



THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Midterm Exams: December 15–18

As we wrap up the first half of the school year, Mary E. Britton Middle School will administer midterm exams the week of December 15. Midterms play an important role in preparing students for high school by helping them practice essential academic skills—reviewing multiple units, preparing for cumulative assessments, managing their time effectively, and building confidence in more formal testing settings.

These assessments also give our teachers valuable information to support student learning. Midterm results help us identify learning gaps, adjust instruction as needed, and ensure consistency across grade levels as we move into the second semester.

Below is our midterm schedule for the week:

Midterm Schedule

- Monday, December 15: Math, Agriculture Science, Orchestra/Band/Chorus
- Tuesday, December 16: Social Studies, Medical Science, Family & Consumer Science
- Wednesday, December 17: Science, Digital/Visual Arts, Spanish
- Thursday, December 18: English Language Arts (ELA), Health/PE

We encourage families to help students prepare by ensuring they get plenty of rest, stay organized, and review class materials throughout the week.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our Britton Bears!

Help Us Treat Our Teachers & Staff!

The MEB PTSA is bringing Tom's Coffee Truck to campus on December 18 for a special Teacher & Staff Appreciation event — and we'd love your support!

If you'd like to contribute, please use the Teacher Appreciation Donations option on the PTSA Givebacks page:

 <https://brittonptsa.givebacks.com/shop>

(Choose Teacher Appreciation Donations for this event.)

Let's show our Bear staff some love with a warm drink to kick off winter break!  ❄️



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, DECEMBER 15, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM
- FCCLA meeting at 4:15 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 18, 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
- HOSA club meeting at 4:15 PM
- District volleyball finals at MEB at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- February 2: Boys' basketball hosts Bryan Station

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.



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/sbdlm-council>.

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

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-19

MONDAY

HOLIDAY CHARACTER DAY

Dress up as your favorite holiday character from a film or story.

TUESDAY

COZY HOLIDAY

Holiday or Flannel PJs

WEDNESDAY

HOLIDAY SWEATER

Put on a funny or unattractive sweater or shirt.

THURSDAY

MERRY & BRIGHT

Bright colors, shiny accessories

FRIDAY

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Wear as many holiday items as you can.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 8... 90.41%
- Tuesday, December 9... 92.87%
- Wednesday, December 10... 93.85%
- Thursday, December 11... 94.03%
- Friday, December 12... No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 8... 95.56%
- Tuesday, December 9... 86.67%
- Wednesday, December 10... 92.22%
- Thursday, December 11... 91.11%
- Friday, December 12... No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET days... .25
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET days... .24
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 6
- Number in detention... 3
- RESET days... 3.58
- Suspension days... 0

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: 244 (-2)
- 7th grade: 180 (+1)
- 8th grade: 137 (-1)
- Total: 561 (-2)**



BEAR HUGS

- Congratulations to our 6th grade academic team. They finished second in the district showcase on December 6!
- Congratulations to the following students for earning a spot on our boys' basketball team:
 - 6th grade: Andre Burris, Bentley Ireland, Brantley Kerr, Harrison Klaiber, Hudson Klaiber, Jachai Faulconer, Kingston Stewart, Micah Stallworth, TJ Fields, Tristen Roper
 - 7th grade: Ayden Allen, Christian Hockaday, Ethan Roda, Kingston Hudspeth, Mason Jackson, Miles Haase, Luke Christian, Silas Hargrove, Silas Trout, Treon Tichenor
 - 8th grade: Blake Nolan, Braylin Smith, Darrius Mulder, Javoni Tate, Manet Silkin, Nate Arvin, Rahkee Snodgrass, Rayan Hristov, Sai Givens, Tanner Lowery



