MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday
April 17, 2026

THE Bear Claw

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Expanding Opportunities: New Pathways for 2026–2027

At Mary E. Britton Middle School, we are committed to preparing students for the future by connecting learning to real-world opportunities. For the 2026–2027 school year, we are excited to expand our Pathways programming, giving our Bears even more opportunities to explore their interests, develop skills, and get a head start on college and career readiness.

Health & Medical Sciences Pathway (Expanded)

Building on one of our core vision areas, we are introducing a new sequence of courses that immerses students in the medical field:

- 6th Grade: Forensics
- 7th Grade: Medical Detectives (Project Lead the Way)
- 8th Grade: STEM: Anatomy
- This pathway provides hands-on, inquiry-based experiences that expose students to careers in health care while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Multimedia Arts Pathway (New)

Our new multimedia arts pathway prepares students for the digital world through creative expression and modern media production:

- 6th Grade: Introduction to Creative Media Arts
- 7th Grade: Moving Image Production
- 8th Grade: Multimedia Production
- Students will explore areas such as video production, digital storytelling, and design—skills that are increasingly valuable across all industries.

Law & Justice Pathway (New)

Students interested in civic engagement, government, and law will have the opportunity to follow this pathway:

- 6th Grade: Civics
- 7th Grade: Civics
- 8th Grade: Law and Justice
- Students who complete this pathway will have the opportunity to earn the Civic Seal, recognizing their commitment to civic learning and engagement.

Fine Arts Advancement

We are proud to now offer Art 1 for high school credit to our 8th grade students, allowing them to begin building their high school transcript while still at Britton.

Pre-Teaching Pathway (New)

For students who feel called to make an impact in education, we are launching a Pre-Teaching Pathway for 7th and 8th graders. This pathway will introduce students to the teaching profession and provide early experiences in leadership, mentorship, and working with younger learners.

These new and expanded pathways reflect our commitment to equity, innovation, and preparing every student for success beyond middle school. We are excited to see our Bears explore their passions and begin shaping their futures!

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 20, 2026

- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Track meet at FDHS at 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- FCCLA meeting at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. Sign up here.
- Crash in the 7 grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- Track meet at LCA at 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM
- Girls' lacrosse vs. BBLC at Shilito Park at 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- FCPS Honors orchestra at 8:35 AM
- Henry Clay track invitational at 5:45 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

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LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 27: BSHS track meet
- April 28: SBDM meeting
- April 30: Chorus concert
- April 30: Track meet at Madison Southern
- April 30: Girls' lacrosse all-star game
- May 1: Britton's Got Talent
- May 5: Band and orchestra concert

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.

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.

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: 137 (+2)
- **Total: 561 (+2)**



BEAR HUGS

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

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, April 13... 88.88%
- Tuesday, April 14... 93.96%
- Wednesday, April 15... 94.94%
- Thursday, April 16... 94.14%
- Friday, April 17... 92.45%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, April 13... 91.11%
- Tuesday, April 14... 94.44%
- Wednesday, April 15... 98.42%
- Thursday, April 16... 98.42%
- Friday, April 17... 98.42%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

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

SEVENTH GRADE

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

EIGHTH GRADE

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



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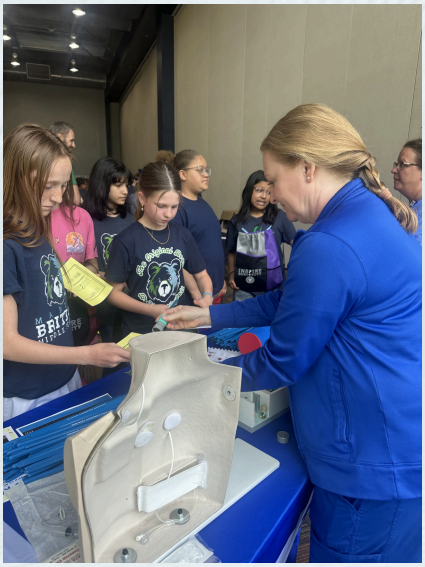
BEAR SNAPS

Our sixth graders participated in the "Inspire Curiosity" event on April 15 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Students learned about different career paths, met professionals in several fields, and took part in several hands on activities.



