

## Who Are We?

Brown's Ferry Elementary School is a small neighborhood school that is rich in tradition and heritage. Brown's Ferry community, staff, and students are proud of their accomplishments and are committed to the belief that all children can be successful in school if provided with opportunities and equitable resources!

Brown's Ferry's goal is to ensure that students demonstrate competency in the core academic areas infused with an integrated arts curriculum as we are now a magnet school. Academic excellence and student engagement continues to be the focus of Brown's Ferry Elementary School as we continue to strive towards excellence.

During the school year, our teachers participate in collaboration sessions, unpacking standards and planning at the school level, and other professional development specific to teacher's needs. Our teachers study areas of need and interest and collaborate effectively with the Instructional Coach. We will continue to assess our strengths and weaknesses for school improvement. Brown's Ferry will set new goals to improve student performance and focus attention on student achievement, teacher quality, integrated arts curriculum, magnet theme, parental involvement, and character education.

Students are recognized for their efforts, excellence, and positive behavior. A dedicated and involved PTO and SIC continue to provide leadership and vision in the quest for excellence at our school. We currently have Family Curriculum Nights, Title I Parenting programs and various holiday programs.

As we move forward, the school and community remain committed to the success of all students served at our school. We truly have a special school environment as the result of home, school, and community. And as always, "Great things are happening at The Ferry!"

## About Us!

### Student Enrollment

172

### Demographics

Males- 51%

Females- 49%

African American- 89%

American Indian- 1%

Asian- 1%

Caucasian- 4%

Hispanic- 3%

Two or more races- 2%

### Number of Certified Staff

16

### School Report Card Rating

2024- Below Average

2023- Average

2022- Average

### Recognitions

#### Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Brianna Scott

#### Rookie Teacher of the Year

Ms. Imani Atkins

#### Support Staff of the Year

Ms. Karen Deas

#### Volunteer of the Year Award

Mrs. Brenda Dozier Perkins  
(Brown's Ferry Comm. Outreach)



## Parent Report 2024-25



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## ► What's Happening?

### Progress Achieved

- ⇒ Strong parent engagement with school events.
- ⇒ School-wide interventions to positively impact student performance based on individual needs.
- ⇒ Strengthened collaboration to support student achievement.
- ⇒ Teachers in grades K-3 participating in Science of Reading (LETRS)
- ⇒ Implementation of Data-Driven Decision Making
- ⇒ Weekly PLCs
- ⇒ Increased Enrollment
- ⇒ Meeting MSAP Goal Years 1 & 2
- ⇒ Teachers AVID Certified

### Challenges and Needs

- ⇒ Improving reading and math scores
- ⇒ Continuously increasing enrollment
- ⇒ Enhancing PBIS— Positive Behavioral Interventions Support Implementation
- ⇒ Moving towards Proficiency in ELA & MA

### School-wide Opportunities

- ◆ AVID Elementary
- ◆ Bengal Ambassadors
- ◆ Student Showcases
- ◆ BFES Drumline
- ◆ BFES Dancers
- ◆ Family Nights
- ◆ Career Day
- ◆ Family Curriculum Nights
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart
- ◆ Academic Celebration Days
- ◆ Academic Fair Teams
- ◆ Sewee Educational Foundation Field Trips—5th grade
- ◆ MSAP Funded Grant



## Mission & Beliefs:

The mission of Brown's Ferry Elementary School of the Creative & Performing Arts is to engage and inspire each student daily with creative and innovative learning experiences in a safe environment.

### Beliefs:

Brown's Ferry Elementary School believes that student success improves with a strong home/school partnership. We believe:

1. Teachers and parents have the most influential impact on the students' learning environment.
2. Student success is supported by a positive self-concept.
3. The school needs to function as a learning organization and promote opportunities for teachers, students and parents to work together as a community of learners.
4. All students can be life-long learners in an ever-changing society.
5. Learning occurs most when there is a strong partnership between home, school, and community.
6. Each student is responsible for his/her choices which enhances a safe and comfortable learning environment.
7. All students can learn, and learn in various ways using different resources.
8. Cultural diversity can increase students' understanding of various ethnic groups in our present society. Multi-cultural experiences and relationships support students' understanding of and ability to work with others in our ever-changing society.
9. The family is the key component in a child's development, learning and well-being.

### Hashtags:

#GREATTHINGSARESTILLHAPPENINGATTHEFERRY  
#FERRYSTRONG  
#BENGALPRIDE  
#BFEOFREVER

## Purpose of Parent Annual Report

The purpose of this Annual Report to the parents is to provide a comprehensive overview of Brown's Ferry Elementary School's mission, beliefs, stakeholders, successes and challenges.

### School Improvement Council Goals 2024-25

- ◆ To improve student achievement.
- ◆ To promote positive behavior.
- ◆ To increase home, school and community involvement.

### **Brown's Ferry Elementary School Improvement Council/PTO 2024-25**

Ms. Tawanna N. Grant, Ex-Officio  
Mr. Brantay Cohens, Ex-Officio  
Ms. Tajanese Robinson, Chair/Pres.  
Ms. Netyra Bradford, Vice Pres.  
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Ms. Tiffany Gasque, Teacher  
Ms. Jasheima Armstrong— Volunteerism  
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