MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday
March 20, 2026

THE Bear Claw

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Explore the World of Healthcare Careers!

Mary E. Britton Middle School is excited to partner with Baptist Health to host the Baptist Health Healthcare Camp this summer! This unique opportunity is designed for students interested in learning more about careers in the healthcare field.

June 9–11
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM each day

Students will have the chance to:
Explore a variety of healthcare professions
Participate in engaging activities and hands-on workshops
Tour a college campus and learn about future pathways in healthcare

Who Can Apply: Current 6th–8th grade students
Cost: FREE for participants
Spots Available: Limited to 20 FCPS students
Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

If your student is curious about healthcare careers, this is an incredible opportunity to learn, explore, and connect with professionals in the field. Be sure to apply soon—spaces are limited!

Use the QR code on the flyer on page 7 to apply.

Join the PTSA!

Check out the PTSA video on our YouTube channel!

Buy a Yearbook!

March 30 is the last day to purchase a yearbook! Students can see Ms. Cain in the 7th grade complex, or complete the form at the end of the newsletter. Cash, check, and card are accepted!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
- FCCLA conference in Louisville all day.
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM.
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM.
- Chess club at 4:15 PM
- SBDM council meeting at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026
- FCCLA conference in Louisville all day.
- 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, MARCH 26, 2026
- FCCLA conference in Louisville all day.
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club in room C128 at 4:15 PM
- Career Exploration Fair at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
- FCCLA conference in Louisville all day.
- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Dance team banquet at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
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LOOKING AHEAD...

- March 24: SBDM council meeting
- March 26: Career exploration fair
- March 27: Dance team banquet
- March 31: MAP Math testing
- April 2: MAP Reading testing
- April 6-10: Spring 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.

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.

Dance and Cheer Tryout Information

Students interested in joining the Mary E. Britton Cheer or Dance Teams for the 2026–2027 school year have several upcoming opportunities to prepare for tryouts. These open gyms and clinics allow students to practice skills, meet coaches, and learn more about each program.

Cheer

All sessions will take place in the MEB Gymnasium
Open Gyms (4:30–6:30 PM)

- March 30 – Stunting Open Gym
- April 1 – Sidelines & Stunt Open Gym

Tryout Clinics (4:30–6:30 PM)

- April 15
- April 16

Tryouts

- April 18 | 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Contact: Cameryn Hutchinson

Dance Team

Clinics

- May 18 – 4:15–6:30 PM
- May 20 – 7:15–8:35 AM
- May 21 – 4:15–6:30 PM

Tryouts

- May 22 – 4:15–6:30 PM (Parent meeting to follow)

Contact: Lauren Brett

Students must have a current physical on file to participate.
We look forward to seeing our future Britton Bears bring the spirit and energy!

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, March 16... 90.36%
- Tuesday, March 17... NTI
- Wednesday, March 18... 93.03%
- Thursday, March 19... 91.25%
- Friday, March 20... 87.14%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, March 16... 97.78%
- Tuesday, March 17... NTI
- Wednesday, March 18... 93.33%
- Thursday, March 19... 90.00%
- Friday, March 20... 88.89%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 7
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 6
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET days... 3
- Suspension days... 18

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 7
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET days... 2
- Suspension days... 6

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



BEAR HUGS

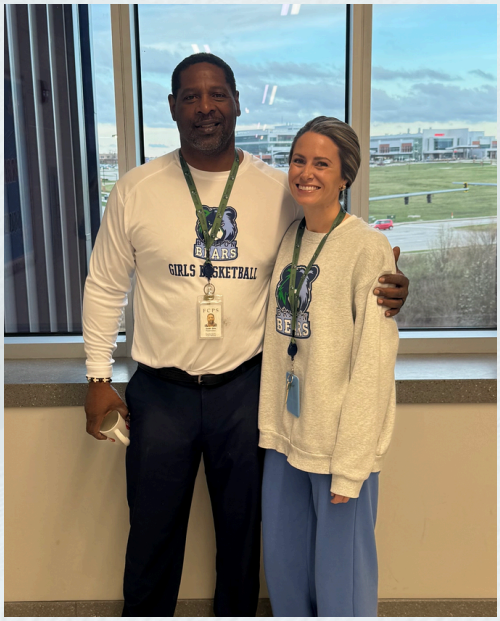
- Shout out to Mrs. Lauren Hyde, 7th grade Grizzlies language arts, for being named the MEB Teacher of the Year, and to Coach Dale Smith, MTSS support skills, for being named the MEB Support Staff of the Year. These honors were voted on by the faculty and staff at MEB, and both will now be nominated for the same distiinction at the district level.
- Congratulations to the 7th, and 8th grade band ensemble. They received Distinguished ratings from all four judges at the KMEA Assessments on March 16.
- Congratulations to 8th grader Nate Link for winning a state basketball championship with his league team.



