



**Brooklyn
Springs
Elementary
School**

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The Best School Ever!



With a motto of, “Best School Ever,” Brooklyn Springs believes diversity is our biggest strength. We've brought together many different backgrounds, talents, and ways of thinking to create one of the best elementary school environments imaginable.

Located in Lancaster, South Carolina, Brooklyn Springs Elementary School opened its classrooms to students in the fall of 1962. The school contains approximately 70,000 square feet of space that accommodate our current enrollment of approximately 400 students. There are 44 classrooms (100% of homeroom classes are equipped with state-of-the-art Smart Boards). We have classrooms for fine arts, and special education (resource, self-contained, speech, OT/PT, and English as a Second Language). We also have a gymnasium and a cafeterium for lunch, special performances, and assemblies.

Our outdoor campus includes enclosed playgrounds for 4-year-old kindergarten and 5-year-old kindergarten students as well as a large outdoor field area with basketball courts, swings, and three dedicated playground equipment areas.

It is our desire to create a school environment that is enriched with academic, extracurricular, and community-based opportunities that equip all of Brooklyn Springs' students for their journey into middle school and beyond. It is our responsibility to ensure that students have the knowledge, skills, and understanding to compete globally in all aspects of their lives. We sincerely believe elementary school is a time when students are establishing the foundation for their success in life through academic and social development. We firmly believe these variables are cultivated by classroom lessons

that are rigorous, relevant, and engaging. We also provide extracurricular activities that enhance student learning and self-development. Our students are encouraged to participate in community service projects that positively impact our school and community.

Though always proud to discuss our successes; the faculty, parents, and students of Brooklyn Springs Elementary School realize that excellence is the *vision* and not the *destination*.

(Please see page 5 for a list of our accomplishments and successes.)





Brooklyn Springs Elementary School

Proactive, Respectful, Imaginative, Determined,
Eager

Report to Parents 2023-24

Dear Parents,

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School aims to help all students develop world-class skills and characteristics needed in the 21st Century. Our school's reputation spans sixty-two years in the Lancaster community. Our goal is to raise the academic achievement of all of our students through literacy and math instruction that includes small group differentiation and individualized work that spans content areas and real-world applications.

We continue implementing new instructional strategies that impact each student's growth and development, all the while focusing on their learning styles and needs. Brooklyn Springs' teachers participate in professional learning opportunities throughout the school year. Sessions are developed and determined based on testing data, progress monitoring, observational data, student needs, and the goals of our school. We continue to include research-based instructional practices, parent communication, data analysis, and technology integration. Through funding provided in our district, we will continue to offer one-to-one technology for our students and fully integrate technology into our curriculum and instructional programming.

Brooklyn Springs follows a model of high expectations and continuous improvement as we strive to be on the cutting edge of student engagement and achievement. We make every effort to provide an educational environment in which all students have the opportunity to inspire, motivate, and embody Beaver "PRIDE" (Proactive, Respectful, Imaginative, Determined and Eager) both at school and in the community. We strive for our students to be globally prepared for 21st-century challenges and for them to be caring leaders who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Brittany McManus

Principal

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School

Aminah Jordan
5th Grade Student



“My favorite thing about BSE is the people. I have made many friends, including teachers that have made my experience better. My favorite memories from BSE have been the 4th and 5th grade social. It was an amazing time for me to hang out with my friends. Overall, it has been a fun time!”

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5th Grade Student



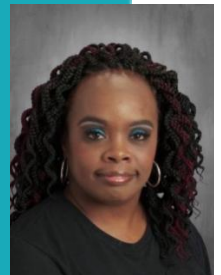
“My favorite thing about BSE is that they care about their students and stop the bullying when spotted. My favorite memory would be when my 3rd and 4th grade teachers had their babies!”



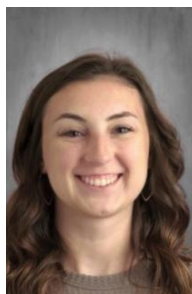
Traci Harbin, 2nd Grade Teacher
2022-23 BSE Teacher of the Year

I am truly honored to represent the amazing faculty and staff of Brooklyn Springs Elementary School. The children at BSE are some of the BEST, and I look forward every day to time spent learning and growing with them in the classroom. It is a blessing to be a part of BSE--the Best School Ever!

Nicole Jones, 3rd Grade Teacher
2022-23 BSE Beginning Teacher of the Year



“Gratitude, grace, recognition, and appreciation. It has been an honor to represent Brooklyn Springs Elementary. I have had the opportunity to form partnerships with parents, collaborate with faculty, and provide a warm and inviting, yet challenging learning environment with high expectations for each student to reach their full potential. The students are always actively engaged and very supportive of one another. We have such a great group of community learners here at Brooklyn Springs (The Best School Ever). My goal is that my students feel seen and heard on a daily basis for all of the hard work and dedication they put into their work. As I enter and exit the building each day I remind myself that "The little things I do everyday make a huge difference". It has truly been a blessing to be a part of the BEST SCHOOL EVER!”



Sarah Carter, 5th Grade Teacher
SIC Chairperson

“BSE is truly the Best School Ever! We are so lucky to have continuous support for our children, teachers, and staff every single day. When coming to work every day, I am reminded of how important it is to always do our best and make the most of every moment in the classroom. The growth we are seeing at BSE is incredible. We would not be where we are without your continued support! BSE is truly a special place for us all!”