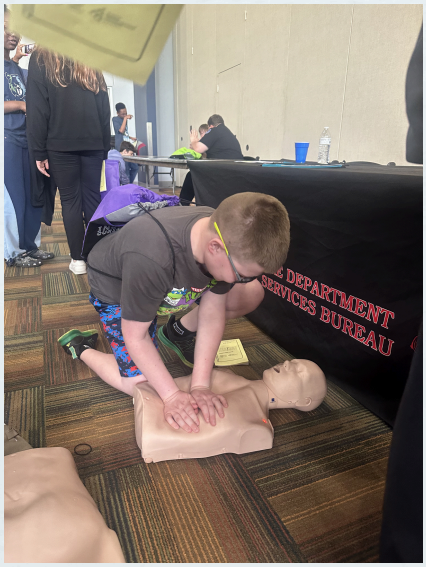


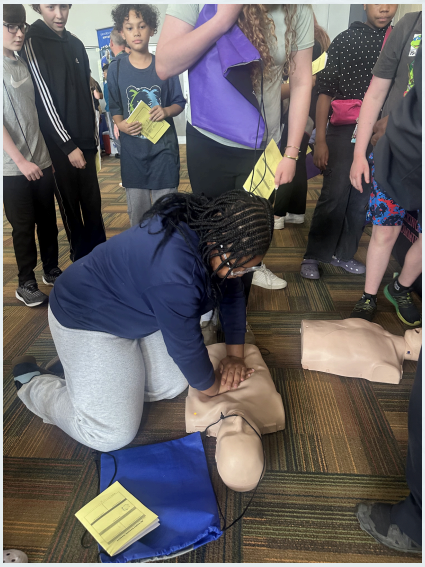


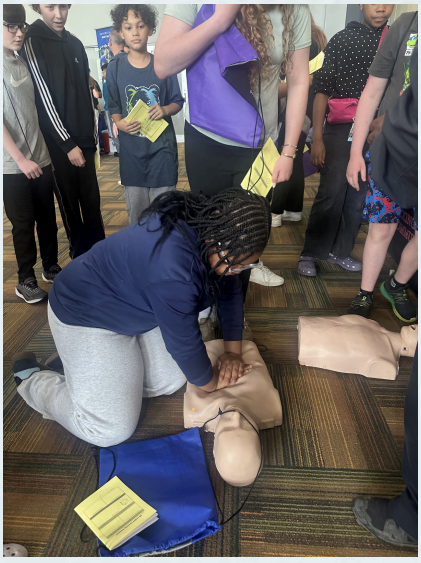












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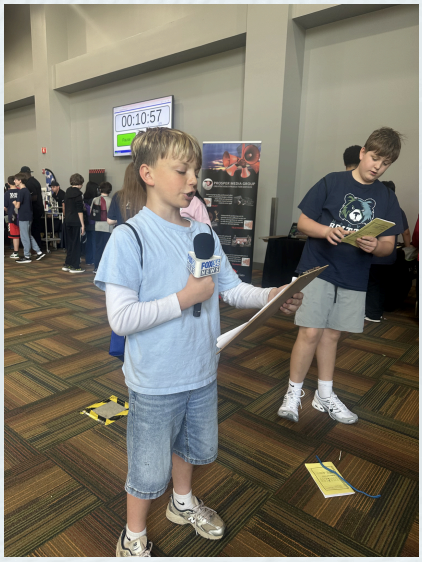
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INSTITUTOS Y PROGRAMAS
DE EDUCACIÓN AGRÍCOLA!





