

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Rescheduled Events

I hope everyone stayed warm and safe during this week's winter weather. As you can imagine, the snow and ice required us to reschedule several upcoming events. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

- MAP Matters Parent Workshop will now be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 PM. Please register using the provided link by Tuesday, February 3 to attend.
- Boys' Basketball will host LEX Middle School on February 5 at 5:00 PM.
- Boys' Basketball will travel to Southern Middle School on February 12 at 5:00 PM.
- The FCPS Cheer and Dance Showcase will be rescheduled for a date in March. More details will be shared soon.

Grounds Update

Our custodial crew worked diligently throughout the week to clear sidewalks for both car and bus riders. They encountered several areas of thick ice that were especially challenging to remove, and we appreciate their continued efforts.

At this time, the following areas on campus are safely passable:

- The sidewalk from the front entrance to car rider drop-off
- The sidewalk at bus drop-off
- The wheelchair ramp at the rear of the building

Please note that our parking lot remains covered with snow and ice. For safety reasons, we ask that families avoid coming to campus this weekend. District crews are scheduled to work on the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM.
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball hosts Bryan Station at 5:00 PM.
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

- 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.
- Boys' basketball travels to Bates Creek at 5:00 PM
- MAP Matters parent learning session at 5:30 PM
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Art Club in room C128 at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball hosts LEX at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball at Lexington Catholic at 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- February 9: Boys' basketball hosts Morton
- February 11: Boys' basketball travels to Edythe J. Hayes
- February 12: SBDM council meeting
- February 13: Valentine's Dance
- February 14: Dance team Kiddie Camp
- February 16: No school
- February 18: Boys' basketball hosts Jessie Clark

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 Update

Our SBDM Council has approved two additional policies.

- [Alignment to State Standards Policy](#)
- [Emergency Management Plan Policy](#)

As a reminder, you can follow our SBDM Council's work on our [website](#).

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: 240 (--)
- 7th grade: 181 (--)
- 8th grade: 135 (--)
- **Total: 556 (--)**



BEAR HUGS

- Mary E. Britton Middle School is proud of our Academic Team at the District Governor's Cup! The team placed second in Quick Recall at advanced to the regionals. The team is comprised of Jack Caudill, Matthew Flores, Norah Hoehne, Kingston Hudspeth, Mason Martinkovic, Lawson Parsons, Hagan Perkins. Advancing to the written assessment regional competition will be Lawson Parsons (2nd in Composition, 4th in science, 5th in social studies), Abigail Piatt (1st in math), Norah Hoehne (3rd in math), Mason Martinkovic (5th in science).

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, January 26... NTI
- Tuesday, January 27... NTI
- Wednesday, January 28... NTI
- Thursday, January 29... NTI
- Friday, January 30... No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, January 26... NTI
- Tuesday, January 27... NTI
- Wednesday, January 28... NTI
- Thursday, January 29... NTI
- Friday, January 30... No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

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

SEVENTH GRADE

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

EIGHTH GRADE

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



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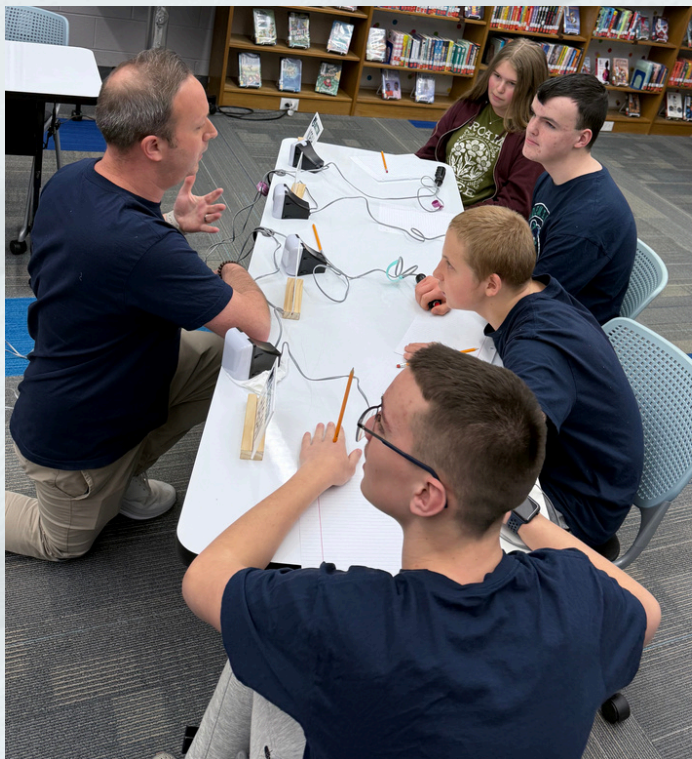


