



# THE Bear Claw



## FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

### ♥ Britton Bears Making a Difference! ♥



Our Mary E. Britton Middle School volleyball team recently raised \$500 for breast cancer awareness, with all funds supporting cancer care at Baptist Health Lexington. The money was collected through admissions at the team's scrimmage and T-shirt sales—an incredible example of student leadership, compassion, and community service.

A huge thank-you to Ms. Jennifer Manley (Medical & Health Sciences teacher) and Coach Whitney Ritter for coordinating this effort and supporting our students as they presented the check to Baptist Health Lexington leadership.

This initiative reflects the heart of our school's mission and vision—cultivating leaders prepared to thrive today and build a better tomorrow, strengthening students' connection to the health and medical sciences pathway, and fostering meaningful civic engagement. Our Bears continue to show what it means to Serve with Purpose, uplift others, and take pride in making a positive impact.

We are incredibly proud of these student-athletes and their commitment to our community.

### 🏀 Boys' Basketball Tryouts and Parent Meeting

Tryouts for our inaugural boys' basketball team will be Sunday, December 7th from 4:00-8:00 PM.

Students must have an updated **sports physical** on file to participate.

We will host a mandatory parent meeting for students who made the team on Monday, December 8, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

For more information, please contact [Coach Allen Hensley](#).

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Mandatory boys' basketball team parent meeting at 5:00 PM
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Chess club in room 208 at 4:15 PM
- District 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball tournament begins

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

- Volleyball practice at 4:15 PM
- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. Sign up [here](#).
- Crash in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade flex room at 4:15 PM
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM
- District 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball tournament begins

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

- Winter dance at 4:15 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- District 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball tournament at 9:00 AM
  - Tournament will be played at MEB

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- January 19: No school
- January 21: Boys' basketball vs. Beaumont
- January 26: Boys' basketball vs. Southern
- January 27: SBDM meeting
- January 28: Boys' basketball hosts LEX

### 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 eighth 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

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 246 (+1)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 179 (+2)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 138 (+1)
- **Total: 563 (+4)**



### BEAR HUGS

- Congratulations to the following students for earning proficient and distinguished scores at the KMEA Solo and Ensemble event on November 22:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Hannah Gibson, Angelique Santos-Palacious, and Roberta Warnee
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Samerial Rogers, Katy Hutson, Avionna Baker, Aysam Masri, Rousally Melo, Addison Bivins, and Maddy Ruckel
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Ryah Franz, Xiwen Fan, Jacob Laver, and Z Suarez

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

### GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 1... 95.37%
- Tuesday, December 2... No school
- Wednesday, December 3... 94.66%
- Thursday, December 4... 94.94%
- Friday, December 5... 91.65%

## STAFF ATTENDANCE

### GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 1... 97.36%
- Tuesday, December 2... No school
- Wednesday, December 3... 90.00%
- Thursday, December 4... 95.56%
- Friday, December 5... 82.22%

## WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

### SIXTH GRADE

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

### SEVENTH GRADE

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

### EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET days... .5
- Suspension days... 0



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# BEAR

# SNAPS

First semester PE Olympic  
Champions!





