

Annual Report

TO PARENTS



Our Mission

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

Highlights

Celebrating 75 Years

Brennen proudly marked 75 years of learning in March with a joyful **birthday celebration** for students, families and the community.



School Community

We welcomed **7,718 visitors** and **621 volunteers** during the school year. Our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** had an outstanding year, meeting financial goals and providing vital support for student learning, teacher appreciation, and school events.

Champions for Reading

Our teachers continue to use **Orton-Gillingham** methods to teach foundational reading skills.



In its second year, **Paw Pals** connected volunteer reading tutors with students for small group instruction and extra support.

National Recognition



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

Professional Learning

Brennen teachers and staff completed over **7,500 hours** of professional development this year, averaging **131 hours each** of in-service days, focus sessions and learning communities.

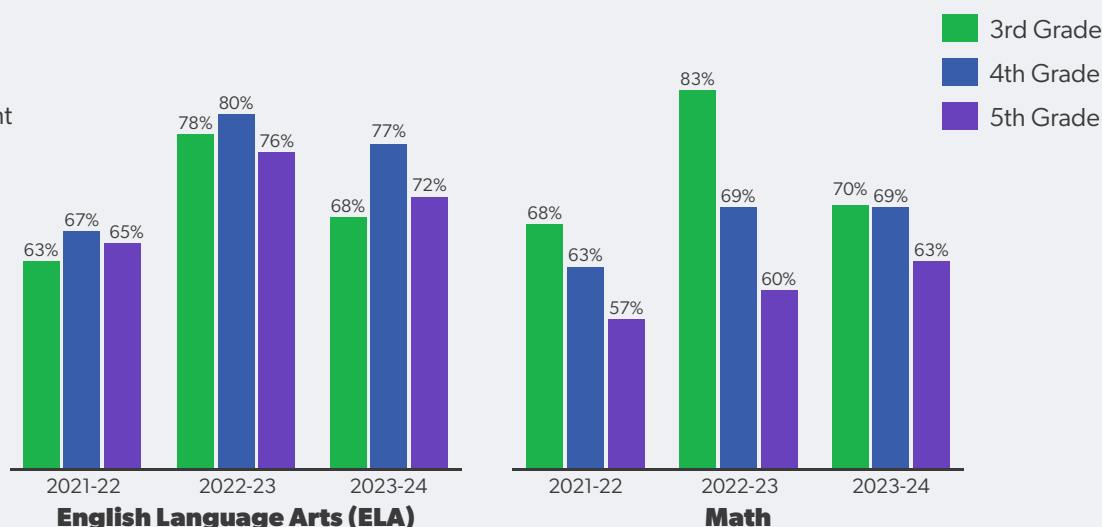
Arts & Activities

Students participated in Girls on the Run, Honors Choir, House Leaders, Musical Theatre Club, Safety Patrol, Friendly Helpers, Orchestra, Special Olympics, the Good News Club, and more. In April, **85 students** performed in the school's spring musical, Frozen JR.

SC Ready

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

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



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



At the **Richland One Science Fair**, 4th grader Kate Langdale earned 3rd place in the biology division, and 5th graders Sydney Struble and Ryan Peraza placed 3rd in the biochemistry and chemistry division.

At the **USC Region II Science and Engineering Fair**, 4th grader Udbhav Pujari won 1st place in the biochemistry and chemistry category.



5th graders Kennedy McCall and Avery Small were winners of the **Brennen Spelling Bee** and advanced to the **Richland One Spelling Bee**. Kennedy went on to win 1st place in the district-wide competition.



The Brennen Paddle Ball Team competed in the **District Paddle Ball Tournament**, with both the boys' and girls' teams winning the 3A Division Championship.



Brennen students also represented our school at the **District Disc Golf Competition**.

Our school participated in the **Richland One Fitness Bowl**, where 4th grader Porter Harmon was named "Mr. Fitness" among all 3A schools.

Special Programs

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Brennen's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program serves students from Richland One and neighboring districts in a positive, inclusive learning environment. Families, students, and staff are invited to twice-monthly dinners to build community and practice sign language.

Multi-Language Learners

About 10% of Brennen students are learning English as an additional language. Our school offers a strong system of supports to help multi-language learners develop English proficiency while learning alongside their peers.

Unified Champions

As a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, Brennen promotes a culture of inclusion for all students. Activities include a school-wide read aloud, peer buddies program, and student participation in the Special Olympics Unified Games.

Leading 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
Mike Harmon, Parent
Lee Patterson, Parent
Morgan Scott, Teacher

Appointed Members

Barbara Hilton, Community Member
McKenzie Lafleure, Community Member
James Ann Sheley, Community Member

Ex-Officio Members

Tiffany Ligon, Principal
Monica Lawton, Assistant Principal
Tracy Miller, Assistant Principal
Staci Lovelace, PTO Representative
Caroline McManus, Secretary