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BEAR SNAPS



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Members of our FFA attended a leadership conference on January 23 at Eastern Kentucky University. Members representing our school were Darrius Mulder, Zoe Branham, Lorelei Leazott, and Jacob Laver.





BEARSLAPS

Our first art club meeting was a huge success!



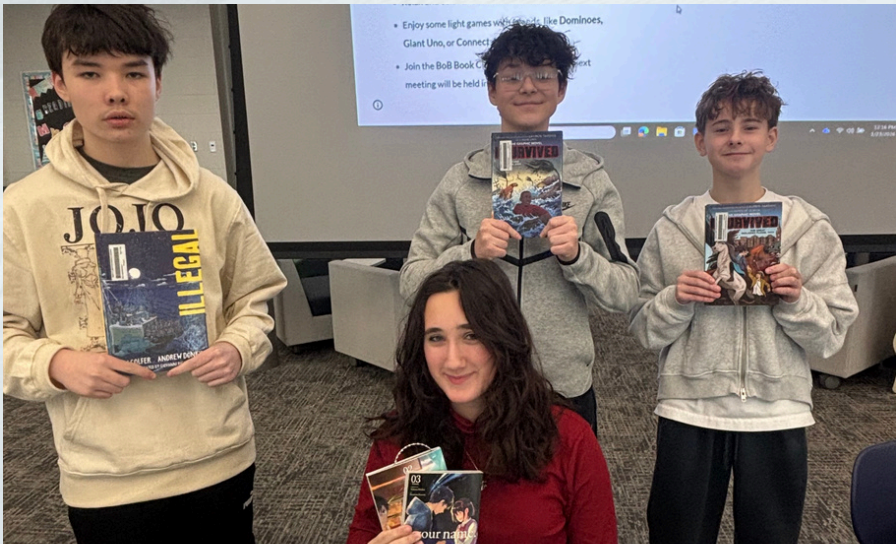


BEAR SNAPS

Our Britton Bears are making the most of the Media Center during the school day—whether they're checking out a new book, challenging a friend to a game of Uno or checkers, or just enjoying time to connect and recharge with friends.

This space isn't just about reading (though we love that part!)—it's a place for learning, collaboration, creativity, and community.

We love seeing students using the Media Center in so many positive ways!





