

Brooklyn Springs Elementary

Beavers

Our demographics

School principal: Tonya Hunter **Years at school:** 1 **In district:** 9 **In education:** 19
Grades served: K – 5 **Enrollment:** 437 **Economic status:** 89.7% free & reduced lunch
Diversity: 29.3% White, 41.9% African-American, 26.3% Hispanic, 2.5% Other
Number of teachers: 40 **Classified:** 23 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselor:** 1 **Media specialists:** 1
Other: Language Arts Instructional Coach, Full-time Parent Coordinator, AmeriCorp, Full-time Nurse, Math Instructional Coach
Teachers with advanced degrees: 60.0% **Teacher attendance:** 95.4% **Student attendance:** 95.6%

Our mission

The mission of the faculty and staff at Brooklyn Springs Elementary is to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential and to develop as life-long learners in a culturally diverse society.

Translated for our students:

Good, better, best
Never let it rest.
Until your good is better,
And your better is best.

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1962 **Date of renovations:** 1993, 1998, 2001
Square feet: 74,986 **Number of computers:** 280 **Number of classrooms:** 49
Specialty areas: Math/Science Lab, 2 Computer Labs, Professional Development room

Our school programs

- **Home Literacy Trail** – This grant program serves to strengthen the family-school connection. The goal is to establish a close working relationship between parents/guardians and the school to increase literacy skills and improve the home-school relationship. Literacy instruction and tutoring for parents is provided through a technology-based basic skills curriculum.
- **Extended School Day** – This after school program provides homework assistance, intervention in math and science to students in grades 3 – 5, five days per week.

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **PE Club** – Fifth grade students participate one day a week before school with the PE teacher.

- **Art Club** – Fifth grade students participate one day a week before school with the art teacher.
- **Busy Beaver News** – Morning announcements are presented daily by students.
- **Junior Beta Club** – Fifth grade honor roll students are selected to participate in the Jr. Beta Club.
- **Fourth Grade Chorus** – Students perform for school and community events.

Our parents/parent support programs

- **PTO** – The PTO supports the school through fundraisers and by recruiting parent volunteers to support the school in a variety of ways.
- **SIC** – The School Improvement Council supports the school in many school and community based activities throughout the school year. These include family reading and math nights, and the annual fall festival.
- **Volunteers** – Volunteers serve as class tutors and chaperone class field trips.
- **Teacher appreciation activities** – PTO provides breakfast and lunch for faculty and staff in May for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our school strengths

- Common grade-level planning periods allow teachers to have on-going collaboration.
- At least one master teacher at each grade level serves as team leader.
- Strong/viable PTO and SIC
- Language Arts and Math Instructional Coaches provides on-going staff training and support.
- Home Literacy Trail provides a partnership between the home and school.
- A full-time Parent Coordinator serves as a liaison between teachers and parents.

Our honors & awards

- **2005 Palmetto Gold and Silver Award** – For improvement in minority achievement on the PACT.
- **Trustees Award** – \$306,185 grant awarded through J. Marion Sims Foundation for Home Literacy.
- **SAC Accreditation**
- **Various \$500 mini-grants from the J. Marion Sims Foundation and Service Learning Grants**
- **American Reading Company Honor School (2010-11)**