MARY E. BRITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE Bear Claw

Friday
May 15, 2026

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Final Exam Schedule

As we approach the end of the school year, please review our final exam schedule below. All classes are required to administer a final exam, and we encourage students to come prepared each day, get a good night's sleep, and finish the year strong!

Friday, May 22 (8th Grade Only)
- ELA
- Agricultural Science
- Orchestra / Band / Chorus

Tuesday, May 26
- 8th Grade Students: Field Trip
- ELA
- Agricultural Science
- Orchestra / Band / Chorus

Wednesday, May 27
- Math
- Social Studies
- Medical Science
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health / PE

Thursday, May 28
- English 1 (8th Grade)
- Science
- Digital / Visual Arts
- Spanish

We appreciate your support in helping students arrive on time, prepared, and ready to finish the year successfully!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
- **KSA Testing**
  - 6th grade: 9:05-10:30 AM
  - 7th grade: 9:05-10:30 AM
  - 8th grade: 9:05-11:30 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- 6th grade track championships at FDHS at 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
- No school for students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
- **KSA Testing**
  - 6th grade: No testing
  - 7th grade: 9:05-11:00 AM
  - 8th grade: 9:05-12:20 PM
- Dance clinic at 4:15 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Art club at 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026
- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- 8th grade dance at 6:00 PM
- Dance tryouts at 7:15 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
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LOOKING AHEAD...

- 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.

FIELD DAY

We will have a school-wide field day on Friday, May 29. Each grade level will be divided into 8 teams, and students will compete in several activities outside.

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: 180 (-1)
- 8th grade: 137 (--)
- **Total: 562 (-1)**



BEAR HUGS

Recent

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, May 11... 91.03%
- Tuesday, May 12... 94.32%
- Wednesday, May 13... 95.55%
- Thursday, May 14... 94.75%
- Friday, May 15...

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, May 11... 97.78%
- Tuesday, May 12... 87.78%
- Wednesday, May 13... 98.89%
- Thursday, May 14... 99.47%
- Friday, May 15... 97.37%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 7
- RESET days... 1.2
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 9
- Number in detention... 7
- RESET days... 3.26
- Suspension days... 7.0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET days... 1.57
- Suspension days... 0



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

Our final Bearitones concert on May 5 was outstanding. We are so proud of the growth of these students!













BEAR SNAPS













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Ms. Jones' class partnered with students from EJ Hayes for a Community Based Instruction trip on May 12.





Patricia Hooks-Gray, the great-great-grand niece of Mary E. Britton, visited us on May 11!

Our spring pep rally featured several games and recognitions for our winter and spring sports. We also recognized our 8th grade class- the first Bears- with a standing ovation as they prepare to transition to high school.





BEAR SNAPS













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Our boys' lacrosse team was not able to play in league competition this year, but they did have some scrimmages this season!















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

859.422.2344

LAUREN.BRETT@FAYETTE.KYSCHOOLS.US



WAN'DALE ROBINSON YOUTH FOOTBALL PROCAMP

Event Date: June 6th, 2026

Event Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Tates Creek High School

FUNDAMENTALS FOCUSED - FUN FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS!

- Campers will receive a camp t-shirt, a team photo, and more
- Campers will be divided into teams and rotate through fundamental football drill stations
- Open To: Boys & Girls, Grades 1 to 8
- Must pre-register

TO RESISTER, PLEASE VISIT PROCAMPS.COM

USE PROMO CODE CkyYmcaRobinson TO REGISTER FOR FREE!

PROCAMPS

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

Not associated with Fayette County Schools

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

ALL ART SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

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.
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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.
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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 &
PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTS...

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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)

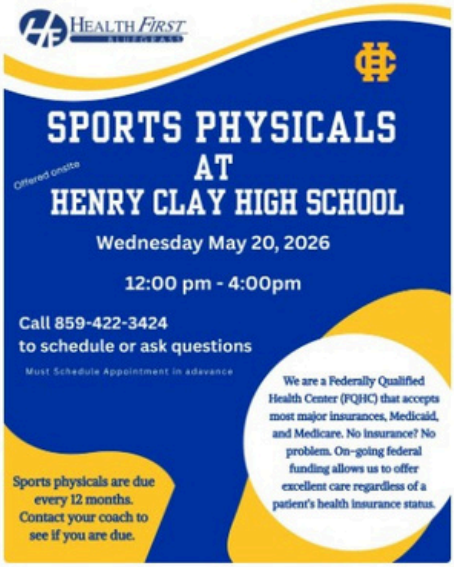
JULY 14-16

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

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Apply by May 21, 2026







Sports Physicals @ HCHS

If you/your child is planning to try-out for an Athletic Team next year plan to sign-up for this event. Sports physicals are required YEARLY to be updated. The HCHS *HealthFirst* Clinic will be hosting on-site physicals May 20th from 12pm-4pm by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 859-422-3424 to schedule. The clinic accepts major insurances, Medicaid/Medicare and can provide financial assistance to those students without medical insurance. Contact Nurse Bacon at 859-422-3424 to schedule or with questions.

SUMMER CLINIC at Tates Creek High School

If you cannot attend the May 20th event at HCHS, there will be multiple opportunities this Summer at the *HealthFirst* Clinic at **Tates Creek High School**. The Summer Clinic can provide sports/school physicals, vaccines, sick visits and therapy/psychiatric visits. Appointments can be scheduled Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm from June 8-July 17. Be advised a Consent Form is required to be completed in advance and a Parent/Guardian MUST be present at the appointment with their child(ren). Call 859-288-2425 or 859-422-1757.

Scan QR Code to learn more

Spring Subsidy

LIHEAP

April 20 – May 22, 2026

Component Details

- Home Electric Assistance
- Kentucky households with income at or below 150% FPG
- Available in all Kentucky Counties
- Benefit amount will vary between $41 and $250 depending on household size and income.
- Paid Directly to Energy Vendor



Apply at your local Community Action Agency

For more details 800-456-3452 capky.org LIHEAP

Funding provided by Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Escanee el código QR para obtener más información

Subsidio de primavera

LIHEAP

20 de abril - 22 de mayo de 2026

Detalles del componente

- Asistencia eléctrica a domicilio
- Hogares de Kentucky con ingresos iguales o inferiores al 150% del FPG
- Disponible en todos los condados de Kentucky.
- Los beneficios oscilarán entre 41 y 250 dólares, dependiendo del tamaño del hogar y de los ingresos.
- Pago directo al proveedor de energía



Solicita tu plaza en tu Community Action Agency local.

Para más detalles 800-456-3452 capky.org LIHEAP

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