

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

2026–2027 KSA AND FINALS SCHEDULE

It's hard to believe that the Kentucky State Assessment, KSA, is just around the corner! Below is the schedule for testing, and we do ask that you please try to schedule appointments and absences around these dates and times. We have a limited amount of time for make ups, so student attendance is very important.

6th Grade

- May 13--Survey and Reading A... 9:05–11:10 AM
- May 14--Reading B... 9:05–10:40 AM
- May 15--Math A (no calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM
- May 18--Math B (calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM

7th Grade

- May 13--Survey and Reading A... 9:05–11:10 AM
- May 14--Reading B... 9:05–10:40 AM
- May 15--Math A (no calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM
- May 18--Math B (calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM
- May 20--Science... 9:05–11:00 AM

8th Grade

- May 13--Survey and Reading A & B... 9:05 AM–12:20 PM
- May 14--Math A (no calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM
- May 15--Math B (calculator)... 9:05–10:30 AM
- May 18--Social Studies A & B... 9:05–11:30 AM
- May 20--Editing and Mechanics, On-Demand Writing... 9:05 AM–12:20 PM

Testing Reminders

- Charge your Chromebook every night.
- Bring your Chromebook and charger to school each day.
- Get a good night's sleep so your brain is ready.
- Eat a healthy breakfast before school.
- Arrive at school on time and ready to do your best.
- Take your time and reach each question carefully.
- Believe in yourself and stay positive.

SBDM PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS FOR 2026–27

Please see page 4 for information on the nomination process.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM
- Chorus concert at 5:00 PM
- Track at Madison Southern at 5:30 PM
- Girls' lacrosse at Shilito Park at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Britton's Got Talent at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

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LOOKING AHEAD...

- May 5: Band and orchestra concert
- May 6: Welcome to Britton incoming 6th grade orientation
- May 6: Track meet at Lafayette High School
- May 11: Track meet at Tates Creek High School
- May 13: KSA testing begins
- May 14: SBDM council 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.

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.

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.

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, April 20... 93.52%
- Tuesday, April 21... 93.25%
- Wednesday, April 22... 92.18%
- Thursday, April 23... 93.43%
- Friday, April 24... 92.27%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, April 20... 88.89%
- Tuesday, April 21... 91.11%
- Wednesday, April 22... 100%
- Thursday, April 23... 86.67%
- Friday, April 24... 73.33%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET days... 1.5
- Suspension days... 1

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 12
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET days... 7.23
- Suspension days... 5

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 9
- 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](#)

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 6th grade: 245 (+1)
- 7th grade: 181 (+1)
- 8th grade: 138 (+1)
- **Total: 564 (+3)**



BEAR HUGS

- Congratulations to STLP for advancing to the finals at the state competition.



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BEAR SNAPS



Students in Mrs. Elkins' 8th grade social studies class complete a jigsaw activity to determine the high causality rate during the Civil War.



STLP crushing it at state competition! The group made it to the finals!



SBDM Parent Council Member

Deadline: Must be postmarked by May 7, 2026

Directions: Mary E. Britton has 2 parent availabilities for a term of 1 year on the MEB Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council of the 2026-2027 Fayette County Public School calendar. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent as a nominee for election to the council. In order to qualify as a parent council member, a parent representative must be a parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student at MEB. A parent is ineligible if he or she is an employee or relative of an employee (father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter) of MEB, the district central office, a local school board member, or the spouse of a board member.

Name of Nominee: _____ **DATE:** _____

Address: _____

Children Enrolled in MEB: _____

Nominated By: _____

Person being nominated: I agree to complete a background check and a registry check from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding substantial child abuse or neglect and the school council member training. I accept this nomination and hereby certify that I am eligible to serve on this council and meet all qualifications as described above.

Nominee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a single page summary of your background and experiences that would qualify you for the SBDM Council. This information will be shared with voters before the election.

Please send the above nominations via email to alenaglass@gmail.com (President of PTSA at MEB) or send/bring form to MEB's front office.



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



MARY E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

GIRLS' BASKETBALL WORKOUTS

CALLING ALL LADY BEARS

OPEN GYM DATES... 4:15-6:00 PM

- April 27, 28, 30
- May 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28
- June 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23

TRYOUTS... 4:00-6:30 PM

- July 15, 16, 17
- Parent meeting on July 17 at 6:45 PM

Must have a current sports physical to try out!



CONTACT

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MARY E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPRING & SUMMER FOOTBALL

UPCOMING DATES

- BEAR DOWN CAMP FOR CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADERS
 - MAY 4-7 FROM 4:00-6:00 PM
- SUMMER PRACTICE
 - JUNE 9-11 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM
 - JUNE 15-18 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM
- BEAR CUB CAMP(K-5TH GRADERS)
 - JUNE 12 FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
- FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
 - JULY 10 FROM 7:30-9:30 PM

All activities will be at the Mary E. Britton Field!



FOR MORE INFO:

michael.halloran@fayette.kyschools.us

Ride bikes with us!



Never been mountain biking? Curious to learn?

GIVE IT A GO!

Join coaches and riders from FayCo to learn the basics of mountain biking!

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neither endorse nor
sponsor the organizations or
activity promoted in this document.

WHEN: 4/29 @6PM; 5/3 @2PM; 5/16 @10AM; 6/3 @6PM; 6/20 @10AM;
& 6/30 @6PM

WHERE: Veteran's Park, shelter 3

What to bring: bike, helmet, water bottle, parent/guardian, & good attitude

More info: faycomtb.org or email info@faycomtb.org

This is for Fayette County area riders who will be in 5th-12th grade in fall '26.

KENTUCKY 
INTERSCHOLASTIC CYCLING LEAGUE



FAYCOMTB.ORG

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!

Prevención de Violencia Juvenil

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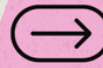
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Tendremos una noche de creatividad
con art original de estudiantes con
muchta talenta en nuestra ciudad..



Apoya arte de
estudiantes

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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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>