MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE Bear Claw

Friday
May 1, 2026

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

📊 MAP Growth Highlights at Mary E. Britton Middle School

We are proud to share the continued academic growth of our Britton Bears! Across all three testing windows—fall, winter, and spring—our students demonstrated meaningful progress in both math and reading, reflecting the hard work of our students and staff.

📈 Schoolwide Growth Trends

- Reading showed exceptional gains across the year, with students scoring Proficient/Distinguished increasing from 39.2% in the fall to 52.3% in the spring (+13.1%).
- 69 percent of our students, met or exceeded their growth goal in reading, which was the highest percentage of growth in reading in the district!
- Math also improved overall, with Proficient/Distinguished rising from 42.9% to 45.7% (+2.8%)
- More students are moving out of the Novice range, especially in reading, where Novice decreased by over 6 percentage points

👉 These trends show that more of our students are reaching grade-level expectations and beyond.

🐻 Grade-Level Highlights

- 6th Grade (Standout Growth Year!)
  - Math Proficient/Distinguished increased from 43.8% → 51.7% (+7.9%)
  - Reading Proficient/Distinguished increased from 39.6% → 51.2% (+11.7%)
  - Strong growth goal attainment, especially in math (over 56% met growth targets)
- 7th Grade
  - Reading showed steady improvement, reaching 54.2% Proficient/Distinguished by spring
  - Math remained stable, with gains in Distinguished performance (+3%)
- 8th Grade (Big Reading Gains!)
  - Reading Proficient/Distinguished jumped from 30.4% → 51.5% (+21.2%)
  - Significant decrease in Novice learners in reading (-16.3%)
  - Math showed improvement in Distinguished performance (+3.3%)

🎚️ Growth Across Student Groups

- Students with IEPs and English Learners showed meaningful growth, particularly in reducing Novice performance in math and reading. We reduced novice in reading for students with IEPs by over 10%!
- Gifted & Talented students continued to excel, with over 84% Proficient/Distinguished in math and 88% in reading by spring
- Several student groups—including African American students in reading—showed double-digit gains in proficiency levels

🎯 What This Means for Our Students

- More students are meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations
- Growth is happening across all grade levels and student groups
- Our focus on academic rigor, targeted support, and strong relationships is making a difference

💬 Final Takeaway

This year's MAP results reflect exactly what we strive for at Britton—continuous growth for every student. Whether students began the year below grade level or already excelling, we are seeing progress that prepares them for long-term success.

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, MAY 4, 2026

- Book fair in the library media center
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

- Book fair in the library media center
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Band and orchestra concert at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

- Book fair in the library media center
- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. Sign up here.
- Crash in the 7 grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- "Welcome to Britton" 6th grade orientation at 5:30 PM
- Track meet at Lafayette High School at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

- Book fair in the library media center
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM
- Track at Madison Southern at 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

- Book fair in the library media center
- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

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LOOKING AHEAD...

- May 11: Track meet at Tates Creek High School
- May 13-19: KSA testing
- May 14: SBDM council meeting
- May 15: FCPS track championships
- May 18: FCPS 6th grade track championships
- May 19: No school for students
- May 22: 8th grade dance

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.

🚀 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.

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.

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%
- Monday, April 27... 93.95%
- Tuesday, April 28... 93.77%
- Wednesday, April 29... 92.88%
- Thursday, April 30... 93.86%
- Friday, May 1... 92.08%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%
- Monday, April 27... 91.11%
- Tuesday, April 28... 93.33%
- Wednesday, April 29... 90.00%
- Thursday, April 30... 91.11%
- Friday, May 1... 91.11%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 4

SEVENTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 6
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 1

EIGHTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 6
- Number in detention... 11
- RESET days... 2
- Suspension days... 0



BEAR SNAPS

We are proud to recognize our students who represented Mary E. Britton Middle School at the FCPS Honors Band!

6th Grade: Max England, Shinzo Nagano, Genessa Morel, Allison Mosher

8th Grade: Wyatt Fields, Nabaa Alani, Norah Hoehne

These talented students showcased their dedication, skill, and hard work while representing our school with excellence. Their performance is a reflection of the commitment to growth and achievement we value at Britton.