# BEAR SLAPS

## KMEA ORCHSTRA RESULTS



Hannah Gibson  
Distinguished  
Solo



Angelique Santos Palacios  
Distinguished  
Solo



Roberta Warren  
Proficient  
Solo



Rousally Melo  
Distinguished  
Solo



Aysam Masri  
Distinguished  
Solo



Addison Bivins  
Distinguished  
Solo



Maddie Ruckel  
Proficient  
Solo



Alex Elliott  
Distinguished  
Solo



Samerial Rogers, Katy Hutson, Avionna Baker  
Distinguished  
Ensemble



Josephine Pena Cruz, Jazmine Cruz  
Alcantar  
Distinguished  
Ensemble

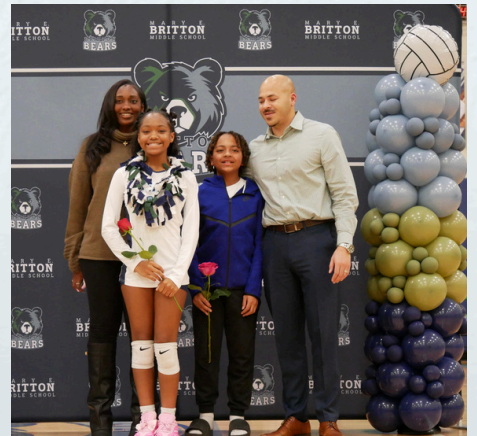
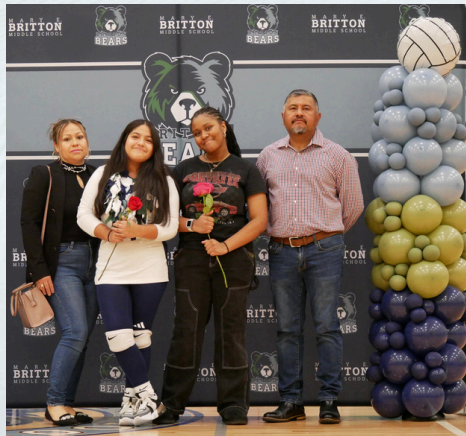


Ryah Frank, Xiwen Fan, Jacob Laver, Zee Suarez  
Distinguished  
Ensemble



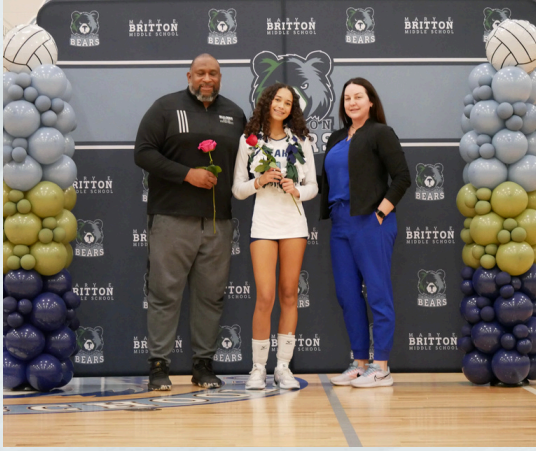
# BEAR SNAPS

## 8TH GRADE NIGHT FOR VOLLEYBALL





# BEAR SNAPS



# **FUTSAL LEAGUE**



**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**EMAIL: [GBALLEW@LEXLF.ORG](mailto:GBALLEW@LEXLF.ORG)**



**60 REGISTRATION  
SPOTS**

**5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS  
REGISTER AND DOMINATE THE GAME.**

**SCAN TO KNOW DETAILS AND REGISTER**



**LEXINGTON LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION**  
**URBAN IMPACT**



**BOX**  
**E2J**  
**BOX**



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## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! INDOOR WINTER SESSION 2

Whether you're stepping onto the field for the first time or trying to keep your skills sharp in a friendly, non-competitive environment, our league is the ideal place for you!

Every season wraps up with our exciting End-of-Season Soccer Stars Cup — a fun celebration where every player shines!

## LEAGUE DETAILS



Built to develop skills, confidence, and a love of the game



Age appropriate technical & positional development



Small-sided games for more touches and active play



End of season Soccer Cup Celebration



Professionally coached—no parent volunteers needed



Intro to soccer rules for game understanding

**Divisions:** U6 Ages 4-5    U8 Ages 6-7  
                  U10 Ages 8-9    U12 Ages 10-11

**Days:** Saturdays 1/10 | 1/17 | 1/24    Fridays 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27

**Times:** Fridays: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Saturdays: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Times of specific games will be determined after teams are formed.

**Address:** Champions Sports Lexington

2061 Lexington Rd  
NICHOLASVILLE, KY 40356

**Brandon Simpson** 859-300-3495  
**Kari McConnell** 859-300-3496  
[greaterlexington@soccerstars.com](mailto:greaterlexington@soccerstars.com)

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