



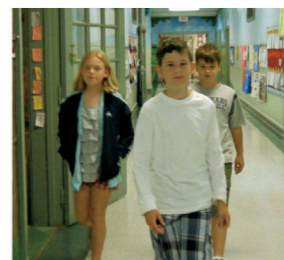
Student Involvement / Programs and Activities

- Beyond core curriculum, all students participate daily in related arts classes including drama, dance, art, music, Spanish, computer lab, science lab and physical education.
- Brennen also features an Advanced Academic Placement (AAP) program, acclaimed hearing-impaired program, special education and ESOL instruction.
- Brennen is a Positive Intervention System School (PBIS), which utilizes data to monitor behavior and celebrate positive outcomes.
- Brennen Student Council is very active and was responsible for: Bulldogs are the Best Writing Competition, Make a Wish Foundation, Valentine Grams (monies donated to Jump Rope for Heart), Pennies for Patients, Monthly Spirit Day, and Letters to Children's Hospital.
- Social Action Projects were sponsored by various grades and included Greyhound Rescue Project, Walk for Life, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Beautifying Brennen, Litter Patrol and Jump Rope for Heart.
- Extracurricular offerings include ACT (Action Cheer and Tumble), German (taught by USC students), chorus, orchestra, Girls on the Run, Biz World and the Good News Club.
- Bulldogs of the Month are chosen by teachers in each class and honored for exhibiting HET LifeSkills for character education.
- Classes have "being there experiences" based on HET principles: 5th graders took an annual three-day trip to Camp Greenville in South Carolina; 4th graders had a Colonial Day to bring social studies to life; 3rd graders engaged in real life experiences at Barrier Island and Ft. Moultrie in Charleston, S.C.

- Volunteers, teachers, staff, 5th graders and business partner Sunoco Recycling ran Brennen's office paper and cardboard recycling program. With bins in each classroom, all students pitch in.
- Students presented drama performances custom created by Brennen faculty to integrate HET principles and grade-level academic standards: 1st grade: "A Book is a Magic Carpet"; 2nd grade: "Everybody Smiles in the Same Language"; 3rd grade: "South Carolina in the Spotlight"; 4th grade: "Snapshots from the Past: How America Got on the Map"; and 5th grade: "Welcome to Broadway" and "Scenes from Annie".
- Brennen promoted Red Ribbon Week and the D.A.R.E. program to teach students about the risks of alcohol, drug use and violence.
- Other Student Involvement Projects include New Student Orientation groups that met weekly, Morning News Show, operational weather station, and Recycling Club. The 4th graders observed and maintained our outdoor garden which enhanced science skills, and a Spring Fling Social for 4th and 5th grades celebrated accomplishments and positive behavior during the school year.

Community Outreach

- PTO sponsored more than 12 events for the parents and community. More than 30 Brennen Business Partners contributed \$12,200.00. Business Partners sponsor regular activities to benefit the school such as Family Nights Out at Chick-Fil-A and Hooligan's.
- A strong liaison with Epworth Children's Home enabled those students to attend off-campus family nights funded by PTO.
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BRENNEN ELEMENTARY

An award-winning Richland One school

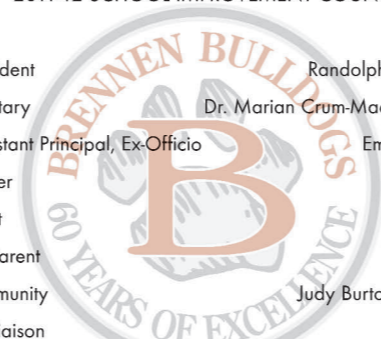
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Founded in 1949

2011-12: 795 students, 90 faculty and staff.

2011-2012 SIC Report to Parents and Community

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Brennen's accomplishments and progress toward goals in the 2011-12 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

Palmetto Gold and/or Silver Award for improving PASS scores, 9 of the last 10 years.



