

## Mission:

In partnership with our community, Catawba Trail Elementary prepares all students for success by providing meaningful, challenging, and engaging learning experiences

## The Principal's Vision:

As we embrace the most important work we'll ever do, our eyes look to the future. Our world is shrinking and our children know this best of any of us.

Technology creates a learning environment with no boundaries. Essential skills focus on thinking....Thinking creatively, thinking critically.....sustaining thinking over time and through challenges. We work towards a world in which we ask, "In what ways might we....."

Many minds are stronger than the individual viewpoint and collaboration and communication are embedded in the engaging work our children do every day. Our diversity is our strength and results in a more thoughtful and flexible learning environment.

No longer is there just one right answer or one right way to design an elegant solution to a real world problem. We celebrate our children, our future, and we dedicate Catawba Trail to their education, their dreams, their aspirations, and their present and future success.

Catawba Trail.....Many Paths to the Future

## School Improvement Council:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is composed of educators, parents, and community partners in an advisory role to the principal and faculty. They play a crucial role in establishing, monitoring, and evaluating specific long range goals for student achievement.

SICs do not have any of the powers, responsibilities and/or duties reserved for the local school board.

## Members:

### School Employees:

|                    |               |
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| Denise Barth       | Stacey Gadson |
| Brenda Warnow      | Carrie Hill   |
| Emily Braciszewski |               |

### Parents:

|                  |               |
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| Jessica Drysdale | Travis Shuler |
| Erica Werts      | Felisha Brown |
| Jeanetta Racy    | Tiffany Croft |

### Community Member:

Joe Clark

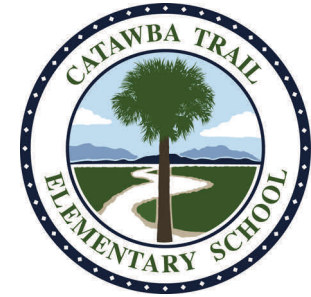
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## Catawba Trail Elementary School FYI's:

- Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/CASI.
- Grade level Breakdown:  
K:63 1st:78 2nd:79 3rd:78 4th:70 5th:50
- Safety checks:  
Kid Gopher cards, single point entry, Lobby Guard
- Related Arts:  
Art, Music, Physical Education, Science

# Catawba Trail Elementary School

**Report To  
Parents  
2011-2012**



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Stacey Gadson - Assistant Principal

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## OUR GOALS:

### GOAL 1

#### Increase student achievement and accomplishment through standard and creative assessment tools

Note:

Standardized tests are designed to measure academic standing in core subject areas.

Please keep in mind they are only one tool to measure student success. An overall picture of student achievement should be seen in a variety of products, not just tests.

Students at Catawba Trail take nationally norm-referenced tests as well as PASS, the state criterion-referenced test. Results from these tests are used to guide and improve instruction. Test data helps teachers learn about children's strengths and weaknesses so instruction can be targeted as needed. Test data is also used to pinpoint effective teaching strategies. CTE teachers combine knowledge gained from test data with their understanding of their students to design meaningful projects that integrate curriculum objectives from multiple subject areas to engage their students in the learning.

Tests administered at CTE:

Dibels and DRA - grades K-2

Terra Nova & Cog At - grade 2

MAP - grades 2-5

PASS - grades 3-5

ELDA - ESOL students

### GOAL 2

#### Create a positive school climate with evidence of student ownership and pride

*-Extracurricular Opportunities*

Chorus                      Art Club                      Dance Club  
Robotics Club      News Team                      Media Helpers  
Post Office

*-Student Performances*

4th Grade , "Passing the Torch"  
3rd Grade , "Wonders of the Earth"  
2nd Grade , "Go Fish! An Oceans of Fun Adventure"  
1st Grade , "Feelin' Good!"  
Kindergarten Program, "Be the Best That I Can Be"  
Winter choir concert "Snow Day"  
Spring choir concert and show at Sparkleberry Fair  
Talent Show  
5th Grade Recognition  
D.A.R.E. Graduation

*-Student Leadership and Creativity*

Student led dedication  
Student elected mascot: The Colts  
Student created morning show  
Student artwork on-line: Artsonia and Google Art

### GOAL 3

#### Continue developing quality teachers and administrators

*-100% of teachers - Highly Qualified*

*-53% of teachers hold advanced degrees in education*

*-7 Nationally Board Certified Teachers*

*-18 hours of in-house training on technology integration in the classroom to facilitate implementation of ITWO1 computing*

*-14 hours of in-service training on Designing Engaging Work*

*-Teacher of the Year: Chris Diemer*

*-Support Staff Person of the Year: Jana Martin*

*-Conservation Teacher of the Year: Vikki Pasco*

*-Technology infused classrooms:*

ITWO1 computing in grades 3-5  
Laptop carts with a class set of laptops in grades K-2  
SmartBoards in all classrooms  
5 iPads, 1 Digital Camera, and 1 FlipCam per classroom  
Class sets of Nooks  
Google accounts for everyone in the school

### GOAL 4

#### Create a community environment to support student success

*-PTO*

- Membership: \$ 2,079
- Fundraisers: \$12,420
- Family Nights: \$ 2,041
- Box Tops: \$ 614

*-Terra Recycle*

*-School Choice:* 21 fifth graders applied for middle school magnets; 96% received their 1st choice

*-Community Supporters:*

Chick-Fil-A, Monkey Joes, Skateland, Woodcreek Farms Nursery, Cici's Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, Sandhills Business Group

*-Field Studies:*

Riverbanks Zoo, Congaree National Park, Sesqui, Project KATE, State House, local museums, and many others

*-Volunteers* logged 2,500+ hours

*-Career Day:* Featured menu of 53 speakers

*-Veteran's Victory Walk*

*-Community Service:* Palmetto Animal Assistance Life Services (PAALS) and Colts Stampede for families in need during the holidays

*-Family Events:* Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Bowling, Hispanic Literacy Night

*-Field Day:* The Amazing Race

*-Nature Trail*