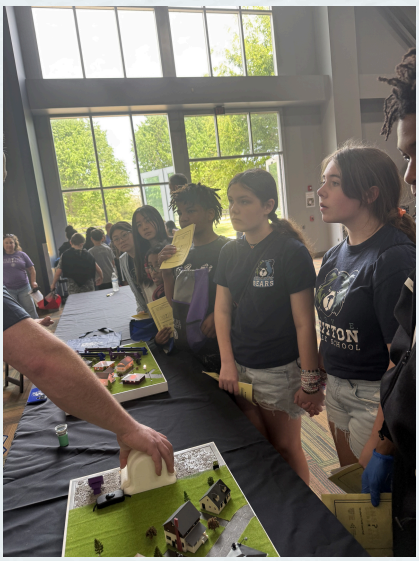



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MAGGARD
ORTHODONTICS

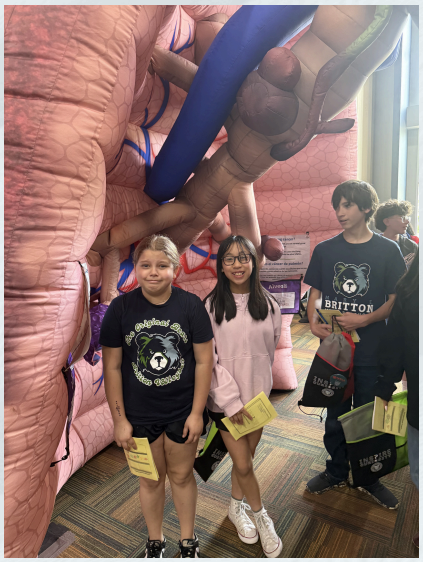








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PODCAST


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ON AIR
LIVE PODCAST SESSION




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ATHLETIC TRAINING

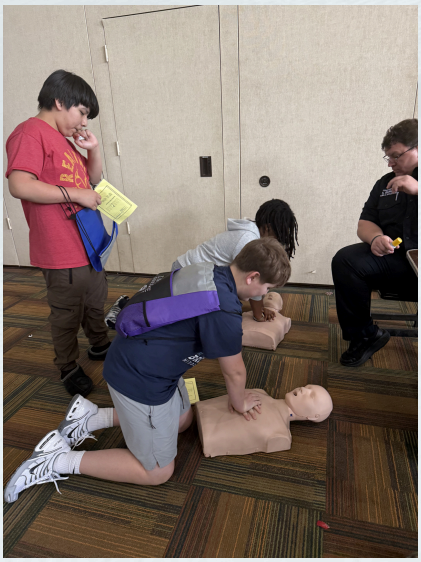




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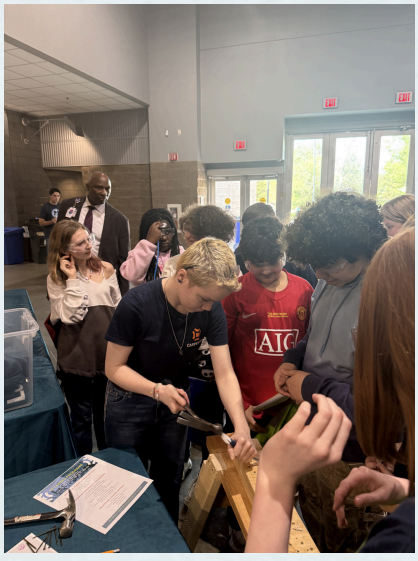












WOODHILL SPRING COOKOUT

WHEN: APRIL 18TH
TIME: 12-1:15 PM
WHERE: WOODHILL PARK 457 LARKWOOD DR
WHAT: FOOD, FUN AND GAMES





In partnership with the KC7 Foundation, a non-profit aimed at making cybersecurity education accessible to all, this June, the HILL will host a Cybersecurity Summer Camp at The HILL from June 22–26, 2026. The program is designed to introduce students, especially those from Title I schools, real-world cybersecurity skills through hands-on activities and mentorship.

Students will learn:

• Ethical hacking basics • How hackers break weak passwords • Network security and cyber defense • Digital forensics and cyber investigations • Cybersecurity career pathways • No prior experience is required, just curiosity and interest in technology.

Our goal is to provide students with exposure to high-demand cybersecurity careers while building confidence and problem-solving skills in a supportive learning environment.

Camp Details:

Location: The HILL Dates: June 22–26, 2026 Audience: current 5th graders thru 7th graders
Cost: Free
Application: https://forms.gle/Ja8MuKLHGvMs6ezG7 Application Deadline: April 30, 2026


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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

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

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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!

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



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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:

- [ ] MAP Math goal
- [ ] MAP Reading goal
- [ ] Earn Proficient or above on MAP Math OR Reading
- [ ] 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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- Tratamiento opcional con fluoruro

Precios:

- Veteranos $10
- Niños menores de 12 años $25
- Edades de 13 a 59 $35
- Mayores de 60 años $25
- Empleados/Estudiantes de BCTC $25

Otros Servicios:

- Selladores (por diente) $15
- Bandejas Blanqueadoras/Blanqueadoras $80
- Recambios de blanqueador $40

Llame para concertar una cita

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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

https://go.fcps.net/mebmsvb