Mission Statement

The mission of Northwest Elementary School is to partner with family and community to ensure all students gain the necessary academic, emotional, and social skills to become responsible, successful citizens by providing challenging educational experiences in a safe, secure and nurturing environment.



What is the KNOW(2) Initiative? The KNOW(2) effort is focused on a "culture change" in education – moving away from limitations and moving toward opportunities.

Northwest Bobcats KNOW(2):

 I KNOW that I must be highly educated for economic success and high quality of life; and
I KNOW that being highly educated is achievable by me, my family, and my community.



<u>Student Activities,</u> <u>Parent Opportunities, and</u> <u>Community Involvement</u>

Accelerated Reader Art Club Character Education **Junior Beta Club Friendly Helpers** Fifth Grade Banquet YMCA Afterschool Program **Student Council Readers' Visits** Young Writers' Tea **Project Goal Recycling Program** Good News Club **Honors Choir** Science Fair **Too Good for Drugs** Lego Robotics Team Honors Chorus **Relay for Life Jump Rope for Heart** P.T.O. **Title I Parenting Program School Improvement Council Parent Volunteers** Service Learning Opportunities

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Report to the Parents 2013-2014



We believe in the P.O.W.E.R. of learning!

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Our School Today

470 Students Enrolled

Average Daily Attendance 96.2%

School Improvement

Council Members

Gina Jolley, Chair Shelley Winkler, Vice Chair Hyacinth Phillips, Secretary Beth Sartor Ginger Brown Crystal Hornick Terry Duvall Rene Joyner Lisa McCraw Jan Petty



Teacher of the Year– Mary Little Reading Teacher of the Year– Rebecca McCraw Support Staff of the Year– Clinton Rodgers

PTO Officers

Penny Bevis—President Ree Batten– Vice President Cyndi Upton —Treasurer Mandy Stocks—Secretary

<u>2013</u>

Absolute Rating—Good Growth Rating— Below Average ESEA Grade—A



2013 PASS Scores

Writing

English/ Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

38.1% Exemplary 35.9% Met 26.0% Not Met

43.5% Exemplary 36.8% Met 19.7% Not Met

- 50.7% Exemplary 30.0% Met 19.3% Not Met
- 23.9% Exemplary 53.6% Met 22.5% Not Met
- 34.9% Exemplary 48.3% Met 16.8% Not Met



Strategies for Improvement

Strategies for improvement during the 2014-2015 school year are as follows:

Staff Development will focus on instruction implementing Common Core Standards.

Data Analysis will determine goals for sub-groups and whole class instruction.

Teachers will participate in professional development sessions to foster their knowledge of classroom interventions to help students performing below grade level.

Students experiencing academic difficulty will participate within the Response to Intervention Program to strengthen specific academic skills.

Goals will be developed school-wide for improvements in Student Achievement, Teacher/Administrator Quality, and School Climate.

Parenting Sessions will be scheduled throughout the school year with an emphasis on attendance, discipline, and study skills.

Technology equipment will be purchased using Title I funding and utilized in classroom instruction.

School personnel will communicate with parents and community agencies in an effort to promote educational success for our students.