MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday
May 8, 2026

THE Bear Claw

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

KSA Testing Begins May 13 — Let's Show What We Know!

At Mary E. Britton Middle School, we believe every student has the ability to grow, achieve, and succeed — and Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) testing gives our students the opportunity to showcase all they have learned this year!

KSA testing will take place on May 13, 14, 15, 18, and 20. Please see the testing schedule on page 2 for specific grade-level details. These assessments are important because they help us measure student growth, identify strengths, and continue improving the vibrant learning experiences we provide at Britton. Most importantly, they allow our students to demonstrate their hard work and perseverance throughout the school year.

We ask for your partnership in helping our Bears be prepared and confident each day of testing:

- Ensure students are present and on time each testing day
- Encourage students to get a good night's sleep
- Make sure students eat a healthy breakfast
- Help students arrive prepared and ready to do their best

To maintain a secure testing environment, students will also be required to:

- Turn in smart watches and Meta glasses during testing
- Place phones in their Yondr pouches, which will be collected at the start of testing sessions

We are incredibly proud of the growth our students have shown this year, and we know they are ready to shine. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to help every Bear succeed!

Be Curious. Be Kind. Be Bold. Be Responsible.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

- **KSA Testing**
  - 6th grade- 9:05-11:10 AM
  - 7th grade- 9:05-11:10 AM
  - 8th grade- 9:05-12:20 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

- **KSA Testing**
  - 6th grade- 9:05-10:40 AM
  - 7th grade- 9:05-10:40 AM
  - 8th grade- 9:05-10:40 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

- **KSA Testing**
  - 6th grade- 9:05-10:30 AM
  - 7th grade- 9:05-10:30 AM
  - 8th grade- 9:05-10:30 AM
- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- District track championships at BSHS at 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

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LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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
- May 25: No school for students

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.

🚀 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 (--)
- 7th grade: 181 (--)
- 8th grade: 137 (-1)
- **Total: 563 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS
Recent First Place Track Finishes Include:
- Girls Team Meet Champions (Madison Southern Invitational)
- Girls Team 1st Place Overall (Bryan Station Modified A Meet)
- Girls 4x100 Relay (Madison Southern)
- Girls 4x100 & 4x800 Relays (Bryan Station)
- Girls 4x200 & 4x400 Relays (Frederick Douglass Modified B)
- Maggie Henderson – 800m, 1600m, Long Jump
- Aiyonna Ashley – 100m, 200m
- Charlee Pederson – 3200m
- Larkin McConnell – 3200m
- Braelynn Bell – 100m, 200m
- Asa Park – Pole Vault
- Sai Givens – 300m Hurdles, High Jump, 100m Hurdles
- Oliver Tappel – Triple Jump
- Silken Mante – 100m
- Boys 4x800 Relay (Bryan Station)

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%
- Monday, May 4... 92.97%
- Tuesday, May 5... 92.97%
- Wednesday, May 6... 92.70%
- Thursday, May 7... 93.95%
- Friday, May 8... 89.08%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%
- Monday, May 4... 100%
- Tuesday, May 5... 95.56%
- Wednesday, May 6... 93.33%
- Thursday, May 7... 93.33%
- Friday, May 8... 75.56%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 7
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET days... 2
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 6
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET days... 2.19
- Suspension days... 6.5

EIGHTH GRADE
- Number of referrals... 11
- Number in detention... 10
- RESET days... 4
- Suspension days... 0



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Call us at 859.293.0411

Does the "B" word make you shutter? Budgeting does not need to be complicated. Simply start by tracking what comes in and what goes out, then set and monitor small goals for saving. And don't forget to give yourself a "high five" on occasion for sticking to those goals. You will be a role model. Teaching kids to budget early helps them build confidence and lifelong financial skills. Everyone wins!

How can we help?
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Call us: 859.293.0411 & let us know you are a Britton Bear

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Mary E. Britton Middle School

YOU'VE GOT THIS!

