

# Annual Report

## TO PARENTS



### Our Mission

To transform lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

## Highlights

### Excellence in Education

Brennen earned an overall rating of **Excellent** on the 2022-23 SC School Report Card.



We were recognized as one of **America's Healthiest Schools** by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

### School Community

# \$159K

Brennen's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) raised **\$159,059** to support student learning, teacher appreciation, and professional development.

### Arts & Activities



Activities and clubs for students included Girls on the Run, Honors Choir, House Leaders, Musical Theatre Club, Safety Patrol, Friendly Helpers, Orchestra, Disc Golf, Paddle Ball, Special Olympics, and the Good News Club. This spring, more than **70 students** participated in the school's spring musical, Finding Nemo JR.

### Giving Back

We **served our community** through Angel Tree, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, Souper Bowl of Caring, United Way, Thanksgiving Meal Bags, and a Weekend Backpack Meal Program.

### Reading Champions



Students read over **358,806 minutes** in support of the PTO's Bookworm Read-A-Thon fundraiser. That's more than 8 months of reading!

### Professional Learning

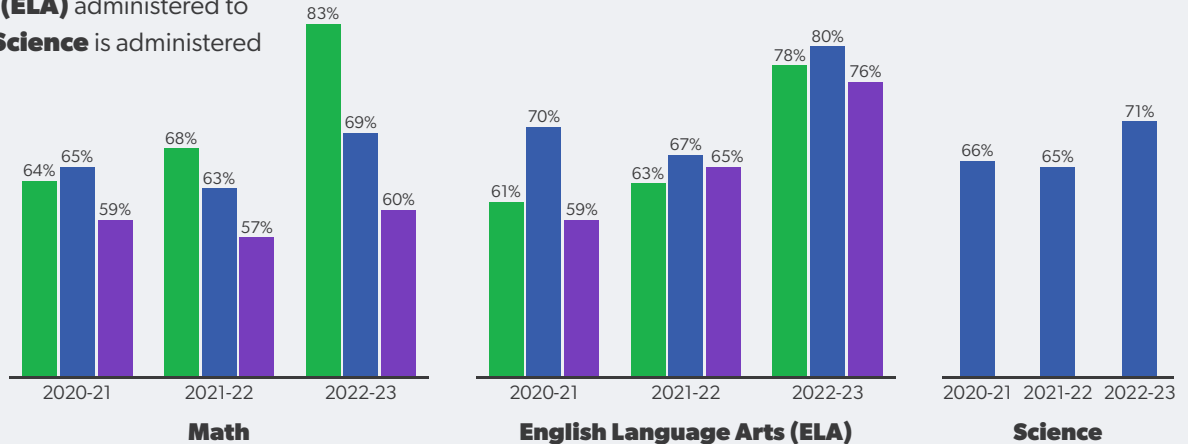
Brennen educators participated in more than **4,508 hours of professional development**, including in-service days, focus sessions, and learning communities – an average of **104.5 hours** per teacher.

## SC Ready

SC Ready is a statewide assessment in **Math** and **English Language Arts (ELA)** administered to all students in grades 3-8. **Science** is administered to 4th grade students only.

These graphs show the percentage of Brennen students, by grade, who **met or exceeded expectations** for the past three years.

3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade



## Six Houses *One School*

At Brennen Elementary, the Ron Clark Academy House System creates a dynamic school culture for students and staff.



## Awards and Acknowledgments



5th grader Aakriti Pujari was one of five finalists in the Environmental Science category, qualifying for the 2nd round in **USC's Science and Engineering Fair** with her project "Warming Warnings: A Yeast Model on Permafrost Thawing."



5th graders Holman Guignard, Watts Anderson, and Daniel Lavigne earned 2nd place in the chemistry division of the **Richland One Science Fair**.

The **Brennen Disc Golf Team** was the runner up in a disc golf competition. Lila Elliott was the long drive champion and placed 2nd overall. Easter Fetner was the long drive champion and placed 5th overall.

Brennen's inaugural **Paddleball Team** competed in their first-ever tournament. The boy's team won 1st place and Meg Brooks won 1st place in the girl's championship round.

5th graders Baker Manuel and Camryn Baker were winners of the **Brennen Spelling Bee** and qualified for the district spelling bee. Camryn placed 2nd and Baker placed 4th in the **Richland One Spelling Bee**.

## Special Programs

### Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Serving Richland One and neighboring districts, Brennen's deaf and hard of hearing program provides a positive, inclusive learning environment for students and their families.

### Multi-Language Learners

About 10% of Brennen students are learning English as a second language. To support our multi-language learners, Brennen has a robust system of supports that promote English language proficiency and mainstream academic success.

### Advanced Academics

For identified students in grades 3-5, Brennen offers advanced curriculum to develop exceptional academic abilities and creative talents.

## *Better Together*

This report is issued by Brennen's **School Improvement Council** (SIC) in accordance with state law. As an advisory group to the principal and school, the SIC focuses on innovations and school-led improvement efforts. Parent and teacher representatives are elected each year, and community

members are appointed by the school principal.

### Elected Members

Brandon Harrison, Parent – **Chair**  
Stephanie Blackmon, Teacher  
Kimberly Flicker, Parent  
Hayley Krantz, Parent  
Morgan Scott, Teacher  
Parker Sizemore, Parent

### Appointed Members

Edward Frazier, Community Member  
Megan MacVittle, Community Member  
James Ann Sheley, Community Member

### Ex-Officio Members

Tiffany Ligon, Principal  
Brandon Geer, Assistant Principal  
Allison Hughes, PTO Representative  
Staci Lovelace, Past SIC Chair