

Mission Statement

The mission of Northwest Elementary School, in conjunction with family and community, is to ensure all students gain skills necessary to achieve personal excellence and to become responsible citizens in a global society by providing challenging educational programs and experiences in a safe 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)

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



Northwest Elementary School

Report to the Parents 2014-2015



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

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2014 Campo
Giorno Winners

Student Activities, Parent Opportunities, and Community Involvement

Accelerated Reader
Character Education
Junior Beta Club
Friendly Helpers
Fifth Grade Banquet
YMCA Afterschool Program
Art Club
First Tee
Student Council
Readers' Visits
Young Writers' Tea
Project Goal
Recycling Program
Good News Club
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

State Awards
2011 Silver Award
2012 Gold Award

Our School Today

490 Students Enrolled
Average Daily Attendance 96.3%



School Improvement Council Members

Gina Jolley, *Chair*
Shelley Winkler, *Vice Chair*
Hyacinth Phillips, *Secretary*
Kathy Phillips, *Principal & Ex-Officio*
Tracy Jones, *Asst. Principal & Ex-Officio*
Beth Sartor, *Parent*
Ginger Brown, *Community Member*
Crystal Hornick, *Teacher*
Terry Duvall, *Community Member*
Rene Joyner, *Teacher*
Lisa McCraw, *Teacher*
Jan Petty, *Community Member*



Teacher of the Year
Jessica Ruffner

Reading Teacher of the Year
Lindsey DeBorde

Support Staff of the Year
Teresa Hughey

PTO Officers

Mandy Stocks—President
Kacey Torres—Vice President
Carmen Gardner—Treasurer
Ashley Poole—Secretary

Absolute Rating.....Good
Growth Rating.....Average
ESEA Grade.....A

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

These assessments are aligned to the state academic standards and were administered to only 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. The table below shows the percentage of Northwest students who scored “Met” or “Exemplary” for the 2013-2014 school year.

	Met	Exemplary
ELA	27.3%	49.8%
Writing	31.1%	46.1%
Math	32.7%	48.8%
Science	51.8%	22.3%
S. Studies	37.8%	43.0%

For more details on our school report card, visit www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/. You will then select the year, select Cherokee, and select Northwest Elementary School



Strategies for Improvement

Strategies for improvement during the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

- ◇ Staff Developments will focus on curriculum, instruction, technology, and student engagement.
- ◇ Data Analysis will determine student learning goals for class instruction.
- ◇ Resources and support will be provided to teachers to enhance the quality of instruction at all levels resulting in student growth and improving academic performance.
- ◇ Students experiencing academic difficulty will participate in 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, study skills, and technology.
- ◇ 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.