

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

💡 Help Shape Future PTSA Events!

The Britton PTSA is always looking for meaningful and engaging ways to bring our school community together. As we plan future events, we would love your input!

Are there activities you'd like to see offered? Is there an event you would be interested in attending or helping organize? Your ideas matter, and your feedback helps us create opportunities that reflect the interests and needs of our Britton families.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts using the link below:

👉 [Share Your Ideas Here:](#)

Thank you for partnering with us to continue building a strong and connected Britton community!

🎉 HYPE VIDEO

Mr. McGuire and our news team created a hype video for our upcoming fifth grade site visits. Check it out below.

👉 [Hype video link](#)

MARCH 13 RAISING CANE'S NIGHT

Our PTSA is partnering with Raising Cane's in Hamburg for a special fundraising night on March 13. Check out the flyer on page 12 for full details. We hope to see you there!

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, MARCH 2, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM.
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM.
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM.
- Boys' lacrosse meeting at 5:30 PM
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.
- Glee Club at 4:15 PM.
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. [Sign up here.](#)
- Crash in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- Boys' basketball practice st 4:15 PM.
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM.
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club in room C128 at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- March 3: Boys' basketball 8th grade district tournament
- March 5: Boys' basketball district championships
- March 12: Band and orchestra concert
- March 12: SBDM council meeting
- March 24: SBDM council meeting
- March 26: Career exploration fair

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.



🏆🏆 Britton Bears Track & Field Shines at State! 🏆🏆

MEB Pre-Season Track had an outstanding showing at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Championship in Louisville on Saturday, February 21st!

With a small but mighty team of just 21 Britton athletes, our Girls placed 6th and our Boys placed 15th out of 30+ scoring teams across the state! 🙌🔥

The day was filled with personal bests, season bests, and podium finishes. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our Bears displayed on the biggest stage!

★ State Medalists & Top 35 Finishers ★

🥈 Maggie Henderson – State Runner-Up Long Jump | 6th 1600m | 5th 800m

🥈 Asa Park – State Runner-Up Pole Vault

🥈 Aiyonna Ashley – 3rd 60m | 4th 200m

🐻 Relay Highlights

- Boys 4x800m Relay – 5th (Asa Park, Noah Rohan, Donovan Kwan, Carter Howard)
- Boys 4x400m Relay – 7th (Oliver Tappel, Carter Howard, Donovan Kwan, Noah Rohan)

★ Additional Top Finishers

- Braylin Smith – 11th Triple Jump | 25th 400m
- Boys 800m – Noah R. (14th), Carter H. (17th), Donovan K. (21st), Asa P. (24th), Samuel Alvarez (31st)
- Liliana Perez – 18th Shot Put
- Larkin McConnell – 21st 800m | 28th 1600m
- Colton Roberts – 29th Long Jump | 25th 200m
- Cash Pogrotsky – 32nd 200m

What an incredible start to the season! The future is bright for Britton Track & Field!

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: 181 (--)
- 8th grade: 135 (--)
- Total: 560 (+2)**



BEAR HUGS

Congratulations to the following 8th graders on being selected for a special program in high school!

- Sophia Chaney – STEAM
- Nate Arvin – The HILL for Industrial Engineering
- Jacob Laver – Natural Resources, Locust Trace
- Lawson Parsons – Biomed – Douglass
- Blake Nolan – The HILL – Carpentry
- Yusuf Elliott – The HILL for Digital Design & Gaming Development
- Bibhu Sapkota – The HILL for Culinary
- Tatum Klapheke – The HILL for Automotive
- Ceniyah Powell – Biomed – Douglass
- Paislee Baker – Biomed – Douglass + The Hill, Culinary
- Nabaa Alani – Bio Med – Douglass
- Alaina Lyons – The HILL for Aviation
- Chadeah Miles Williams – BioMed – Douglass
- Austin Chea – STEAM, Biomed – Douglass
- Ryah Franz – The HILL for Culinary
- Aarvi Bajracharya – The Hill for Aviation
- Jack Caudill – The Hill for Carpentry, Industrial Engineering, STEAM
- Josephine Pena Cruz – The Hill for Industrial Engineering
- Abigail Piatt – The Hill, Digital Design & Gaming Development, Biomed – Douglass
- Omar Rodriguez – The HILL for Welding
- Oliver Tappel – The Hill for Car Mechanics + Heavy Work
- Norah Hoehne – Liberal Arts – Henry Clay, Biomed – Douglass