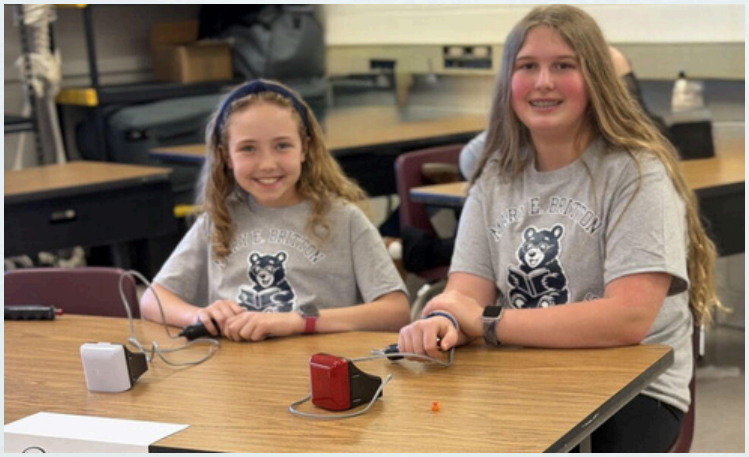
We are incredibly proud of our STLP Team, who were named finalists at the state competition on April 24!

Our students presented their innovative Help Desk initiative, where they take the lead in managing and supporting our school's Chromebook procedures right here at Mary E. Britton. From troubleshooting to organization, they are building real-world skills while making a meaningful impact on our school community.



Congratulations to Julia Cherone, Addilynn Peterson, Caroline Musilli, and Caroline Faesy, as well as sponsors Mike Jones and Jeremy McGuire, for an outstanding STLP year!

So proud of our Battle of the Books team! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout the competition were truly inspiring. While we didn't bring home the win, you represented our school with pride, teamwork, and excellence. Thank you for all the hours of reading, studying, and practicing. You are champions in so many ways!



BEAR SNAPS





Conogratulations to Kingston Hudspeth and Lola Gonzalez, who represented our school on the Student Voice Team with FCPS!









BEAR SNAPS













MARY E. BRITTON

LIGHTS, CAMERA, LEARNING!

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

YOU'RE THE BEST!

STUDENTS & FAMILIES,

You can help make our teachers

STARS!

MONDAY 5/4

STUDENTS & FAMILIES

write a note to a Favorite Teacher!

A kind note can make their day!



TUESDAY 5/5

BRING A FAVORITE DRINK

for your Homeroom or Elective Teacher!



WEDNESDAY 5/6

BRING IN A FAVORITE SNACK

for a Favorite Teacher



THURSDAY 5/7

BRING IN A FAVORITE SWEET TREAT

for a Favorite Teacher



FRIDAY 5/8

GET CREATIVE!

Celebrate a teacher in a special way!



Let's show our amazing

TEACHERS

how much they mean to us!

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

NEED IDEAS?

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

https://tinyurl.com/MEBappreciate

MARY E. BRITTON

LIGHTS, CAMERA, LEARNING!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Starring the Incredible Staff of **MARY E. BRITTON**

MONDAY

"LIGHTS, CAMERA... ACTION!"

TREAT: COFFEE & DONUTS

Thanks for helping students start every day ready for their close-up!

Donut forget how amazing you are!



TUESDAY

"SNACK LIKE A STAR"

TREAT: MAKE-YOUR-OWN SNACK MIX BAR

Our teachers deserve award-winning snacks!



WEDNESDAY

"PERK UP FOR THE PREMIERE"

TREAT: CRUMBL COOKIES

Cookies, and educators who deserve standing ovations.



THURSDAY

"THE MAIN EVENT"

TREAT: CARRABBA'S CATERED LUNCH + ALE-8-ONE

A blockbuster lunch for our box office hits!



FRIDAY

"THAT'S A WRAP!"

TREAT: SWEETS BAR

Thanks for an award-winning year!



