

## What do our teachers and parents love about Laurel Hill?

*As a second-grade teacher at Laurel Hill Primary, I'm proud to be part of a community dedicated to raising the bar in early childhood education. Our commitment to excellence, underscored by accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), ensures our programs are safe, well-prepared, and intentional in fostering children's success. This dedication correlates with increased readiness, educational attainment, and healthier lifestyles. At Laurel Hill Primary, we cultivate a supportive, collaborative environment where students, families, and teachers thrive. It's an honor to play a role in this community, working alongside dedicated colleagues to empower students and uphold our standards of excellence. Together, we're shaping the future leaders and lifelong learners of tomorrow.*

*Anna Ward- 2024 Teacher of the Year*

*It's hard to say just a few things I love about Laurel Hill Primary School because I love everything! The support we've received over the past three years has been above and beyond all of my expectations. LHP is a community where kids and parents are all involved and valued. The students get a top-quality education in a safe environment and build unique relationships that*

*give our school a big family feel!*

*-Brett Grant- SIC Member*

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## SIC Annual Goals

In the past year, our SIC has supported our school's child-centered goals and ensured that we keep our identity as a primary school as our guiding principle.

Our SIC continues to support our school's goal of high academic achievement for all students while ensuring we can care for the whole child. This year, our annual PTA fundraiser raised over \$54,000, which will be used to add turf outdoor play space and sensory paths to our campus. This year's focus has been to bring the community back to our school. We have accomplished this through grade-level picnics, student performances, classroom celebrations, and school-wide events like Turtle Trot and Color Dash. Our mission will continue to create a warm, welcoming, inclusive environment for students and families.

## Additional Information

Laurel Hill Primary continues to foster a child-centered atmosphere, making it an award-winning school. We are proud to have successfully renewed our accreditation through the National Association of Educators of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious status has been described as the gold standard by which early childhood programs are evaluated.

## Laurel Hill Primary School

## School Improvement Council

## Annual Report 2023-2024



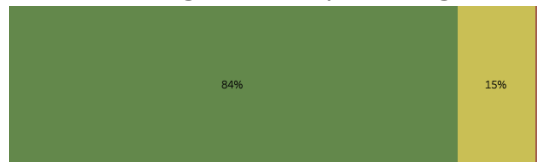
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*The vision of Laurel Hill Primary is to develop well-rounded learners in a child-centered, developmentally appropriate environment where each is capable of fulfilling their potential.*

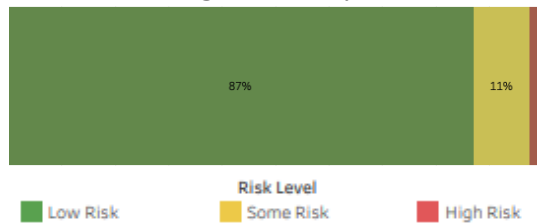
# Student Achievement

The chart below shows the percentage of Kindergarten students at Laurel Hill that are low risk, some risk, or high risk or in Fastbridge Reading and Math. Over 84% of kindergarten students scored at low risk during the winter assessment in reading, and 87% of our kindergartners scored at low risk in math.

## Kindergarten Early Reading

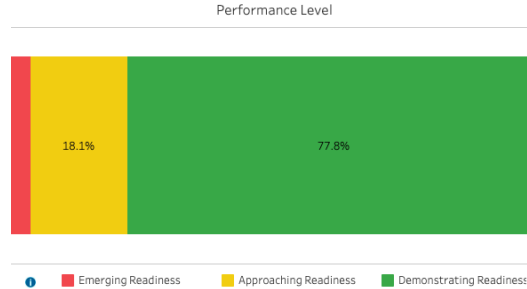


## Kindergarten Early Math



Kindergarten Readiness showed that 78% of our students were ready for kindergarten compared to the district average of 54%. Of those students who attended CD at LHP, 80% were prepared for kindergarten.

## Kindergarten Readiness Assessment



## Summary of Data

Our data highlights the hard work of our staff and students. Our students continue to meet both growth and achievement expectations. Through our MTSS process, we can provide targeted interventions in reading and math to students who need individualized support. Our team uses data to drive instruction to meet the needs of all students.

## Highly Qualified Staff

The teachers and staff at Laurel Hill are highly trained and dedicated to educating our primary-aged students. Our staff has 50 staff members with a master's degree or higher. We have 32 teachers who have either completed or will be completing their LETRS training, as well as 32 teachers who have completed OGAP training. These trainings ensure our students are receiving research-based reading and math instruction.

LHP teachers were awarded three BEST grants. The funds from these grants will be used to begin the implementation of STEM instruction at LHP, including a MakerSpace and Garden Exploration.

## Awards and Honors:

**Top Rated Primary School in South Carolina**

**NAEYC Accreditation, 2008, 2013, 2018 & 2023**

**CCSD iReady Super School 2023  
Highest Stretch Growth in Math**

**BEST Grant Recipients**

### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Laurel Hill Primary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*