BEAR SNAPS

Lauren Hyde, the MEB Teacher of the Year, and Dale Smith, the MEB Support Staff of the Year







Scenes from our second band and orchestra concert!













BEAR SNAPS













Our Bear-ettes Dance Team placed first in hip hop and second in pom at the FCPS Cheer and Dance Showcase!









BEAR SNAPS



Congratulations to 8th grader Nate Link, whose club basketball team won their league's state basketball championship

FOR FDHS INCOMING FRESHMEN

Dear families,

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming trip to Australia and New Zealand in Summer 2028, and students who will be enrolled in August 2028 are invited! This life-changing experience will help students build confidence, independence, and global perspective.

We're holding an informational meeting to share everything you need to know—and spots on this trip are limited:

Find meeting info and RSVP here: https://rsvp.eftours.com/8pvtzaa

Why attend?
- Learn how to save with early enrollment.
- Get first access to limited spots.
- Learn about what we'll see and do, academic opportunities, trip cost, and more.

In the meantime, please visit EF's website to get answers to common parent questions. EF Tours is our trusted travel partner, and they have 60 years of experience helping students explore the world safely and affordably. You can also contact me any time at Erin.Manna@fayette.kyschools.us.

BEAR SNAPS

The 7th and 8th grade band ensemble all received distinguished scores at KMEA Assessments!







AWARENESS IS "CARE-NESS"

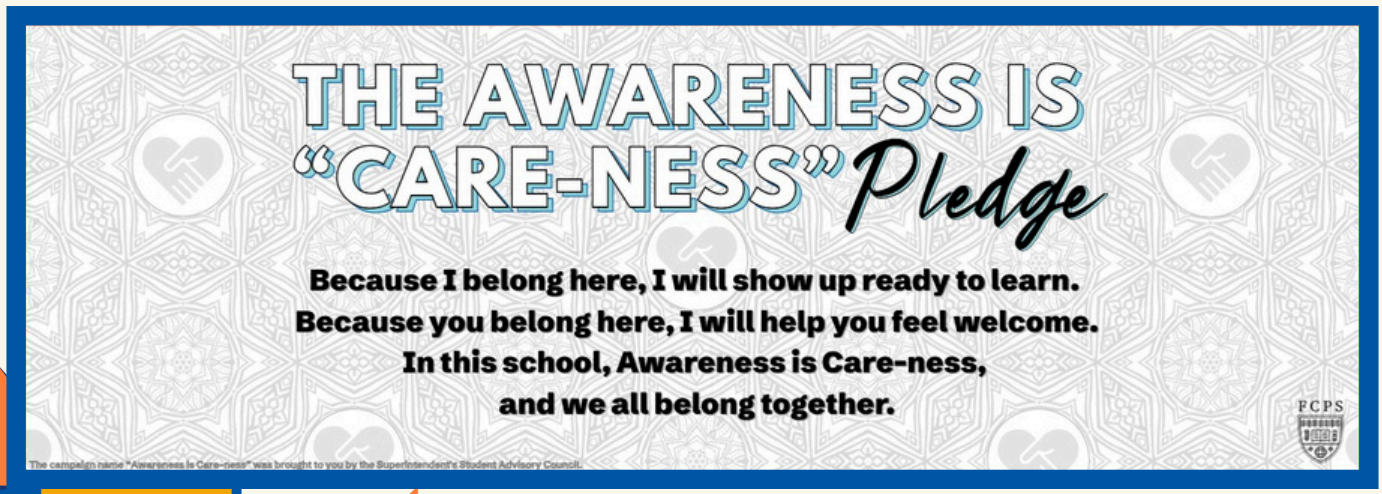
Creative Challenge

Get creative and make your voice heard by joining the **"Awareness is Care-ness" campaign**

Express what kindness and belonging mean to you through art, poetry, or an essay for a chance to have your work featured on social media and displayed across the district.

Sign up here!

Don't forget to kick things off by signing the pledge banner at your school—we can't wait to see your impact!



Britton's GOT TALENT!



AUDITIONS COMING SOON!

AUDITION DATE: March 25

In the cafeteria immediately after school. You must have a ride.

