



## Recognitions



**NWES and District Teacher of the Year -**  
Mrs. Jessica Ruffner

**Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year-**  
Ms. Mary Little

**Support Staff of the Year -** Mrs. Sonja Battleson

**Honors Choir -** Amelia Beheler, Angelina Beheler,  
Everette Belue, Weston Burr, Peyton Cabiness,  
Rilynn Caraway, Kansas Humphrey, Ansley Jones,  
Jessiah Littlejohn, Karrigyn Mathis, Presley Owens,  
Lucy Spencer

**Spelling Bee Winner -** Neveah Abercrombie

**Writer's Gala Winners -** Shelby Allen, Brantley  
Miller, Armani Wallace, Lydia Dalton, Christian  
Zambrano, Memphis Smith, Peyton Cabiness,  
Emma Lambert, Everett Belue, Averie James, Arielle  
Demnitz, Memphis Simpson, Harlie Beason, Ruby  
Brown, Carlee Anderson, Ansley Jones, and Amari  
Posey

**Lego Robotics -** Peyton Cabiness, Rilynn Caraway,  
Brooklyn Turner, Emma Lambert, and Kansas  
Humphries

### Our Beliefs

We believe in the **3 Cs: Connection, Communication and Collaboration.**

**Connection** - We strive to connect with students, parents, community members, and other faculty members through building relationships.

**Communication** - We work to communicate all necessary information frequently and consistently, as well as being open to share and receive feedback across the Bobcat Community.

**Collaboration** - We meet and work together frequently with faculty and community members to make the best decisions for students.

### School Improvement Council Members

- Jessica Ruffner, *Chair*
- Brent Atkins, *Principal*
- Jessie James, *Parent*
- Lindsey DeBorde, *Parent*
- Amy Dherit, *Teacher*
- Rita Spencer, *Community Member*
- Matt Davis, *Community Member*

**Current Enrollment: 422**  
**Average Daily Attendance: 94%**

### 2024-2025 Events

- Pastries with Parents
- Goodies with Grands
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Skate Night
- Valentine Candy Grams
- Fall Festival

### Our Mission

The mission of Cherokee County School District, steeped in pride and tradition, in partnership with all stakeholders, is to ensure that all students have the education necessary to succeed as responsible, productive citizens by providing excellent opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts.

### Purpose of SIC Report

As mandated by Act 135, the School Improvement Council for NWES has developed this report to parents and the community to highlight the progress the school is making in achieving goals established by the school's five-year Strategic Plan.

# Northwest Elementary School



## SIC Report to the People 2024-2025

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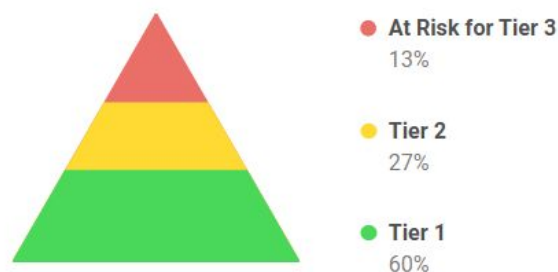
Brent Atkins, Principal  
Kayla Gaut, Assistant Principal

Cherokee County School  
District  
Dr. Thomas White - Interim  
Superintendent  
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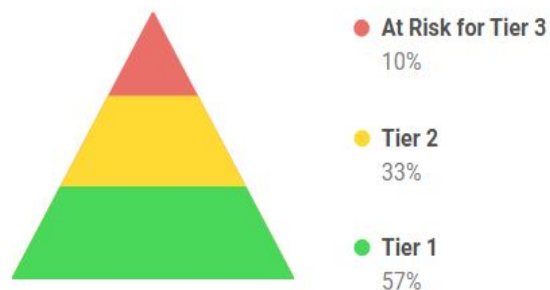
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## iReady Reading Results



## iReady Math Results



### Student Activities, Parent Opportunities, and Community Involvement

Spelling Bee  
Gifted and Talented  
Project Based Learning  
Honors Chorus  
Junior Beta Club  
5th Grade Tours  
5th Grade Helpers  
After School Tutoring  
Guidance Sessions  
Character Education  
Title One Parent Nights  
AED Training for Teachers  
One-to-One Technology  
AVID  
Community Outreach Events  
Kidz in Lids  
Book Fair  
Fine Arts Program  
PBIS  
YMCA Afterschool Program  
First Tee  
Writers Gala / Author Celebration  
Read Across America Celebration  
Bookmark Contest  
Recycling Program  
Good News Club  
Fine Arts Expo  
Lego Robotics Team  
Kid's Heart Challenge  
P.T.O.  
Red Ribbon Week  
School Improvement Council



### Strategies for Improvement

Strategies for improvement during the 2024-2025 school year are:

- ❖ Professional developments with teachers will focus on AVID strategies, Teacher Clarity, tier One Instruction, and PLCs.
- ❖ Data analysis of KRA, GOLD, iReady, and SC Ready will aid teachers with helping to determine student growth and learning goals for class instruction.
- ❖ Students experiencing any academic difficulties will participate in the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) program to strengthen academic skills.
- ❖ School-wide goals will be developed for Student Achievement, Teacher Quality, and School Climate.
- ❖ School personnel, parents, and community agencies will work together in an effort to promote educational success for students.