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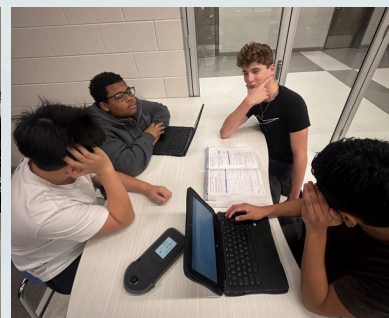
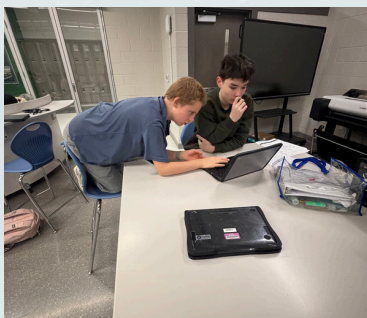
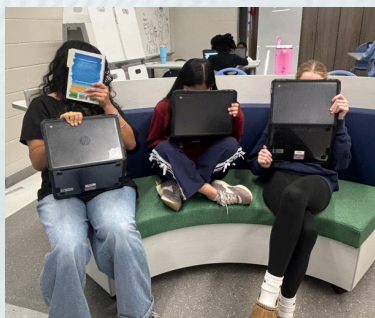


BEAR SNAPS



Above: The academic team placed second in the 6th grade Academic Showcase.

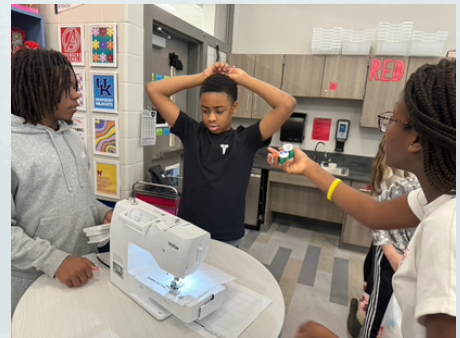
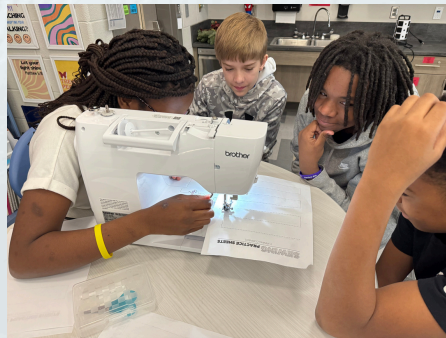
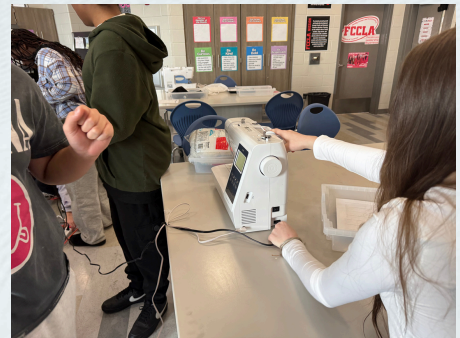
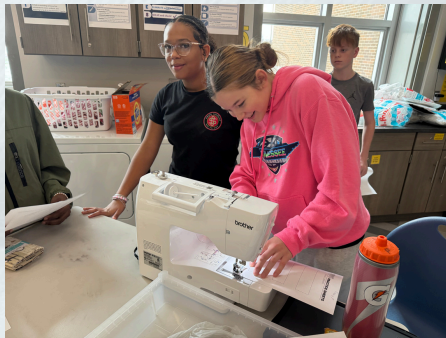
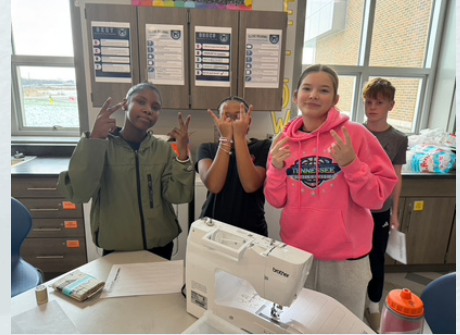
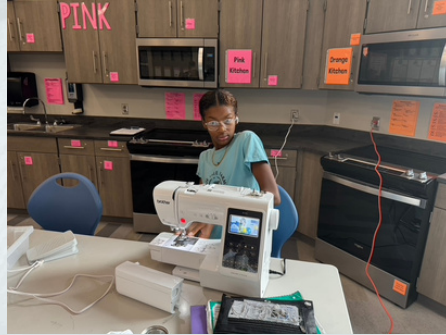
Below: The 8th grade Bruins have created their own Genius Bar, where students can get peer tutor support during the day on assignments.





BEAR SNAPS

Students in Ms. Stewart's 7th grade Family Consumer Science class show off their sewing skills!



FUTSAL LEAGUE



CONTACT INFORMATION
EMAIL: GBALLEW@LEXLF.ORG



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 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.

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