KSA TESTING MAY 13–20

Together, we can help our students feel confident and prepared for **KSA testing May 13–20!**

GOOD SLEEP

A good night's sleep helps them think clearly and do their best.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST

A balanced breakfast fuels their body and brain for the day ahead.

ON TIME & READY

Arriving to school on time helps reduce stress and starts the day off right.

ENCOURAGE THEM

Your words of encouragement and belief in them make a big difference!

We believe in our students and
KNOW THEY ARE CAPABLE OF AMAZING THINGS!



THANK YOU *for supporting* **OUR STUDENTS!**

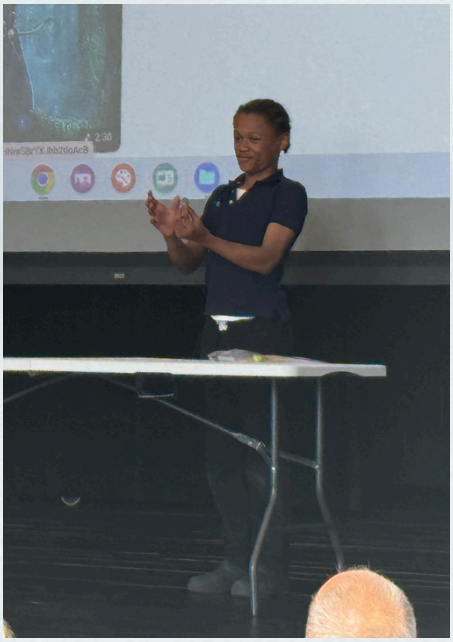
LET'S FINISH *the year strong,* **BRITTON BEARS!**

BEAR SNAPS

Scenes from the first “Britton’s Got Talent!”





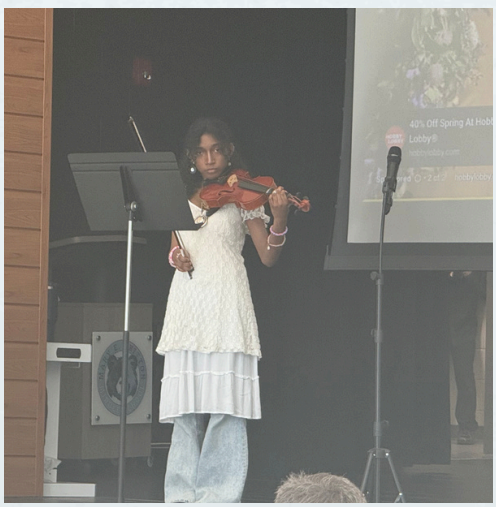














BEAR SNAPS



A huge shout out to our PTSA for an awesome Teacher Appreciation Week!







BEAR SNAPS

Thank you Southland Christian Church for the Crumbl Cookies this week!



