

# Mission Statement

*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.*



## Northwest Bobcats **KNOW(2)**

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



# Northwest

## Elementary School

### Report to the People 2015-2016



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

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2014 & 2016  
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  
Elks Club Free Throw  
Recycling Program  
Good News Club  
Science Fair  
Too Good for Drugs  
Fine Arts Expo  
Lego Robotics Team  
Honors Chorus  
Fall and Spring Scholastic Book Fairs  
Relay for Life  
Jump Rope for Heart  
P.T.O.  
Ingles Tools for Schools  
Box Tops for Education  
Writers Gala  
fit2gether and Eat Smart, Move More  
Community Project Based Learning  
Title I Parenting Program  
School Improvement Council  
Parent Volunteers

State Awards  
2011 Silver Award  
2012 Gold Award

## Our School Today

500 Students Enrolled  
Average Daily Attendance 97%



### School Improvement Council Members

Beth Sartor, *Chair*  
Shelley Winkler, *Vice Chair*  
Barbara Elmore, *Secretary*  
Kathy Phillips, *Principal & Ex-Officio*  
Hyacinth Phillips, *Parent*  
Lynne Shackelford, *Parent*  
Lindsay Blanton, *Parent*  
Terry Duvall, *Community Member*  
Jan Petty, *Community Member*  
Mary Little, *Teacher*  
Lisa McCraw, *Teacher*  
Peggy McKee, *Teacher*



*Teacher of the Year*  
*Cassandra Peery*

*Reading Teacher of the Year*  
*Angel Steagall*

*Support Staff of the Year*  
*Wanza Gardner*

### PTO Officers

Kacey Torres - President  
Ashley Poole - Vice President  
Carmen Gardner - Treasurer  
Tambi Caggiano - Secretary

## 2014 South Carolina Annual Report Card

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

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

### 2016 MAP Winter Scores

|           | Met or Exceeded in Reading | Met or Exceeded in Math |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5K        | 42%                        | 44%                     |
| 1st grade | 44%                        | 61%                     |
| 2nd grade | 38%                        | 40%                     |
| 3rd Grade | 52%                        | 44%                     |
| 4th grade | 65%                        | 62%                     |
| 5th grade | 61%                        | 45%                     |



### 2016 STAR Spring Scores

|           | Met or Exceeded in Reading | Met or Exceeded in Math |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st grade | 63%                        | 90%                     |
| 2nd grade | 64%                        | 68%                     |
| 3rd Grade | 65%                        | 81%                     |
| 4th grade | 83%                        | 74%                     |
| 5th grade | 67%                        | 86%                     |

## Strategies for Improvement

### Strategies for improvement during the 2016-2017 school year are as follows:

- ◇ The building program will be completed, which will include four new classrooms and a new gymnasium.
- ◇ Staff Developments with teachers will focus on literacy, curriculum, instruction, student engagement, and technology.
- ◇ Data Analysis of MAP, STAR, GOLD, DRA2+, and Next Steps will aid teachers in determining student growth and learning goals for class instruction.
- ◇ Resources and support will be provided to enhance instruction resulting in the growth of students' academic performance.
- ◇ Title I funding will be used to implement an after-school tutoring program.
- ◇ Supplemental materials will be used to help with math instruction.
- ◇ Students experiencing academic difficulties will participate in the Response to Intervention Program to strengthen academic skills.
- ◇ School-wide goals will be developed for Student Achievement, Teacher Quality, and School Climate.
- ◇ Parenting Sessions will be held throughout the school year.
- ◇ Technology equipment will be utilized with classroom instruction.
- ◇ School personnel, parents, and community agencies will work together in an effort to promote educational success for students.