GOAL 1: Increase Student Achievement

- Over the last eight years, Brennen has achieved four Excellent ratings and four Good ratings on the SC School Report Card. In six of the past nine years, the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), including AYP in all 21 areas in 2010. Brennen has also received the Palmetto Gold or Silver award in 9 of the past 10 years.
- The school also used Dominie, SuccessMaker, MAP, Benchmark, Frequent Common Assessment and PASS data to monitor and guide instruction.
- To boost student achievement in all areas, Brennen implemented the seventh year of the Highly Effective Teaching (HET) program. In addition, the school continued a school wide writing program (Empowering Writers) and implemented PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System), a school wide student discipline plan.
- Teachers have continued work in Professional Learning Communities for team lesson planning, student assessment, grouping students for remedial and enrichment assistance, and working with students to take charge of their own goals and progress. They have also successfully implemented a daily Intervention/Enrichment block of time, to work with student sub-groups.
- Daily classroom instruction is infused with the latest technology: Promethean and Smart Boards, a wireless mobile computer lab, laptops, digital cameras, LCD projectors and closed circuit TV programming.
- With a generous gift from Blue Cross Blue Shield and other donors, Brennen created and maintains an award-winning outdoor classroom for hands-on lessons in science.

Red Carpet Award for creating a family-friendly environment 2010-2013.



SC School of Promise for reaching the whole child, every year since 2006.



Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

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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 such as the Back-to-School Bash, Harvest Happening, Walk Your Child to School Day, Grandparents' Day, Science Fair Prep Night, Technology Fair, Spring Supper, Used Book Sale, general membership meetings, and others that regularly draw hundreds of attendees.

PTO FUNDRAISING WAS RECORD BREAKING!

MEMBERSHIP	\$10,882
HARVEST HAPPENING	\$ 2,006
INNISBROOK GIFTWRAP SALE	\$14,415
COOKIE DOUGH	\$ 2,918
SPIRIT ITEMS	\$ 2,463
BUSINESS PARTNERS	\$ 8,850
GROCERY STORE CARDS AND BOX TOPS	\$ 1,361
	(THROUGH FEBRUARY)
FAMILY NIGHT OUT	\$ 512
	(THROUGH FEBRUARY)
AUCTION	\$58,942
TOTAL	\$102,349

These funds directly support Brennen students and school programs.

- Getting accurate, timely information to families is critical. Our channels include the bi-weekly Pawprints newsletter, annual student directory, school website

for class and event information, weekly email blasts, computerized phone messaging and new student registration packets.

- As a faith-based partner, Kilbourne Park Baptist Church has assisted PTO events, served as volunteers and hosted the 5th grade promotion ceremony.
- More than 24 professionals spoke to 21 classes at Brennen's Annual Career Day. Brennen also held a Vehicle Career Day, where 9 different professionals came with their vehicle and spoke to 12 different kindergarten and first grade classes.
- Volunteers logged over 6,000 hours helping the Brennen family.

GOAL 3: Increase Teacher Quality

- Educators continued advanced training in the Highly Effective Teaching program, an educational model that promotes professional development, team curriculum writing to integrate standards across subjects, effective instructional strategies and connecting with families and the community.

- Teachers continue to attend professional development workshops, enhancing their ability to integrate curriculum and stay ahead of changes in education. Teachers also receive recertification credits through the District.
- USC consistently requests Brennen teachers to serve as mentors to the next generation of educators.
- Teachers use "Empowering Writers" for writing instruction at all grades. This program provides a "step-by-step" method for all grades. Visit: www.empoweringwriters.com
- Teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to integrate curriculum.
- Teachers often serve as professional development presenters to faculty and staff.
- Brennen encourages additional education: 24% of all faculty are nationally Board certified, 3 hold Doctorate degrees and 41 hold Masters or higher levels of coursework.
- Administrators and teachers also serve as leaders among many statewide professional organizations and district committees.