Academic

- Guidance Lessons (Group/Individual)
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- Daily *Leader in Me* time
- Related Arts Electives
 - Art
 - Computer Technology
 - Music
 - Physical Education
 - Media Science
- 21st Century Program – after school academic assistance with STEAM
- Beaver Pride - after school intervention
- Special Education Classes (resource and self-contained)
- Smart Panels which allow for interactive learning
- 1:1 Chromebook - Kindergarten through 5th Grade
- iLead in grades 4K-5th grade
- Math and Reading Intervention Classes
- English as a Second Language Classes

Enrichment

- Beaver Band
- *Leader in Me* Program
- Beavers of the Month Program
- Honor Roll Program
- Service Learning Clubs
- WBSE News Crew
- Safety Patrol
- Breakfast Club
- Grief Group
- Allstars of the Month
- Good News Club
- BSE Art Club
- Grade Level Field Trips
- Junior Counselors
- Peer Mediation
- Beaver Beat Newspaper
- Community Helpers
- Siblings' Club
- Kindness Club
- BSE Chorus

Home School Connection

- School Improvement Council
- 3rd Grade Summer Reading Program
- Back-to-School Orientations
- Fine Arts Performances
- Book Fair
- Weekly Class Newsletters
- Monthly School Newsletters
- Staff Luncheons
- Staff Appreciation
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Book-Nic
- Grandparents' Parade
- Art Show

Our Mission

Embody Beaver PRIDE (Proactive, Respectful, Imaginative, Determined, Eager)

Accomplishments, Recognitions, & Awards

- Over 50 years of Accreditation by COGNIA
- 9 students in the Gifted and Talented Eagles Program
- 11 BSE students participated in the District Banner Project
- 10 BSE students received Youth Art Month recognition
- 3 BSE students received LCSD Art Show recognition
- 30 BSE students participated in multiple performances with Beaver Band
- 10 BSE students participated in the LCSD Read-In
- 9 BSE students participated in LCSD Honors Choir
- “The Gift of Giving” provided by Keller Williams
- Staff Appreciation luncheons presented by Keller Williams Realty, Sharon Snipes Realty, Trimnal & Myers, LLC., and Nutramax
- Partnership with Nutramax for our Leader in Me Program
- Student Field Learning Experiences sponsored by Founders Federal Credit Union

2023-24 School Improvement Council Members

- Sarah Carter, SIC Chairperson
- Brittany McManus, Principal
- Branten Blair, Assistant Principal
- Tamika Mobley, Teacher Representative
- Jane Poovey, Community Representative
- Savana Bowers, Community Representative
- Quay Reid, Parent Representative
- Jazmin Rios, Parent Representative

School Improvement Council Purpose

Mandated by law, the SIC serves as an advisory group to the school. The SIC brings together parents, school faculty, and community stakeholders to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short-range goals for student achievement. In addition, the SIC is a forum for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about the school. Other functions of the SIC are to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and to increase parental awareness of and involvement in SIC initiatives. The BSE SIC meets monthly. Updates and reports about the SIC are available on the school website.

State Testing Data

SC READY - ELA Assessment Data:

The percentages below reflect students who have scored Exceeds and Meets Expectations.

Grade	2022	2023
3 rd	17.3%	33.3%
4 th	12.0%	29.4%
5 th	12.5%	30%

SC READY - Math Assessment Data:

The percentages below reflect students who have scored Exceeds and Meets Expectations.

Grade	2022	2023
3 rd	26.9%	28.1%
4 th	14.0%	17.6%
5 th	11.1%	36%

The Brooklyn Springs Elementary School Overall Report Card Rating increased from 29 (Unsatisfactory) in the 21-22 school year to 46 (Average) in the 22-23 school year. We are currently working to increase that score even further during the 2023-24 school year as you will see below based on MAP Growth Data so far this year.

MAP Assessment Data

The scores below represent where students are predicted to score on the SC Ready Assessment. The instrument also shows the percentage of students who have met their growth from fall to winter during the 2023-24 school year.

2023-24 Fall to Winter Reading MAP Scores compared to SC Ready ELA Levels

Second Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	40%	24%
Approaches	50%	48%
Meets	8%	28%
Exceeds	2%	0%
Meets and Above	10%	28%
Third Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	40%	42%
Approaches	44%	42%
Meets	11%	16%
Exceeds	5%	0%
Meets and Above	16%	16%

Fourth Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	31%	35%
Approaches	37%	28%
Meets	24%	25%
Exceeds	8%	12%
Meets and Above	32%	37%
Fifth Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	24%	30%
Approaches	47%	48%
Meets	25%	17%
Exceeds	4%	5%
Meets and Above	29%	22%

2023-24 Fall to Winter Math MAP Scores compared to SC Ready Math Levels

Second Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	19%	11%
Approaches	47%	40%
Meets	30%	45%
Exceeds	4%	4%
Meets and Above	34%	49%
Third Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	43%	26%
Approaches	40%	40%
Meets	17%	32%
Exceeds	0%	2%
Meets and Above	17%	34%

Fourth Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	40%	40%
Approaching	41%	31%
Meets	15%	21%
Exceeds	4%	8%
Meets and Above	19%	29%

Fifth Grade	Fall	Winter
Does Not Meet	44%	38.5%
Approaches	31%	33%
Meets	19%	23%
Exceeds	6%	5.5%
Meets and Above	25%	28.5%

Annual Report

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School and its School Improvement Council would like to share this Annual Summary Report with parents and community members who are interested in our school.

The report provides information about our students' academic achievement, school accomplishments, programs, and community service involvement.

Parent Resource Links

BSE Website: <https://bses.lancastercsd.com/>

BSE Staff Directory: <https://lancastercsdsc.sites.thrillshare.com/o/bses/staff>

Parent Portal PowerSchool: <https://lancastercsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

Google Classroom Navigation for Parents (Links Below):

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