MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday
November 28, 2025

THE Bear Claw

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

🎄Britton and UK Planting for the Future

The University of Kentucky Department of Landscape Architecture (UKLA) is working with Ms. Morgan Margita's 7th grade class at our school to create a tree planting plan and landscape master plan for the school campus. The tree planting plan will culminate with a tree planting next spring or fall, and the landscape master plan will help prioritize and guide future development of planting areas and outdoor spaces around our campus.

An important part of their design process is hearing from our school community and what we value and would like to see in outdoor spaces around our school. UKLA has developed a survey that will help shape the designs they develop with our students. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey here by Tuesday, November 25 at 11am. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jordan Phemister (jph235@uky.edu). Thank you so much for taking time to complete their survey!

Survey link

Thanks so much for all of your help and support!

📈Speak Up Research

The Speak Up Research Initiative, facilitated by Project Tomorrow®, gives our students, parents, staff, and members of the community the opportunity to share their viewpoints on education at their school. By participating today, you are helping ensure that your voice is heard as we continue to grow and improve our schools.

FCPS is asking that all families complete this survey prior to the 12/12/25 deadline.

- Speak Up Research Survey

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Academic team travels to Jessie Clark at 5:00 PM
- Volleyball travels to Edythe J. Hayes at 5:00 PM
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- **MAP Math test administration**
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball hosts Jessie Clark at 5:00 PM
- Academic team 6th grade showcase at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. Sign up here.
- Crash in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- **MAP Reading test administration**
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball travels to Leestown at 5:00 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Academic team 6th grade showcase at Morton at 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- December 7: Boys' basketball tryouts
- December 8: Mandatory boys' basketball parent meeting
- December 9: Volleyball district tournament begins
- December 12: Winter dance
- December 18: District volleyball finals
- December 22–January 5: Winter break
- January 6: Students return to class
- January 12: Boys' basketball vs. Crawford
- January 13: Governor's Cup competition
- January 14: Boys' basketball hosts Winburn
- January 15: SBDM meeting

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.

👨‍⚖️ The HILL Application Window is Now Live!

Applications for the HILL are now open! Interested eight graders can apply here!

⚙ SBDM Updates

Our SBDM council is now in full operation, and working overtime to ensure all of our legally required policies are passed before the end of the year.

As we make progress, we want to remind everyone that our meetings are open to the public. For a full list of our meetings this school, please review our website at https://britton.fcps.net/about-us/sbdm-council.

In addition, you will find our meeting agendas and minutes, and as they are passed, you can review our bylaws and policies.

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: 245 (-1)
- 7th grade: 177 (+1)
- 8th grade: 137 (+1)
- **Total: 559 (+1)**



BEAR HUGS

- TBA

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, November 24… 92.40%
- Tuesday, November 25… 86.85%
- Wednesday, November 26… No school
- Thursday, November 27… No school
- Friday, November 28… No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, November 24… 88.89%
- Tuesday, November 25… 91.11%
- Wednesday, November 26… No school
- Thursday, November 27… No school
- Friday, November 28… No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 1
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET days… 0
- Suspension days… 1.44

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 1
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET days… .39
- Suspension days… 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals… 0
- Number in detention… 0
- RESET days… 0
- Suspension days… 0



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BEAR SNAPS

Our Bear Brew Crew business is booming!









Our STLP qualified for state competition for their Tech Help Desk project. Pictured are Caroline Faesy, Julia Cherone, and not pictured Addilynn Peterson. The club sponsors are Mike Jones and Jeremy McGuire. Representatives from Apple, who help judged the competition, has expressed interest in partnering with us on this project.







The 8th grade Bruins had a Pop Up Reward Day! Look closely and you will see several students with their Real Life Babies as part of our Family Consumer Science class!

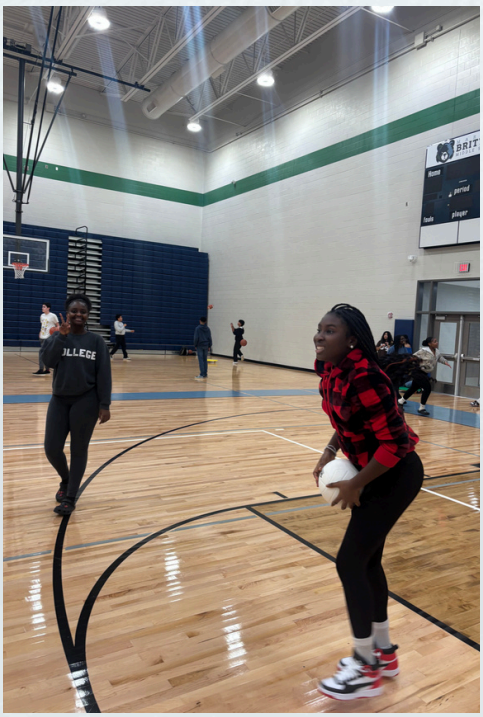
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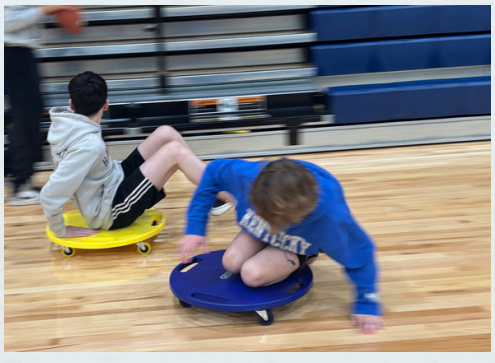
