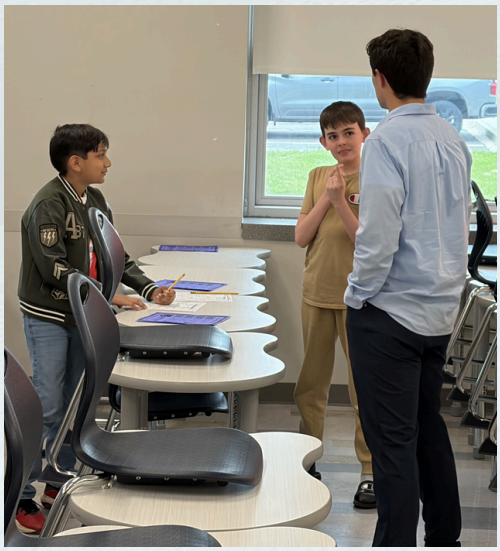




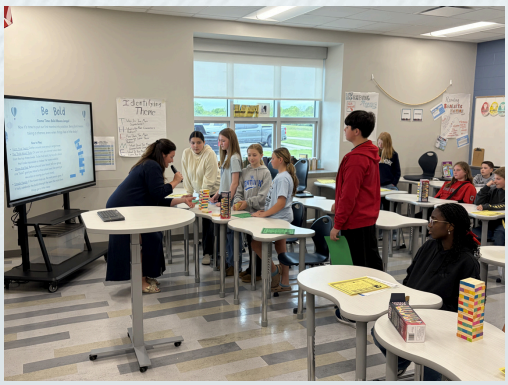
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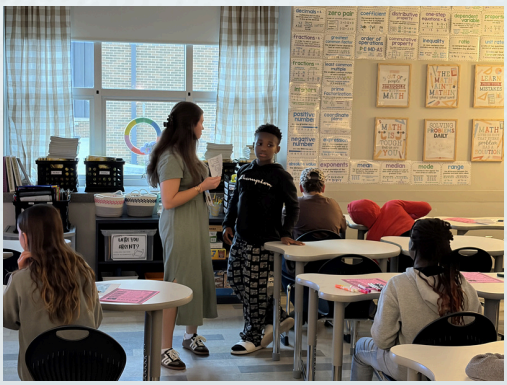
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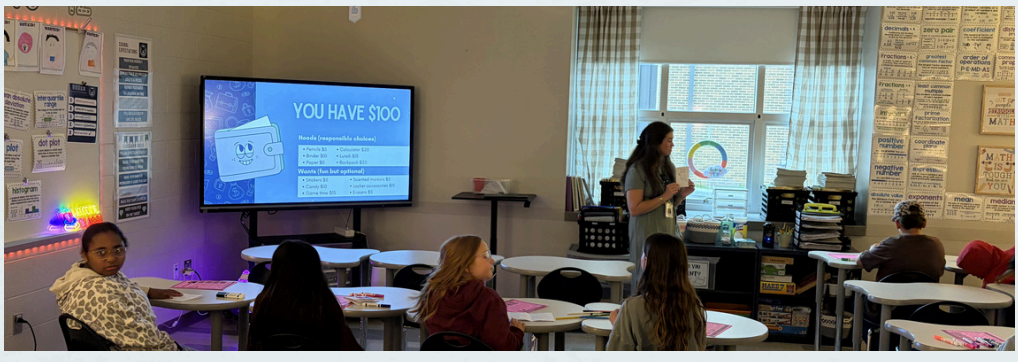










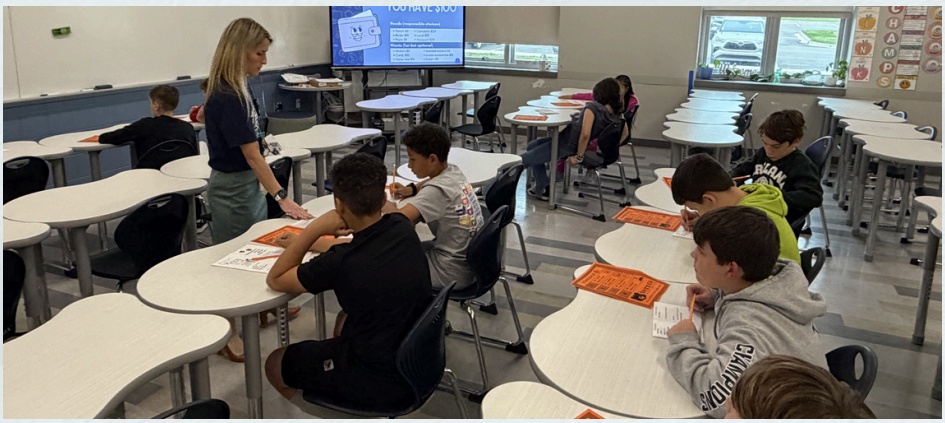




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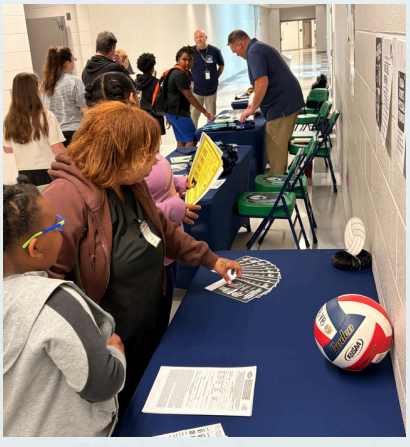