- **Dress Code:** School Appropriate Costumes
- No Inappropriate Dances or Movements
- Music & Act Ready for Judges - No Changes After Audition

Click here for link

SCAN TO SIGN UP:

▶ Use school email to register

Youth Violence Prevention

ART SHOWCASE

Student Entries

Theme:
Seen & Heard

Scan the QR Code to submit your art work to be on display during the evening as well as sign up to do spoken word/poetry; dance, etc.



April 28
5:30–7:30

422 Codell Dr, Lexington, KY 40509

ONE LEXINGTON

Leadership Academy

Prevención de violencia juvenil

GALERIA DE ARTE

Entradas estudiantiles

Tema: visto e escuchado

Scanea el codigo QR para sumeter tu arte para que puede estar visto durante la noche. Tambien puedes inscribirse para hacer poesia, palabra, o danza.



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ART SHOWCASE

Support student art!

Theme:
Seen & Heard

Join us for a night of creativity, featuring original artwork by talented student artists across the city..



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GALERIA DE ARTE

Apoya arte de estudiantes

Tema:
Visto y escuchado

Tendremos una noche de creatividad con art original de estudiantes con mucha talenta en nuestra ciudad..



April 28
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ONE LEXINGTON

Leadership Academy

Baptist Health Healthcare Camp

June 9 – 11

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily

Explore Healthcare Careers, Tour A College Campus, and More!

Baptist Health is thrilled to announce our Non-Residential Healthcare Camp! This exciting opportunity is designed for current 6th-8th grade students interested in exploring healthcare careers.
What to Expect:

- Exposure to diverse healthcare professions
- Engaging activities and workshops
- Inspiring college campus tours

Application Process: Due to limited space, an application is required to identify 20 FCPS participants. Don't miss your chance – apply now!

Who Can Apply: Any current 6th- 8th grade student.

Cost: This event is FREE for student participants!

Secure your spot in this immersive healthcare experience. Apply today!
Application Deadline: March 31, 2026



For more information, please contact:

Mary Rash

859-260-6203

Mary.rash@bhsi.com

Please use QR code to apply!

Girls Lacrosse will be selling spring flowers for our fundraiser! Before you head to Lowe's or a local nursery, please consider purchasing some from one of the girls.

Below is a picture of the available options- there are many color choices for each! The hanging baskets are 10 inches, and the other flowers are sold in trays of 36 plants (If 36 is too many, team up with someone to split it!).

Details:

- Everything is $25 each
- Money is due at the time of order (cash or check) Checks can be made payable to Mary E. Britton Volleyball
- Orders must be placed by March 30
- Flowers are scheduled to arrive on April 29
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If you're interested, please see a Girls Lacrosse player, Coach Alex Robinson, or Coach Whitney Ritter (both located in the 7th grade hallway).

Thank you for supporting Girls Lacrosse!




MARY E. BRITTON
ART CLUB
WE NEED YOUR
OLD NEWSPAPERS &
OLD MAGAZINES!
DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS!
Help us gather materials for art projects!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BRITTON SOCK DRIVE

Student Council

Help people in need and donate adult socks!

For Lexington Rescue Misson

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





CAREER EXLORATION 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

MARY E. BRITTON STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Benefit :

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

MEB CHEER OPEN GYMS

& Try Out Dates

YOU MUST BRING AN UPDATED PHYSICAL TO PARTICIPATE

MAR 30	**Stunting Open Gym** **4:30 - 6:30 PM** MEB Gymnasium
APR 1	**Sidelines & Stunt Open Gym** **4:30 - 6:30 PM** MEB Gymnasium
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APR 18	**Try Outs** **9:30-12:00 AM** MEB Gymnasium

Contact: cameryn.hutchinson@fayette.kyschools.us with any questions!

MARY E. BRITTON

DANCE TEAM

Tryouts

LET'S DANCE



SHOW YOUR SKILLS

READY TO BRING THE ENERGY TO THE NEXT LEVEL? WE'RE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC, TALENTED PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR 26-27 DANCE TEAM! COME TO CLINIC DAYS AND SHOW YOUR SKILLS! OPEN TO ALL UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS-8TH GRADERS. -MUST HAVE CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE.

Clinic: 05/18 4:15p-6:30p
05/20 7:15a-8:35a
05/21 4:15p-6:30p

Tryouts 05/22 4:15p-6:30p with parent meeting to follow

859.422.2344

LAUREN.BRETT@FAYETTE.KYSCHOOLS.US

Get your yearbook today!!!



Sales for the historic, first edition, MEBMS yearbook end on March 30th.

***Already bought one?
Consider donating or buying one for a friend.

COST: $35

TO PURCHASE:

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 or the front office.

Student name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of yearbooks _____ x $ _____ = _____ Total cost