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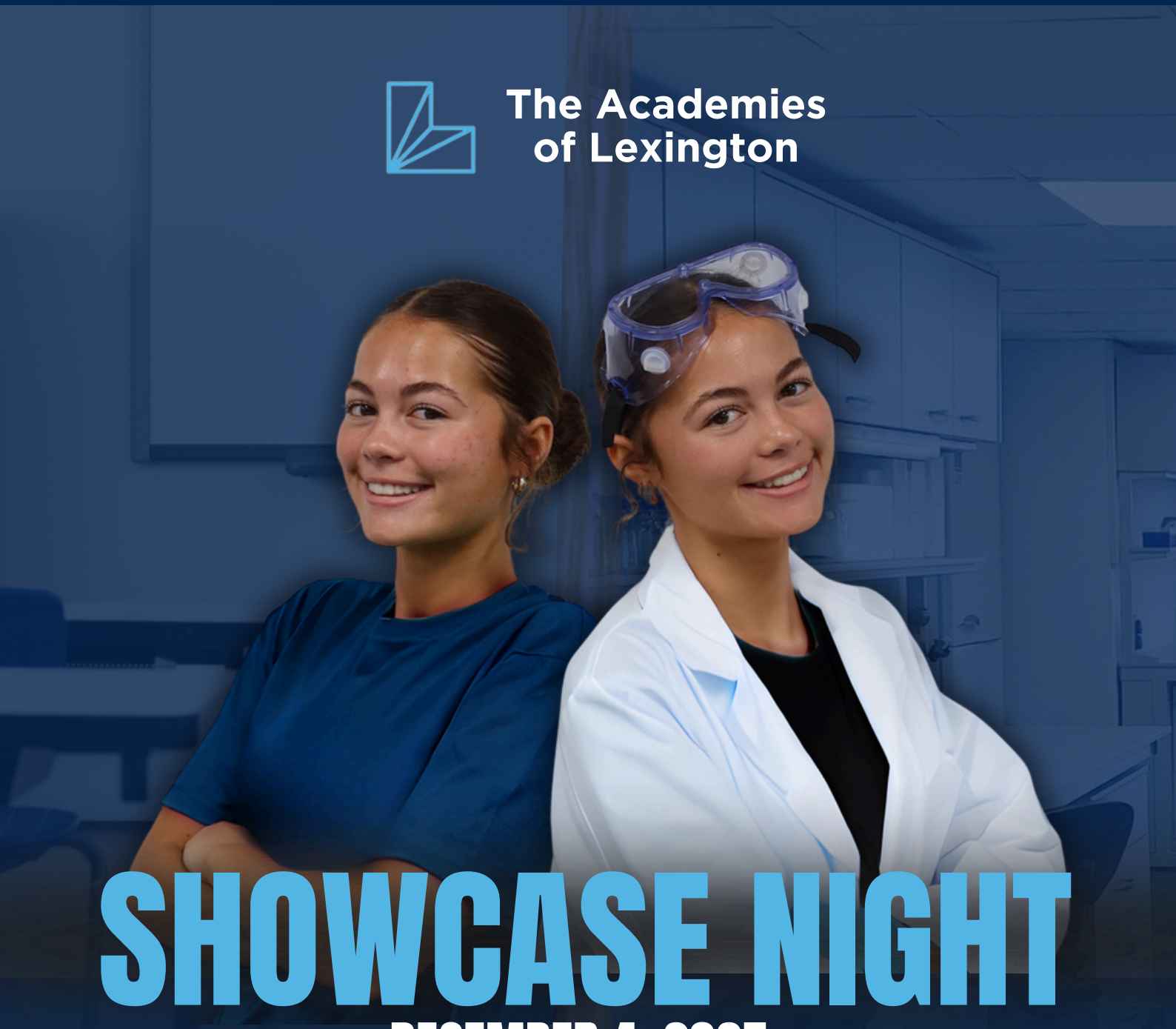
Thank you to our friends at North Lexington Church of Christ for making food boxes for our students!







The Academies of Lexington



SHOWCASE NIGHT

DECEMBER 4, 2025

INCOMING AND CURRENT STUDENTS & FAMILIES

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

THREE ACADEMIES. ONE MISSION. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

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