

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

End of Year Calendar & 8th Grade Celebrations

It's hard to believe, but the end of the school year is fast approaching! The FCPS School Board is expected to approve June 3 as the final day for students, and we are excited to share several important dates and celebrations as we finish our first year strong at Mary E. Britton Middle School.

End of Year Calendar

- May 1: BearFest: A celebration for students who meet their MAP growth goals or earn Proficient/Distinguished scores.
- May 13: KSA Testing Begins: A final daily schedule will be shared next week.
- May 22: 8th Grade Dance (MEBMS 8th grade students only)- 6:00-8:00 PM
- May 26: 8th Grade Field Trip to Kentucky Kingdom
- June 3: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony- 10:30 AM

8th Grade End-of-Year Goal

In February, I had the opportunity to meet with each of our 8th grade classes to gather their input on end-of-year activities. Our goal is simple: to make these experiences special, meaningful, and memorable for every student.

One of our top priorities is ensuring that every 8th grader has the opportunity to attend the Kentucky Kingdom field trip. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we have already secured over \$5,000 in donations. We are now just \$3,650 away from making this goal a reality for all students.

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please reach out to me or Ms. Koop.

Thank You to Our Community Partners

A very special thank you goes to:

- Jim & Tracey Moore with the Moore Realty Group
- Marisol Villalobos-Weeks with Bluegrass Land Title

Because of their generosity, six students will be able to attend the trip—a powerful example of what makes the Britton community so special.

As we approach the end of the year, we are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the support of our families and community. Let's finish strong, Bears!

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, APRIL 13, 2026

- Weather make-up day. School is in session.
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

- Chess club at 4:15 PM
- Glee club at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

- 6th grade Inspire Curiosity event at Alltech Arena
- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. [Sign up here.](#)
- Crash in the 7 grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- Cheer tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Britton's Got Talent auditions at 4:15 PM
- Track meet at HCHS at 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Cheer tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM
- SBDM council meeting at 4:15 PM
- Girls' lacrosse vs. Jessie Clark at Shilito Park at 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Tates Creek track invitational at 5:45 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

- Cheer tryouts at 9:00 AM
- Girls' lacrosse vs. Morton at The Lexington School at 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 20: Track meet at FDHS
- April 22: Track meet at Lexington Christian Academy
- April 23: Girls' lacrosse vs. BBLC at Shilito Park
- April 24: FCPS Honors Orchestra
- April 24: HCHS track meet
- April 27: BSHS track meet
- April 28: SBDM meeting

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

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, April 6... No school
- Tuesday, April 7... No school
- Wednesday, April 8... No school
- Thursday, April 9... No school
- Friday, April 10... No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, April 6... No school
- Tuesday, April 7... No school
- Wednesday, April 8... No school
- Thursday, April 9... No school
- Friday, April 10... No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

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

SEVENTH GRADE

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

EIGHTH GRADE

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

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: 135 (--)
- **Total: 559 (--)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out to the Moore Group and Bluegrass Land Title for their generous donations to our 8th grade trip!



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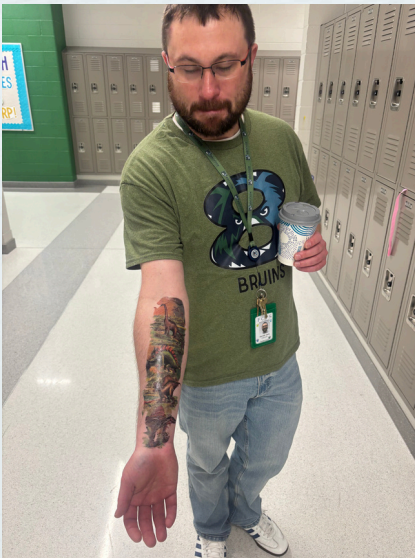
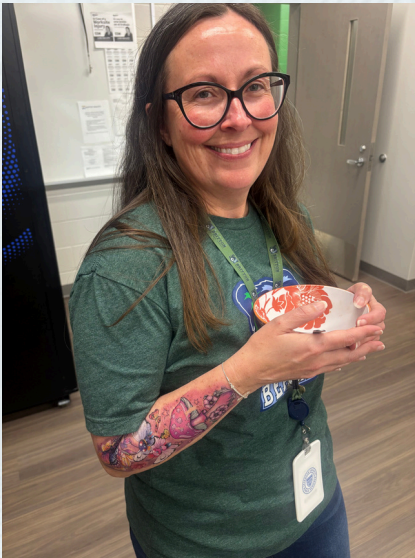
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BEAR SNAPS

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JIM AND TRACEY MOORE WITH THE MOORE GROUP (left) AND MARISOL VILLALOBOS-WEEKS WITH BLUEGRASS LAND TITLE (right) FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR OUR 8TH GRADE TRIP. 8TH GRADE STUDENTS HAD SOME FUN WITH "TAT A TEACHER!"





BEAR SNAPS

SOMEONE HAD A LITTLE TOO MUCH FUN WITH AI!



THE ART CLUB HAS BEEN BUSY!



Summer 2027
GREECE & ITALY
MARVEL AT ANCIENT WONDERS AND CITIES

NOW ENROLLING FOR SUMMER 2027 TOUR!

Want to learn more?

**Virtual Informational Meeting on Google
Meet**

Thursday, April 23rd at 6pm



REGISTER TO ATTEND MEETING!

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

422 Codell Dr, Lexington, KY 40509



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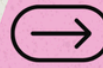
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Tendremos una noche de creatividad
con art original de estudiantes con
muchta talenta en nuestra ciudad..



Apoya arte de
estudiantes

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

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
MIDDLE SCHOOL

BearFest!



TICKET
Must meet 2
of the following:

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MAP Math goal

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MAP Reading goal

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**Earn Proficient or above
on MAP Math OR Reading**

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**Earn Good Faith Effort
on BOTH MAP tests**

BearFest Details:

WHEN:

Friday, May 1st

WHERE:

Football field
& bus loop

ACTIVITIES:

Games, inflatables, DJ,
photobooth, & popcorn



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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Mary E. Britton **VOLLEYBALL** CUBS CAMP

JUNE 17-19
9-11AM

JUNE 20
9AM-3PM

*Must be an incoming
4th or 5th grade girl for the
2026-2027 school year!*



*Must have
a KHSAA
Sports
Physical!*

Skills camp June 17-19
Tournament June 20

Students will spend
Wednesday-Friday building
and practicing fundamental
volleyball skills, leading up to
our exciting tournament on
Saturday.

Spots are limited



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