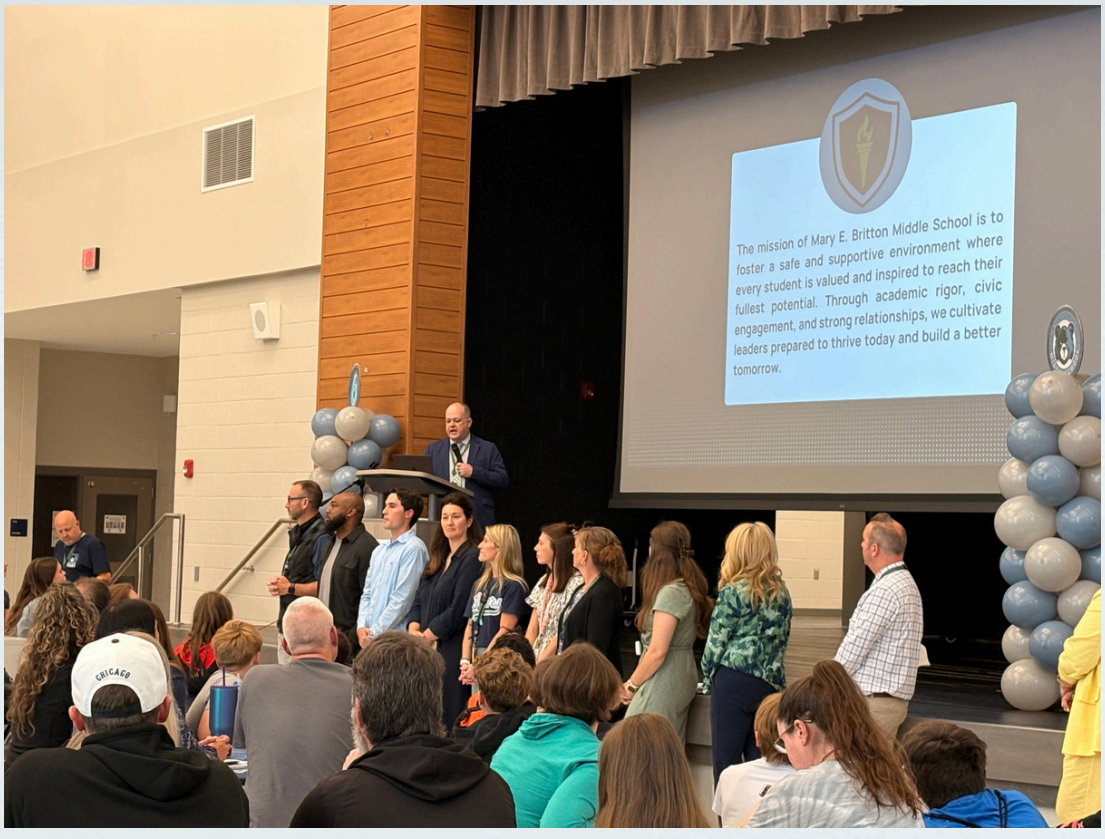












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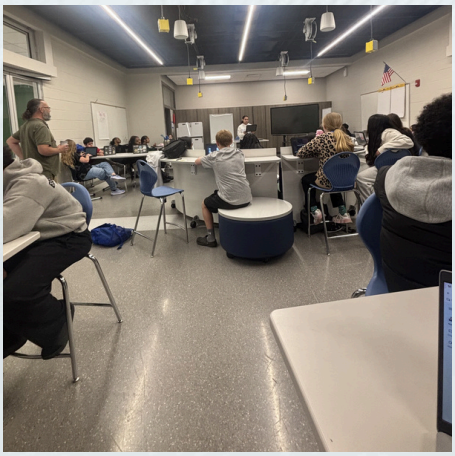
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More gold for our track team!

