MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday
December 19, 2025

THE Bear Claw

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

½ We're Halfway There!

I can hardly believe we have reached the halfway point of our first year at Mary E. Britton Middle School! Time has truly flown by, and it has been incredible to see how much our school community has grown in such a short period of time.

As we pause at this midpoint of our inaugural year, I want you to know how proud we are of our students and grateful for the support of our families. Opening a new school is no small task, and thanks to your partnership, encouragement, and trust, Britton already feels like a well-established community.

While there have been a few bumps along the way and areas where we continue to grow and improve, we are confident in the work ahead and excited about what's to come. Learning and growing together is part of building something special, and we are committed to making Britton better every day.

I am often asked how I like Britton, and my answer is always the same: it feels like home. That feeling comes from our students, families, and staff who make this school such a welcoming place.

As we head into the holiday break, I hope you are able to slow down, enjoy time with your family, and celebrate the season together. Thank you for being such an important part of our Britton Bear community.

We are looking forward to an even stronger second half of the year!

Sincerely,

Dave

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

- No school for students

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

- Boys' basketball 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, JANUARY 8, 2026

- 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
- FFA meeting at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- February 4: Boys' basketball travels to Tates Creek
- February 9: Boys' basketball hosts Morton

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.

SBDM Updates

Our SBDM Council has passed their **Bylaws**- the rules and protocols that govern their decisions.

In addition, the council has passed **Policy 131- Principal Selection Consultation Policy** and **Policy 200- Advanced Courses Policy**. Please note the Advanced Courses Policy, does not address placement criteria. Criterion for placement in advanced courses will be adopted at a later date through Policy 250- Student Assignment to Courses Policy.

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 (--)
- 7th grade: 180 (--)
- 8th grade: 137 (--)
- **Total: 561 (--)**



BEAR HUGS

- The sixth grade boys' basketball team defeated West Jessamine, Tates Creek, and West Jessamine a second time to win the KBC Holiday Classic Gold Bracket tournament on December 14.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 15... No school
- Tuesday, December 16... 94.65%
- Wednesday, December 17... 92.51%
- Thursday, December 18... 95.19%
- Friday, December 19... 87.17%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, December 15... No school
- Tuesday, December 16... 100%
- Wednesday, December 17... 98.89%
- Thursday, December 18... 93.33%
- Friday, December 19... 100%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET days... 2.4
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET days... 1.5
- Suspension days... 3



BEAR SNAPS



The sixth grade boys' basketball team won the KBC Holiday Classic tournament on December 14. The tournament results were:

- Southern Pulaski- Loss- 54-11
- West Jessamine- Win- 43-21
- Tates Creek- Win- 31-9
- West Jessamine- Win- 36-27







Some Holiday Fun at Mary E. Britton







BEAR SNAPS


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COUNTRY








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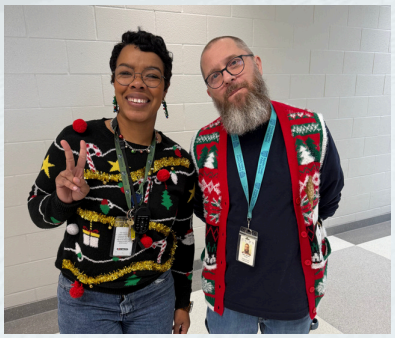


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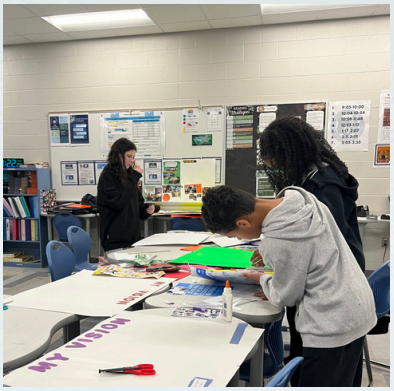


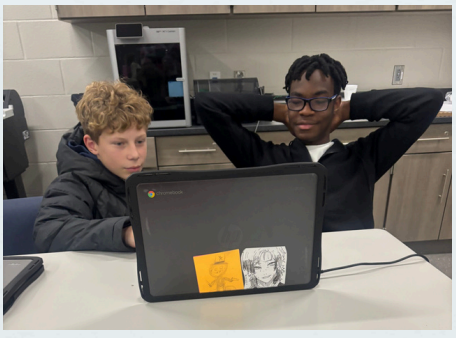


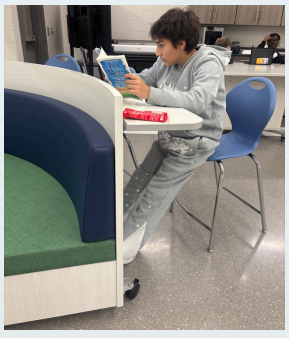
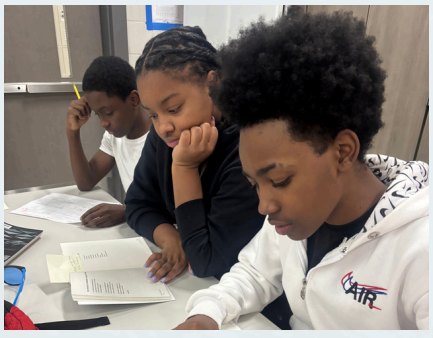


8th Grade Genius Bar







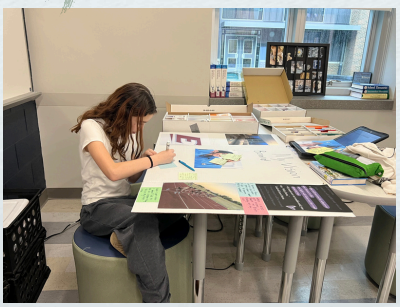



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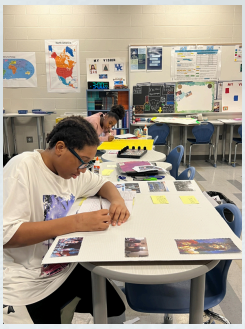


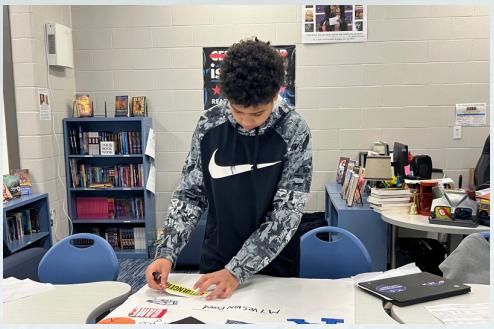
















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EMBER 29TH-30TH
1-3 PM

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5TH - 8TH GRADE BOYS

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