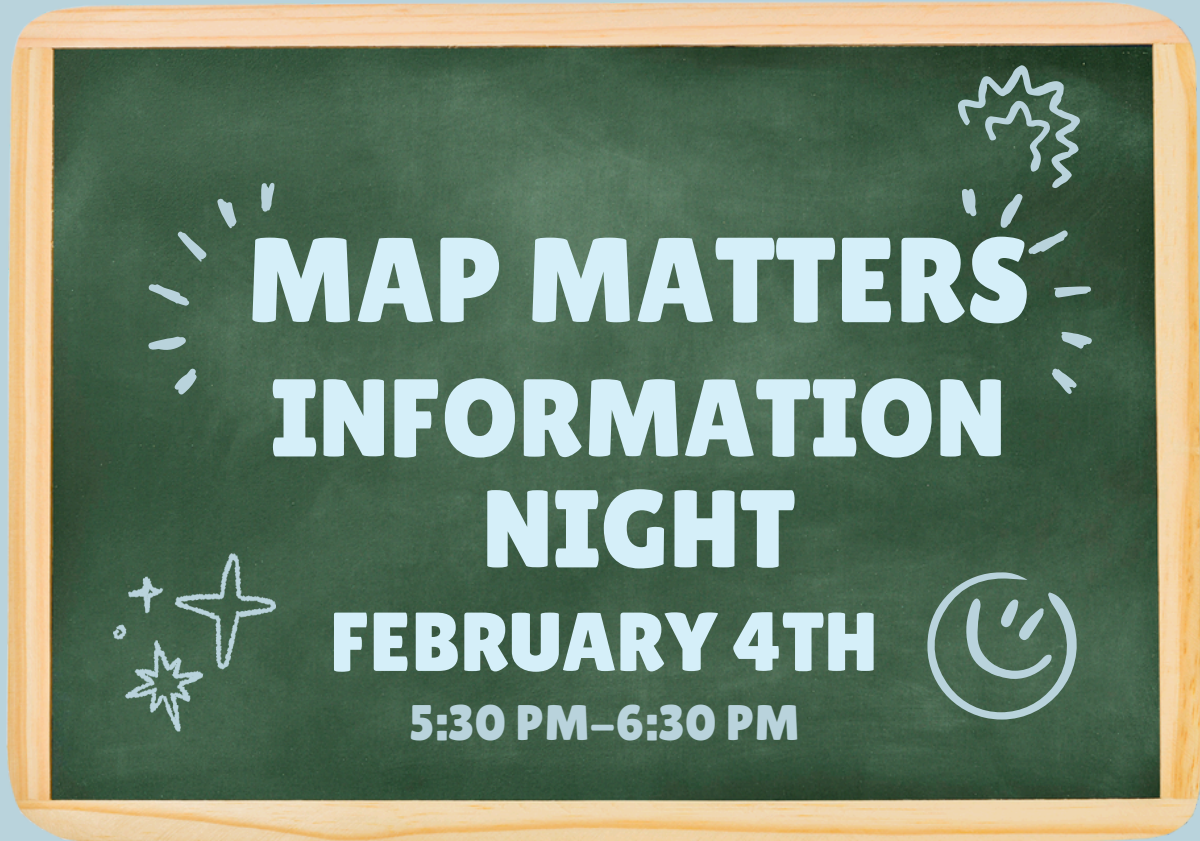
BEAR SNAPS

Mr. Jones and our custodial crew braved the arctic air, ice, and snow, to get our sidewalks ready for our Bears to return to school this week!





M A R Y E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Understanding your child's academic progress is an important part of supporting their success, and we want to help make that information clear and meaningful for families.

- ✓ Learn how to read & interpret MAP growth reports
- ✓ Understand your student's scores
- ✓ Explore how MAP data is used to guide instruction & support





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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Comprender el progreso académico de su hijo es importante para apoyar su éxito, y queremos ayudar a que esa información sea clara y significativa para las familias.

- ✓ Aprenda a leer e interpretar los informes de crecimiento MAP.
- ✓ Comprenda las calificaciones de su estudiante.
- ✓ Explore cómo se utilizan los datos de MAP para guiar la instrucción y el apoyo.



BEARS & BOWS

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE



You're Invited to Party!

Mary E. Britton - Gym

Friday, February 13, 2026

4:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Tickets \$5

Photos \$5

Game Pass \$5

Concessions

***Must have a ride home**



**BOYS VOLLEYBALL
OPEN GYM INFO**

WED, 2/4 7:30-9:30PM

WED, 2/11 7:30-9:30PM

MAIN GYM

Questions?

Email:

fdhs.boys.volleyball@gmail.com



***BOYS
VOLLEYBALL
TRYOUTS***

THURS, 2/19

7:30-9:30PM

AUX GYM

Questions?

Email:

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CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT



EXPLORE A VARIETY OF CAREERS!

From STEM and healthcare to the arts, trades, and entrepreneurship. Local businesses will share their expertise and showcase their workplace while inspiring the next generation.



5p-7p
26th of March 2026



Location
Mary E. Britton Middle School



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