

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mark Shea – Principal, Ex-Officio  
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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kelly Daves	Erlinda Doherty
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### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Brennen’s accomplishments and progress toward goals in the 2017-18 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

### What’s new at Brennen, 2017-2018?

- Written Expression
- Online referral system
- School-wide Intervention block
- Utilize Reading/Math Inventories to monitor student gains

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

ACT (Action Cheer and Tumble)  
German (taught by USC students)  
Chorus  
Orchestra  
Girls on the Run  
“B” Fit Club  
Soccer Shots  
Fitness Bowl Team

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ESOL  
Moderate Disability Classes  
Deaf Education

### MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

## Brennen Elementary



### 2017 – 2018 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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## School Highlights & Awards

Over the last ten years, Brennen has achieved six Excellent ratings and four Good ratings on the SC School Report Card. Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), which is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 is federal legislation that promotes student achievement through school and district reform. Brennen's grade based on the ESEA was a B. Brennen has also received the Palmetto Gold or Silver award in 11 of the past 13 years. For the second year in a row, Brennen won the district's Fitness Bowl.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment 844  
59% White  
22% African American  
11% Hispanic  
8% Other

42 Homeroom Teachers  
(24% of all faculty are Nationally Board Certified, 2 hold a Doctorate degree and 46 hold Masters or higher levels of coursework)

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.

## Test Information

SC Ready/SCPass	2017*
English Language Arts	84.7%*
Math	83.7%*

\*% Exceeding, Meeting, and Approaching Expectations

## Goals for Next Year

### GOAL 1: Increase Student Achievement

The school used KRA, District Benchmark Assessments, Common Formative Assessments, and SC Ready data to monitor and guide instruction. We continue to use AIMSWeb Plus benchmark testing in all grades. This assessment gives us data on students three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). In addition, we use AIMSWeb Plus to help progress monitor students that participate in our intervention classes as well as those receiving intervention in classrooms.

To boost student achievement in all areas, Brennen will continue to implement a school-wide writing program and school-wide behavior system to enhance our school wide student discipline plan.

Daily classroom instruction is infused with the latest technology: Smart Boards, a wireless mobile computer lab, laptops, digital four-30 station iPad carts. We were also provided with one to one laptops for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. PTO continues to maintain our award-winning outdoor classroom for hands-on lessons in science.

### GOAL 2: Increase Parent Involvement

PTO, SIC, and the volunteer network provide a wide variety of events and opportunities to allow anyone to get informed and involved. Events include the Back-to-School Bash, Harvest Happening, Very Important Person Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Prep Night, Bingo Night, various fundraisers, father daughter dance, mother son night, general membership meetings, and the Brennen School Auction that regularly draws hundreds of attendees.

### PTO FUNDRAISING CONTINUES TO BE RECORD BREAKING!

**TOTAL \$60,000**

These funds directly support Brennen students and school programs.

Getting accurate, timely information to families is critical. Our channels of communication include the classroom newsletters, guided tours for prospective parents, Brennen and Brennen PTO websites for class and event information, weekly email blasts, computerized phone messaging and new online student registration process. Our PTO even uses Facebook and Twitter to push information out to parents and our community. Volunteers logged over 4,000 hours helping the Brennen family.

### GOAL 3: Increase Teacher Quality

Educators continued to increase their professional development that promotes team curriculum writing to integrate standards across subjects, effective instructional strategies, and establishing and maintaining relationships with families and the community.

Teachers attend professional development workshops, enhancing their ability to integrate the Common Core Curriculum and stay ahead of changes in education. Teachers also receive recertification credits through the District.

Teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to integrate curriculum. In addition, they often serve as professional development presenters to faculty and staff.