### **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):

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.



# Student Activities, Parent Opportunities, and Community Involvement

Accelerated Reader **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** 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

### **Northwest**

## Elementary School

# Report to the Parents 2012-2013



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

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#### **Our School Today**

496 Students Enrolled

**Average Daily Attendance 98.2%** 

# School Improvement Council Members

Rene Joyner, Chair
Gina Jolley, Co-Chair
Hyacinth Phillips, Secretary
Kathy Phillips, Ex-Officio
Ginger Brown
Kay Cash
Karen Bolton
Terry Duvall
Lisa McCraw
Janis Petty



Teacher of the Year– Anne Bunch

Reading Teacher of the Year-

Melanie Nance

Support Staff of the Year-

CoCo Montgomery

#### **PTO Officers**

Emily Childers—President Penny Bevis—Vice President Ginger Brown—Treasurer Mandy Stocks—Secretary

### 2012

Absolute Rating—Excellent Growth Rating—Average AYP Status—Met





### **2012 PASS Scores**

Writing	40.0% Exemplary 41.5% Met 18.5% Not Met
English/ Language Arts	53.1% Exemplary 27.7% Met 19.2% Not Met
Mathematics	55.4% Exemplary 30.5% Met 14.1% Not Met
Science	23.6% Exemplary 55.6% Met 20.8% Not Met
Social Studies	35.9% Exemplary 41.5% Met 22.5% Not Met



### **Strategies for Improvement**

Strategies for improvement during the 2013-2014 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.