

2013-2014 proved to be a wonderful year of making big impressions at Lakewood Elementary School. Following our school wide vision of Small P.A.W.S. making big impressions utilizing pride, achievement, work ethic, and service, the Bobcats of Lakewood Elementary stepped up to the plate. This year Mr. Michael Knight was named Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Dana Murphy was named Support Staff Member of the Year.

We received Absolute and Improvement Ratings of Excellent on our school report card as well as the Palmetto Gold Awards for Outstanding Student Academic Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap. Our school was ranked in South Carolina as #1 in Schools like Us across the state.

In our quest to make big impressions, our staff and faculty put forth effort in analyzing various measures of data to provide interventions and lessons to make sure that we were meeting the needs of the individual student. Through MAP data, PASS data, DIBELS, teacher observation, and continuous progress monitoring our teachers were able to set goals and celebrate growth with all of our children. Each student in Kindergarten through 5th grade had their own individual data notebooks where they were able to set their goals and monitor their progress as well as encouraging them to have ownership in their learning and goal setting. Teachers and staff members took every effort to differentiate the instruction so that all of our students were able to grow and celebrate success.

Our school relied on the generous support of our School Improvement Council and PTA group to help with additional needs of our Bobcat Family. This year we implemented Community Nights focusing on our four values, pride, achievement, work ethic, and service to be able to demonstrate to our supportive community what Lakewood stands for. It was a huge success with over 500 people attending each community night. Students were able to demonstrate their talents in the specific clubs that we offer, as well as their learning in the classrooms across the curriculum.

As we continue to strengthen our core values of Pride, Achievement, Work Ethic and Service, we strive to demonstrate our ideals to our peers, teachers, staff members, and community members. We are Lakewood! Small P.A.W.S. making Big Impressions!

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