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 23... 90.46%
- Tuesday, February 25... 92.34%
- Wednesday, February 25... 91.79%
- Thursday, February 26... 93.57%
- Friday, February 27... 89.29%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 23... 88.89%
- Tuesday, February 25... 95.56%
- Wednesday, February 25... 90.00%
- Thursday, February 26... 81.11%
- Friday, February 27... 82.22%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET days... 1.58
- Suspension days... 2

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 5
- Number in detention... 4
- RESET days... 5.78
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 9
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET days... 1.64
- Suspension days... 3



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Call us at 859.293.0411

How much should I save for buying a home? Down payment goal is 3-5% for most programs (some 0% options exist). Closing costs: estimate 1-2%. Where to save: *High-yield savings account, *Money market account, *Dedicated "home savings" bucket. Tip: Set up automatic transfers to stay consistent with saving for your homeownership dream. Questions? Please contact us. We are here to help!

How can we help?
Scan for our website:



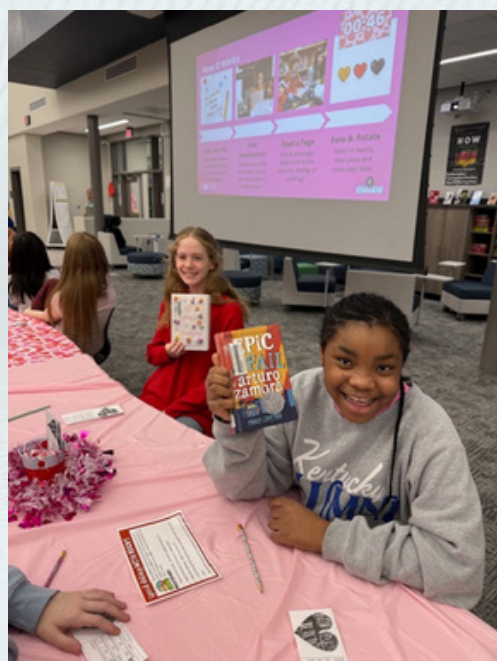
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BEAR SNAPS

SPEED DATING WITH A BOOK





BEAR SNAPS

7TH GRADE ACCELERATED LANGUAGE ARTS STUDENTS BEGAN READING LORD OF THE FLIES THIS WEEK. THE CLASS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FLEXIBLE SEATING IN THE CAFETERIA.





BEAR SNAPS

FIRST ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DANCE AT MEB!





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TRACK AT THE KTCCCA MIDDLE SCHOOL INDOOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LOUISVILLE, KY



BRITTON SOCK DRIVE

Student Council

Help people in need and
donate adult socks!

For Lexington
Rescue Mission

Step Up For The
Homeless - Donate A

Pair Today!!

The stand will be by the 6th grade
complex, and bus entrance Donate
a pair of new socks and get a raffle
ticket, the winner will get a prize





M A R Y E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOYS' LACROSSE

Player and Parent Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026

@

5:30 pm

MEB Media Center



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



Call us for more information
859.422.2344

Benefit :

- Hands On
- Interactive
- Company Booths
- See what jobs are really like.
- Explore Local Businesses

**MARY E. BRITTON
STUDENTS & FAMILIES**



March is
**COLORECTAL
CANCER**
AWARENESS MONTH

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Physician Panel and Q&A at 10:00 am

Genetic Counseling

Nutrition Information

Exercise Recommendations

Diabetes Education and Screening

Saturday, March 7, 2026 **9-11 am**
Whitaker Family YMCA (Hamburg)
2681 Old Rosebud Road
Lexington, KY. 40509



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER



March 13, 2026

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM

2201 War Admiral Way, Lexington, KY

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will donate **15% of Net Sales*** to:

MaryEBrittonMiddleSchool

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Craveable!
CHICKEN FINGER MEALS

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Raising Funds with Raising Cane's



➤ Learn more about how we can support you at CanesAndCommunity.com

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales* donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. **Net Sales* means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. "Net Sales" does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.

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8TH GRADE

SIGNING  DAY 26

3:30PM | SUN., APR 19, 2026

FDHS AUDITORIUM

X Frederick Douglass Football

BEARS, YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!



What will you remember from this historic year? The yearbook has the complete story of the year – reserve your copy today!

COST: \$35
TO PURCHASE:

Want to make your book EXTRA special?
Cover Personalization/Name stamping
starts at just \$9.15, but hurry, it's only
available until March 1!

To use a credit card, debit card or PayPal, go to **yearbookforever.com** and enter our school name or **scan the QR code**.

For cash or check, bring order form and payment made out to Mary E. Britton Middle School to Room A218.

Student name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of yearbooks _____ x \$ _____ = _____ Total cost