You make our school a **BLOCKBUSTER!**



As we prepare for the upcoming Kentucky State Assessment (KSA), our students will be testing on May 13, 14, 15, 18, and 20.

To help ensure a smooth and distraction-free environment, we are seeking volunteers to assist with monitoring hallways and restrooms during testing hours (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM).

If you are available to support us on any of these days, we would greatly appreciate your time and partnership.

Please sign up using the link below:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AE29A7F8C70-63823532-2526#/

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

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.

📕 SPRING BOOK FAIR

📚✨ The Mary E. Britton Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! ✨📚

📅 May 4th - May 8th
📍 Mary E. Britton Media Center

Get ready for the **Best. Week. Ever!** 🎉 Dive into shelves of bestselling books, favorite characters, and new adventures—plus every purchase helps our school grow its library!

💫 **Special Event:** We'll be open during **Welcome to Britton- 6th Grade Orientation Night from 6-7:30pm!**

💳 **Skip the cash!** Set up an **eWallet** for easy shopping.
💖 **Share the Fair!** Donate to our fund to help get books into every student's hands.
🛍️ **Shop online** through **May 13th** —share the link with friends and family!
📖 Books make the BEST gifts—come find your next great read at the Britton Book Fair!
🙋‍♀️ **Want to join the fun?** If you're interested in volunteering, please contact our librarian at yolanda.brackjones@fayette.kyschools.us.

MEBrittonBookFairHomepage

PTSA FUNDRAISER

HELP US SUPPORT MEB
TEACHERS & STUDENTS

With teacher appreciation week (May 4 - May 8) approaching and the first ever 8th grade graduation from Mary E. Britton, we need your help to make our teachers and students feel celebrated.

DONATE NOW!

ANY AMOUNT HELPS
&
EVERYTHING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

scan the QR code or visit the website
https://brittonptsa.givebacks.com/shop



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

dale.smith@fayette.kyschools.us

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



Never been mountain biking? Curious to learn?

GIVE IT A GO!

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

The Fayette County Public Schools 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 NICA
INTERSCHOLASTIC CYCLING LEAGUE

FAYCO

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

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- Ages 13 thru 59 $35
- Ages 60 and up $25
- BCTC Employees / Students $25

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Call To Make An Appointment

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Lexington KY, 40508

Building 30 Room 113

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- Detección de cáncer bucal
- Rayos X
- Limpieza de rutina
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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

(859) 246-6857

690 Newtown Pike

Lexington KY, 40508

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

FOOTBALL CAMP

JOIN THE FUN



REGISTER NOW

CTGYOUTH.COM

June 13, 2026

10AM – 1:30PM

Tates Creek High School

Ages 8-14 • $35

BUILD SKILLS. GAIN CONFIDENCE. HAVE FUN.

CTG

Learn Football Skills • All Levels Welcome

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MARY E.
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Skills & Drills summer dance camp!

Join Mary E. Britton '26-'27 Middle School dance team for an afternoon of summer fun.

Register Now

Join us Friday, July 10th from 3pm-6:30pm in the gym. We will learn a fun routine and showcase it to family and friends at 6pm.
$30 signup fee includes camp shirt & snack.
Make sure you sign up today, limited spots for K-5th graders avaliable.

For questions, please contact Coach Brett at 859.422.2344 or email lauren.brett@fayette.kyschools.us.



MARY E.
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Habilidades y ejercicios verano bailar ¡acampar!

Únete al equipo de baile de la escuela secundaria Mary E. Britton '26-'27 para una tarde de diversión veraniega.

Regístrate ahora

Acompáñanos el viernes 10 de julio de 15:00 a 18:30 en el gimnasio. Aprenderemos una rutina divertida y la mostraremos a familiares y amigos a las 18:00.
La cuota de inscripción de 30 dólares incluye una camiseta del campamento y un refrigerio.
¡Inscríbete hoy mismo! Hay plazas limitadas para alumnos de kínder a quinto grado.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con el entrenador Brett al 859.422.2344 o envíe un correo electrónico a lauren.brett@fayette.kyschools.us.

