

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

🎁 Celebrate the Holidays with School Spirit! 🎁

We're excited to announce that the official online apparel stores for Mary E. Britton Middle School are now LIVE — perfect for finding gifts, gear, and all the Britton pride you can wear. Choose from two trusted vendors:

🌟 Store 1 – BSN SPORTS Official Team Shop

This site is great if you're looking for athletic-style apparel and accessories featuring our school logo and colors. Ideal for students, staff and fans alike — especially for holiday gifts that show off Britton spirit!

🌟 Store 2 – K3 Kreations

K3 Kreations specializes in custom-monogrammed, school-team-branded items — think cozy hoodies, tees, and more unique pieces that highlight our community. A wonderful option if you want something a little more personalized or gift-ready.

🛒 Holiday Shopping Tips:

- Place orders early to ensure delivery in time for the holidays.
- Check sizing charts carefully (especially if ordering hoodies or tees).
- Want to bundle items for friends/family? Both stores support multiple quantities and gift purchases.
- Keep an eye out: We may have upcoming promotions or special holiday colors—perfect for gifting.

Thank you for supporting Mary E. Britton Middle School and showcasing our pride through these apparel options. Happy shopping and happy holidays!

🌿 Student Clubs Spotlight: Exploring Interests & Leading the Way

At Mary E. Britton Middle, we love seeing our Bears step up to lead and explore what makes them unique! Two of our students have taken that to heart by starting new clubs open to all interested students.

🎮 Pat's Super Cool Variety Club

Looking for a place to hang out, relax, and have some fun after school? Pat's Super Cool Variety Club is all about good vibes, inclusivity, and having fun with friends. Members can play games, watch movies, chat, and just enjoy spending time together. Everyone is welcome—just bring kindness and a positive attitude!

- 📍 Meets in Mr. Sarrett's room
- 🕒 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30 PM (begins November 11)

🐉 Dungeons & Dragons Club

Calling all adventurers! If you love storytelling, strategy, and imagination, the Dungeons & Dragons Club is the place for you. Led by student Jacob Laver, this group gathers to build characters, craft adventures, and journey through creative worlds together. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to D&D, everyone is welcome!

- 📍 Meets in Mrs. Stewart's Family & Consumer Science room
- 🕒 Thursdays, after school until 5:30 PM

These clubs are great examples of students taking initiative and creating spaces for connection and belonging. Way to go, Pat and Jacob — we love seeing our Bears lead the way! 🐾

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, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball travels to Southern at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 practice at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting in the gym at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Dungeons and Dragons club in E101 at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball hosts LEX Middle at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

- Boys' basketball open gym at noon

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- December 2: MAP Math winter testing
- December 2: Volleyball hosts Jessie M. Clark
- December 4: Volleyball travels to Leestown
- December 4: MAP Reading winter testing

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.



Explore STEAM Academy – Applications Now Open for 2026-27

Attention 8th grade students and families! STEAM Academy is one of several outstanding high school programs available through Fayette County Public Schools. The application window for the 2026-27 school year is now open and will close on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Students and families are encouraged to explore the program by signing up for a campus tour or a Half-Day Shadow Experience, where you'll have the opportunity to see classes in action and meet current STEAM student ambassadors. These ambassadors will share their experiences and answer your questions from a student perspective. STEAM staff and administrators will also host a Q&A session to help you learn more about what makes the academy unique.

To learn more or get started:

- Visit the [STEAM Academy Website](#) – Click "Apply Now" to begin your application.
- [Sign Up for a Tour](#) – Explore the STEAM campus with current students.
- [Apply for a Half-Day Shadow Day](#) – Experience a day as a STEAM student.

We look forward to welcoming many future members of the Class of 2030 to STEAM Academy!

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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 27... 91.22%
- Tuesday, October 28... 94.89%
- Wednesday, October 29... 94.98%
- Thursday, October 30... 94.53%
- Friday, October 31... 94.80%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, October 27... 95.56%
- Tuesday, October 28... 94.44%
- Wednesday, October 29... 97.78%
- Thursday, October 30... 91.11%
- Friday, October 31... 87.78%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 6
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 5

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 8
- Number in detention... 4
- RESET days... 2
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 8
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET days... 2.5
- Suspension days... 5

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: 247 (-1)
- 7th grade: 175 (--)
- 8th grade: 136 (--)
- **Total: 558 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out to Jen Manley, our health and medical sciences teacher, for securing a FCEA grant. These funds will be used for additional supplies and materials for our medical program!
- Congratulations to Lewis Pacheco Reyes, 6th grader in Czirr's homeroom for winning the Owala water bottle from the PTSA. Lewis had the closet guess for the number of candy corn in the bear jar at 1785. The actual number in the jar was 1878!
- Shout out to our friends at **Macedonia Christian Church and North East Church of Christ**. Volunteers from both locations are manning our Youth Services Center during the first period each morning to assist students who may need clothes, school supplies, or toiletries. We are very grateful for their generosity and support.
- Congratulations to our **volleyball team!** The 7th grade team defeated Crawford on November 3, and all three grades defeated Winburn in a clean sweep on November 5!



