Who Are We?

Brown's Ferry Elementary School is a small neighborhood school rich in tradition and heritage. Brown's Ferry's mission is to reach and teach the whole child. The 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.

Brown's Ferry's goal is to ensure that students demonstrate competency in the core academic areas and exhibit the qualities of being respectful, responsible, and productive members of society. Academic excellence and student engagement continue to be the focus of Brown's Ferry Elementary School. Standardized test results, i-Ready diagnostics and DIBELS are some of the assessments used to provide targeted instruction for individual students. In addition, remediation and enrichment are provided through use of a daily morning intervention block, flexible grouping, and focus groups.

During the school year, our teachers participated 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 also set new goals for improved student performance and focus attention on student achievement, teacher quality, parental involvement, and character education.

Character education and PBIS is an important part of our school with administrators and teachers emphasizing the school's expectations daily. 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. With the assistance of the PTO and SIC, our school community has the opportunity to participate in Family Curriculum Nights, Title I Parenting programs, Holiday programs, and other activities/events.

As we move forward, the school and community remain committed to the success of all students served at Brown's Ferry. We truly have a special school environment as the result of home, school, and community "Working in Harmony."



Student Enrollment

135

Demographics

Males–51%
Females–49%
African American–90%
Caucasian–5%
Two or more races–4%
American Indian–1%

Number of Certified Staff

16

School Report Card Ratings

2022- AVERAGE 2021- N/A 2020- N/A 2019- AVERAGE



Recognitions

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Dana Streett

Support Staff of the Year

Ms. Kianna Robinson

Volunteer of the Year Award

Bethel AME Missionary Society



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Great things are STILL happening at The Ferry!

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► What's Happening?

Progress Achieved

- \Rightarrow Strong parent participation in academic conferences
- Increased number of interventions to positively impact student performance amongst those students considered atrisk
- ⇒ Strengthened collaboration to support student achievement
- ⇒ Implementation of Balanced Literacy
- ⇒ Implementation of Data-Driven Decision Making
- ⇒ Weekly PLCs

Challenges and Needs

- ⇒ Improving reading and math scores post Covid-19
- ⇒ Increasing enrollment
- ⇒ Enhancing PBIS— Positive Behavioral Interventions Support Implementation
- \Rightarrow Improving home-school-community relations

Enrichment Opportunities

- Balanced Literacy
- ♦ After-school Enrichment
- School-wide Intervention Block
- BFES Marching Band
- Career Day
- Character Education Program
- Donors Choose Grant Recipients
- Family Curriculum Nights
- Jump Rope for Heart
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Parenting Workshops
- Quarterly Celebration Days
- Sewee Educational Foundation—5th grade
- United Way Partner
- ♦ Cognia Accredited
- Magnet Grant Application APPROVED for School Year 2022-23

Mission & Beliefs:

The mission of the Brown's Ferry School Family is to reach and teach the "whole" child.

Beliefs:

Brown's Ferry Elementary School realizes that student success improves with a strong home/school partnership.

We believe:

- The purpose of education is to promote critical thinking, problem solving, team building and creativity.
- 2. Teachers and parents have the most influential impact on the students' learning environment.
- 3. Student success is supported by a positive self-concept.
- 4. 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.
- 5. All students can be life-long learners in an ever changing society.
- Learning occurs most when there is a strong partnership between home, school, and community.
- 7. Each student is responsible for his/her choices which enhances a safe and comfortable learning environment.
- 8. All students can learn, and learn in various ways using different resources.
- 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.
- 10. The family is the key component in a child's development, learning and well-being.

Hashtags:
#GREATTHINGSARESTILLHAPPENINGATTHEFERRY
#FERRYSTRONG
#BENGALPRIDE
#BFEFOREVER

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 2022-23

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

Brown's Ferry Elementary School Improvement Council & PTO Members 2022-23

Ms. Tawanna N. Grant, Ex-Officio Mrs. Caitlin Newquist, Ex-Officio Ms. Reanna Cohens, Parent, PTO Mrs. Trudena Hook, Parent, PTO Ms Samiyah Canteen, Parent Mrs. Simetra White, Community Mr. Delroy Robinson, Community