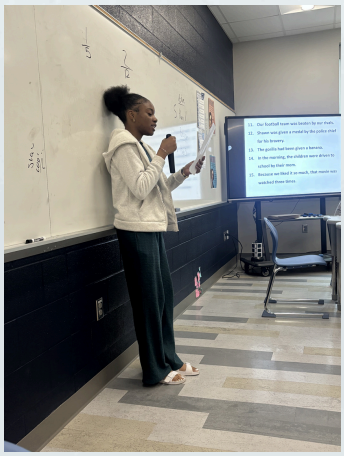




8th grade poetry reading









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.

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

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

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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- Children 12 and under $25
- Ages 13 thru 59 $35
- Ages 60 and up $25
- BCTC Employees / Students $25

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Lexington KY, 40508

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La cita incluye:

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- Rayos X
- Limpieza de rutina
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- Pulido aire/coronal
- 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.

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Learn Football Skills • All Levels Welcome

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JOSEPH ART CAMP

ALL ART SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

OUR TYPICAL DAY:

8:30-9:00: ARRIVAL AND SKETCHBOOK TIME
9:00-10:00: LESSON 1
10:00-10:30: OUTDOOR RECESS
10:30-11:30: CONTINUE LESSON 1
11:30-12:00: LUNCH
12:00-1:00: LESSON 2
1:00-1:15: MOVEMENT BREAK
1:15-2:15: CONTINUE LESSON 2
2:15-2:45: SNACK AND OUTDOOR RECESS
2:45-3:30: FINISH ART PROJECTS, SKETCHBOOK TIME.

AGES:
COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN-
COMPLETED 8th GRADE

$175 PER CAMPER
$125 FOR A SIBLING

Lunch and snack are not provided.
Please send a healthy lunch for your child.
Students may bring a water bottle also.

EARLYCARE 7:15-8:30 AND AFTERCARE 3:30-5:30 IS AVAILABLE FOR $35 PER CHILD PER WEEK. AFTERCARE ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE: CHOICE OF AIR HOCKEY, INDOOR BASKETBALL GAME, VIDEO GAMES, OUTSIDE PLAY (TRAMPOLINE AND SWINGSET), BOARD GAMES, OR CONTINUE ART PROJECTS.

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JOSEPH ART CAMP

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PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE:

1. MAKING A PORTFOLIO TO STORE WORK FOR THE WEEK.
2. MAKING A SKETCHBOOK.
3. CLAY PINCH POT CREATURES*.
4. TYE DYE T-SHIRTS. (PLEASE BRING A WHITE T-SHIRT FOR YOUR CHILD.)
5. YARN BASKETS.
6. PAPIER MACHE MASKS.
7. ACRYLIC PAINTING TIGERS.
8. CARDBOARD SEASCAPE COLLAGE.
9. OP ART HANDS WITH MARKERS.
10. GRAPHITE PENCIL DRAWING.
11. PAPER LIZARD SCULPTURES.
12. WATERCOLOR AND CHALK EYES.
13. WIRE SCULPTURE.



Conveniently located near Tates Creek Kroger

*CLAY WILL BE FIRED AND RETURNED THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

CAMP WEEKS:

1) JUNE 15-19
2) JUNE 22-26
3) JUNE 29-JULY 3
4) JULY 6-10
5) JULY 13-17
6) JULY 27-31

Contact: @Joseph.art.camp on Facebook or phone (859)806-5749

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MARY E.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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.
BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY &
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CAREER EXPLORERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP



Topics

- Water Quality
- Urban Forestry
- Waste Management
- Streets & Roads
- Public Speaking, Interview, & Resume Skills

Eligible Students

- Fayette County Resident
- Rising 6-8th graders (currently in 5-7th grade)

JULY 14-16

Cost: **FREE!** (including lunch)
Time: 9am-4pm
Location: BCTC Newtown

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Apply by May 21, 2026