



## **AUSTIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Dear Parents and Community Members:**

I am excited to introduce myself to you as the principal of Austin Road Elementary School! My faculty and I look forward to meeting our new students and parents, as well as making new connections with our community and businesses. For photos and updates on the progress of our school, please follow us on Facebook or visit our school website at <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/schools/ares/index>.

You may be familiar with the Barrow County Partner in Education (PIE) Program – I would love to talk to you about this program and share some specific ways to get involved in Austin Road Elementary School (ARES). Community members and ARES parents, if you own a business or work for a business that might be interested, please feel free to email me at [julia.hodges@barrow.k12.ga.us](mailto:julia.hodges@barrow.k12.ga.us). You may also follow the link below to find out additional information about the successful BCSS PIE Program that began in 1991: <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/community/partners-in-education> .

As an ARES PIE, your business would choose opportunities to help the students, support our teachers and faculty, and be involved in our school during the year. We would be pleased to recognize you on our website, through social media, in our yearbook and on a special display in our lobby, along with other recognitions during special school events.

We believe a true partnership between the school and the community begins with a handshake that initiates working together to create the best educational experience possible for our wonderful students. Here are a few examples: be a guest speaker (or reader) in the classroom, mentor a student, volunteer at a school event (Rocket Launch in June, Sneak-a-Peek in July, Open House, Family Dance, Fall Festival, Field Day), sponsor special school activities, or sponsor student contests or achievement. There are many more options for a Partner in Education, and you may have suggestions of your own. I'd love to collaborate with you on this win-win partnership! I look forward to meeting and working with you to build the best educational opportunities for our students.

Best regards,

Julia Hodges  
Principal