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

Money talks don't have to be awkward with your partner. Start with shared goals. Be honest about debts, habits, and priorities—no judgment allowed. Set a regular "money date" to review and plan together. Teamwork builds trust and keeps surprises to a minimum. And there is strength in admitting you can use help; reach out to us. We love helping families build financial confidence.

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Britton Bear

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BEAR SNAPS



Above, left to right: Lewis Pacheco Reyes, 6th grader in Czirr's homeroom, was the winner of the Owala water bottle. His guess of 1785 was only 93 off from the actual number of candy corn in the bear jar (1878). The Mary E. Britton Beanie Baby collection. Steelers vs. Bengals in the Britton Hall.

Below: Scenes from our BEARitones music concert, held on November 4.





BEAR SNAPS





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

Volunteers
Needed

Major

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR **announcement**

THE BEST. DAY. EVER.
IS COMING!

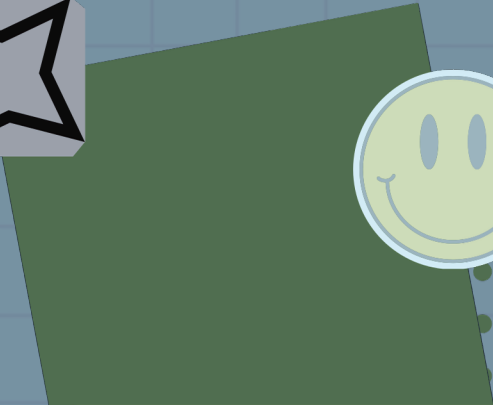
November 17th - November 21st

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Mary E Britton
Book Club

**COME
& JOIN US**



Battle of the Books

November 21, 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://go.fcps.net/BrittonLibraryWishList>



MONTHLY

Reading Challenge



Pick up a 'Books and Thanks' read to participate:

- a PICTURE BOOK: Re-read a classic, or find a new favorite!
- a NONFICTION title: Learn Something new!
- Choose a book you love or that's meaningful to you!

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



Expo de Ciencias y Tecnología

Centro de Conexión Familiar : 1625 Russell Cave Rd

Descubre las diferentes programas educativos y profesionales en
Ciencia y Tecnología para sus hijos.

Cena gratis

Por favor, confirma tu asistencia para asegurar tu
lugar : <https://forms.gle/Gfs3br1wLX8qaBaR7>



Jueves 20 de noviembre

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Centro de Conexión Familiar del Norte

1625 Russell Cave Rd

Lexington, Kentucky 40511

¿Tienes alguna pregunta?

thomas.wilson@fayette.kyschools.us

**Driving
Possibilities**



Fayette County
Public Schools



The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for a Big Bold Future



Family STEM EXPO

Family Connection Center 1625 Russell Cave



Explore exciting education and career pathways in STEM

Dinner provided

Please RSVP to reserve your spot

<https://forms.gle/Gfs3br1wLX8qaBaR7>



Thursday, November 20

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Family Connection Center North

1625 Russell Cave

Lexington, KY 40511

Got questions?

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GRAND OPENING

VISIT US AT OUR NEW BAKERY IN LEXINGTON

NOV.
11-13

TUESDAY-THURSDAY | ALL DAY

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAYS

We would like to recognize some of the amazing people in our community with **20% OFF** in-bakery cake purchases. *(just show badge/ID or uniform):*

TUESDAY - **First Responders & Military**

WEDNESDAY - **Healthcare Workers**

THURSDAY - **Teachers, School Staff, and City Employees**

NOV.
14

FRIDAY | 11:00 AM

RIBBON CUTTING with the Commerce Lexington

NATALIE'S SISTERS BENEFIT DAY

ALL DAY; **20% OF SALES** will be donated to Natalie's Sisters, an organization dedicated to extending hope, support, and God's unconditional love to sex trafficked and sexually exploited women.

NATALIE'S
SISTERS

NOV.
15

SATURDAY | 9:00 AM

FREE CONFETTI BUNDTLET

For the first 100 guests. Only valid at the Hamburg-Lexington, KY bakery on 11/15/2025, while supplies last.

One free Bundtlet per guest. Substitutions are not permitted. Offer valid in bakery only.



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starts at just \$9.15, but hurry, it's only
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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

