

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

MAP Testing is Next Week – Your Child's Attendance Matters!

Our spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments are just around the corner:

- Math: Tuesday, March 31
- Reading: Thursday, April 2
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MAP is an important tool we use at Mary E. Britton Middle School to measure student growth and progress over time. Unlike a one-time test, MAP helps us understand how your child is developing academically and allows us to tailor instruction to better meet their needs.

Why MAP Matters

MAP results provide valuable insight into:

- Your child's academic strengths and areas for growth
- Progress made throughout the school year
- Instructional planning to support continued success
- Course placement decisions for the upcoming school year

Because MAP is one of the criteria we use when determining course placements, it is essential that students give their best effort and take the assessment seriously.

The Importance of Attendance

We ask that all students are present and on time for testing days. Being in attendance ensures that your child:

- Tests in a familiar, low-stress classroom environment
- Avoids make-up testing sessions, which can be disruptive to their schedule
- Has the best opportunity to perform at their highest level

Thank you for your continued support in helping us set our students up for success. Together, we can ensure every Britton Bear is prepared to grow, achieve, and thrive!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM.
- Cheer open gym at 4:15 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

- MAP Math spring administration
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM.
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM.
- PTSA meeting in the library at 6:00 PM | [Virtual link](#)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. [Sign up here.](#)
- Crash in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- Cheer open gym at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

- MAP Reading spring administration
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club in room C128 at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

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LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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 23... 93.12%
- Tuesday, March 24... 93.73%
- Wednesday, March 25... 93.10%
- Thursday, March 26... 93.46%
- Friday, March 27... 89.78%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, March 23... 93.33%
- Tuesday, March 24... 88.89%
- Wednesday, March 25... 95.56%
- Thursday, March 26... 88.89%
- Friday, March 27... 91.11%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 1
- RESET days... 1.5
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 5
- RESET days... 1
- 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 (--)
- 7th grade: 179 (-1)
- 8th grade: 135 (--)
- **Total: 559 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out to Lawson Parsons for placing 38th in composition at the state Governor's Cup competition on March 21!



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us know you are a Britton
Bear

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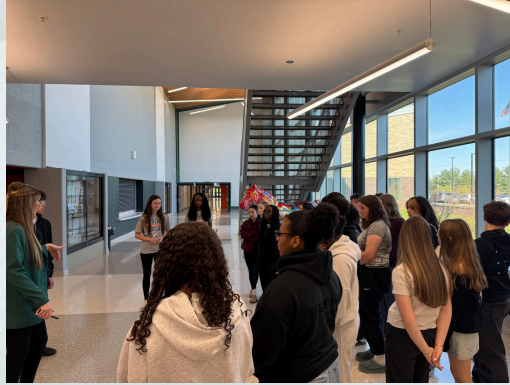
BEAR SNAPS

The Lady Bears Lacrosse Team Stormed the field for the first time on March 21!

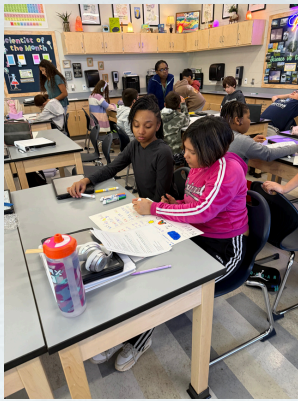
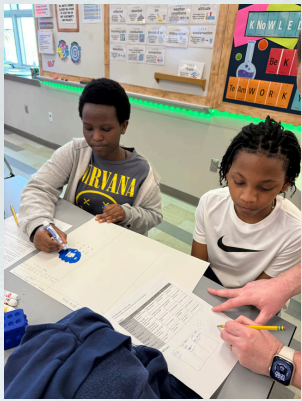




BEAR SNAPS



Mrs. Manley's fourth period Introduction to Health Sciences class toured FDHS's Medical Sciences Academy on March 24. Students can earn a high school credit for this course, which is the first class in each of the Medical Sciences Academy's pathways. This puts our students one year ahead of all others in the Academy!



Hands-on learning experiences in sixth grade science class!



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!

THE AWARENESS IS "CARE-NESS" *Pledge*

**Because I belong here, I will show up ready to learn.
Because you belong here, I will help you feel welcome.
In this school, Awareness is Care-ness,
and we all belong together.**

The campaign name "Awareness is Care-ness" was brought to you by the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Fayette County
Public Schools

FCPS Office of Student Support Services and
our Community Partners invite you to our:

Family Mental Health Resource Fair and Workshops

Saturday, March 28th 1:00-3:00 p.m.

What will be happening at the event?

- Mental health resources fair with information about support through FCPS and from community organizations
- Workshops about children and teen mental health and support
- Free pizza lunch with us to connect with other families who understand
- Children's Activities
- Gift card Raffle



Where?

**John D. Price Admin
Building, 450 Park Place**

Schedule:

**1:00-1:30 Free Pizza Lunch
and Community
Resource Fair
1:30-2:15 Workshop 1
2:15-3:00 Workshop 2**

Workshop Topics:

- How to support your child's mental health
- Online safety: AI and Mental health
- The Tough Teen Years
- How to support your child with anxiety
- Vaping prevention and resources



Please Register Here!

Open to Everyone, All Ages Welcome!

**Let's break the silence.
Let's start the healing.**

Questions? Contact us:
Liz Epperson, FCPS Office of Student Support
elizabeth.epperson@fayette.kyschools.us

Youth Violence Prevention

ART SHOWCASE

Student Entries

Theme:
Seen & Heard

April 28
5:30 - 7:30

422 Codell Dr, Lexington, KY 40509



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.



Prevención de violencia juvenil

GALERIA DE ARTE

Entradas estudiantiles

Tema: visto e
escuchado

April 28
5:30 - 7:30

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



Support
student art!

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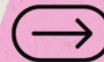
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Tendremos una noche de creatividad
con art original de estudiantes con
muchta talenta en nuestra ciudad..



Apoya arte de
estudiantes



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!

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

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Sidelines & Stunt Open Gym
4:30 - 6:30 PM
MEB Gymnasium

APR
15

Try Out Clinics
4:30 - 6:30 PM
MEB Gymnasium

APR
16

Try Out Clinics
4:30 - 6:30 PM
MEB Gymnasium

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**



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