 11th-grade openings are available in select institutes, and current LTAC students will simply confirm their return during scheduling—no reapplication needed.

Learn more, view videos, and even book a tour by visiting locusttrace.fcps.net.
Questions? Contact Ms. Jenni Berk (Counselor) or Dr. Catherine Vannatter (Principal) for assistance or marketing materials.

🧥 Community Resources

Families can call United Way 211 (dial 211 from any phone) to receive the most up-to-date resources for various needs such as housing, food, holiday or any type of assistance.

Our local Community Action Council may be able to help families with utility bills. An appointment is required and must be made online. CLICK HERE to learn more about how to setup the appointment and documents that will be needed to bring to the appointment

🌟 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

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: 248 (-2)
- 7th grade: 175 (-1)
- 8th grade: 136 (--)
- **Total: 559 (-2)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out 8th grade Bruin parent Lindsay Parsons for helping with our pop-up reward day on October 24!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 27… 95.99%
- Tuesday, October 28… 94.54%
- Wednesday, October 29… 95.26%
- Thursday, October 30… 94.90%
- Friday, October 31… 95.26%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 27… 97.78%
- Tuesday, October 28… 95.56%
- Wednesday, October 29… 87.78%
- Thursday, October 30… 91.11%
- Friday, October 31… 87.78%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 1
- Number in detention… 10
- RESET hours…
- Suspension days…

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 3
- Number in detention… 10
- RESET hours… 3.5
- Suspension days… 1

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 7
- Number in detention… 7
- RESET hours… 16.5
- Suspension days… 2



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BEAR SNAPS

Our 8th grade Bruins had their first pop-up reward day on October 24.









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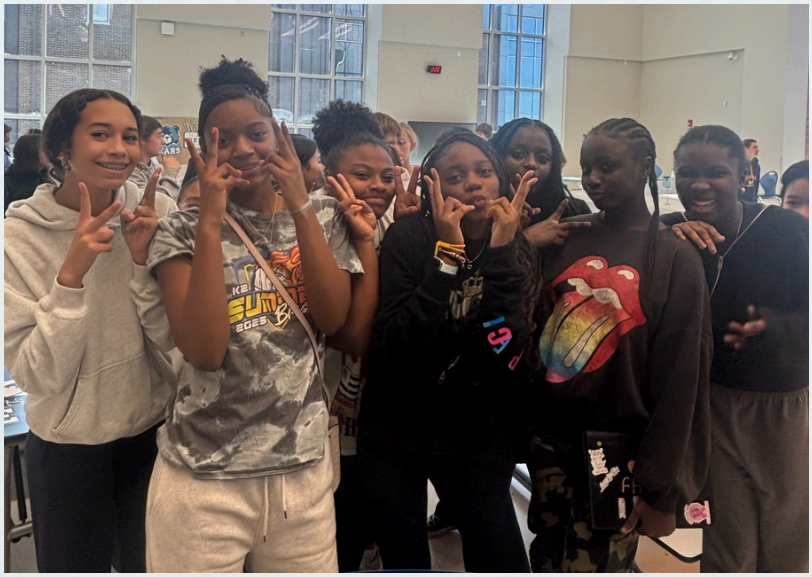
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Some of our 8th graders attended a field trip to the HILL on October 28.







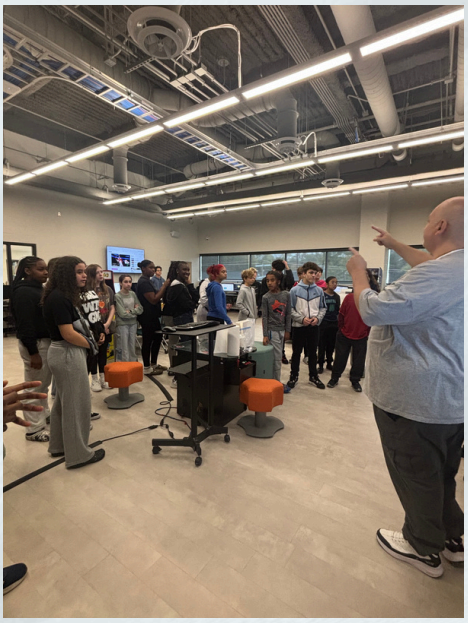








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Thursday Mornings at 8am

Mr. Tribbles Classroom G107

Contact Mr. Savastio or Mr. Tribble if you have questions

david.savastio@fayette.kyschools.us

kire.tribble@fayette.kyschools.us

EVERY TEEN DESERVES TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS!

DO YOU HAVE OR KNOW OF A TEEN AT RISK OF NOT HAVING GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS?

The BE AN ELF Gift A Teen project wants to help!



SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER YOUR DESERVING TEEN FOR SELECTION. SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

QUESTIONS ? CALL (859) 280-8006

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ANGEL TREE

The Salvation Army - Central Kentucky is now accepting applications for its Christmas Angel Tree program.

Parents of children up to 12 years can apply. Either a birth certificate or insurance card with date of birth required.

Applications close October 31, 2025.

Must be a resident of Fayette, Jessamine, or Scott Counties. Proof of residency required.

Register at www.SAAngelTree.org or scan the QR code.

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Student name _____ Grade _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

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