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2016-2017 School Year

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Dear Prospective Partner in Education:

Thank you for your interest in the Barrow County School System's Partners in Education Program. Because of caring people like you, our children have the opportunity to experience the rewards and benefits of an excellent education. The time and resources you have to offer are invaluable to our schools and children.

As a school system and as a community it is imperative that we work together to bring the best of both worlds to our children. I hope you will join us as a Partner in Education. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you, answer questions, or take you on a tour of any of our wonderful schools in Barrow County. You may either contact the Partner in Education Coordinator at each of our schools or Ellen Petree, our School & Community Relations Specialist. Mrs. Petree's contact information is as follows: ellen.petree@barrow.k12.ga.us and 678-425-2913.

Partnership is an annual agreement, and some partnerships may not be beneficial to both parties, therefore each school and business/organization has the opportunity to accept or decline participation in the Partners In Education Program.

We are looking forward to exploring with you how we may develop a mutually beneficial partnership to support our students in Barrow County. They will be our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
Barrow County School System



2016-2017 Student Calendar

176 Days

This calendar is the hourly equivalent of more than 180 instructional days.

July 2016						
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Date	Event or Holiday
4-Jul	Independence Day
22-Jul	New Teachers Report
25-Jul	190 Day Staff Report for Planning (1-5)
29-Jul	Open House for all schools
1-Aug	School Starts
5-Sep	Labor Day Holiday
7-Sep	Progress Reports
5-Oct	Report Cards
10-14 Oct	Fall break
8-Nov	Teacher Planning Day (6) - student holiday
18-Nov	Progress Reports
21-25 Nov	Thanksgiving Holiday
16-Dec	1st Semester classes end (88 days)
19-Dec	Teacher Planning Day (7) - student holiday
19-Dec	Begin Winter Break for students
1-Jan	New Year's Day
3-Jan	Teacher Planning Day (8) - student holiday
4-Jan	2nd Semester Begins for Students
4-Jan	Report Cards
16-Jan	ML King Holiday (Weather Make-up)
3-Feb	Progress Reports
20-Feb	Teacher Planning Day (9) (Weather Make-up)
8-Mar	End of 3rd Grading Period
10-Mar	Teacher Planning Day (10) (Weather Make-up)
15-Mar	Report Cards
3-13 Apr	ES & MS Milestone Testing
14-Apr	Teacher Planning Day (11) (Weather Make-up)
17-21 Apr	Spring Break
27-Apr	Progress Reports
18-May	Last Day of School (176 days)
18-May	Report Cards ES
18-May	AHS Graduation (8:00pm)
19-May	WBHS Graduation (8:00pm)
19-23 May	Teacher Planning Days (12,13,14)
24-May	Report Cards Mailed MS & HS

Barrow County Schools Partners In Education



“A Handshake – Not A Handout”

Barrow County Schools - FAQ's

What is PIE?

The Partners in Education program is a voluntary relationship between a business or civic organization that collaborate with a school for at least one year. The program meets the educational needs of children by giving them a real world perspective on the subjects they study in school. Partners help “share the load” with our educators and community. We consider a true partnership to be a “handshake not a handout”.

What does PIE try to accomplish?

Schools and businesses work together to give students a complete education by using the resources of both the school and business community. Businesses supplement traditional classroom teaching by the activities they sponsor such as tours, displays at the school, or providing speakers. Schools try to accommodate the interests of businesses so that both schools and businesses benefit.

What are the benefits of being a partner?

The benefits are significant. You may give your time, talent and energy to your school, but you will receive even more in return. You will gain a better understanding of our public school system, how it works and what the children need. Your company will gain public awareness as a business that cares about the quality of education in Barrow County. In addition, PIE can be a great moral booster for your employees by showing them how they have made a difference in a child's life. People like doing business with businesses that support children.

How does my partnership benefit the school and community?

Partnerships directly benefit children by giving them “real-world” experiences and the incentives they need to excel. Your business can prepare students to enter the work force by developing career awareness and showing them how business operates. Partners in Education make for a tightly knit community since businesses and schools work together to reach a common goal - giving students a well-rounded education.

Who can become a partner?

You can! Whether your business is large or just a one-person operation or civic club, you can make a valuable contribution to the education of children in Barrow County. Each partnership is unique. Partnership activities can be designed to accommodate you and your business. A partner can become involved with one school; with the entire school system or with a system-wide program such as special education or pre-kindergarten. There are two programs designed exclusively for businesses: One is the “4-Star Partner Plan” and the other is the “Friends of the School” plan. There is something for everyone.

What are the requirements of the Program?

The elements of the Partners In Education Program center around four components: *Student Motivation, Teacher & Faculty Appreciation, Community Service and Partner Recognition*. **Each partnership should strive to fulfill a minimum of one activity in each of the four component areas.** Those partnerships that are successful in meeting the four components are recognized as a “**Four Star Partner**”. Ask a PIE Coordinator at the school of your choice for more information call: Ellen Petree at 770-867-4527.



“A Handshake – Not A Handout”

Barrow County Schools - Partners In Education Possible Projects

(Below is a “sample” list only - each school will customize activities to meet the needs of their partners and students)

Student Motivation & Achievement

- Adopt a Classroom or Grade Level.
- Sponsor Student Contests.
- Serve as Classroom Speakers - Learning Buddies - Mentors.
- Host Field Trips to your Business or Organization.
- Reward Perfect Attendance.
- Reward 9 Week Report Card Achievements - A Honor Roll etc.
- Support Health and Safety Education - Red Ribbon Week.
- Work with and support Character Education.
- Help coordinate and sponsor Fine Arts programs.
- Sponsor “Newspapers in our Classrooms” or other reading & literature projects such as Accelerated Reading awards.
- Work on Career Fairs and Employment Preparation skills.
- Help with local schools Spelling Bee.
- Work, sponsor, support and generally offer guidance and assistance to projects that enhance and support the day-to-day curriculum in the classroom.
- Make sure whatever you do has a direct connection to student learning, achievement and motivation and can be justified by the school!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

- Help celebrate and recognize professional & personal accomplishments as deemed necessary by PIE Coordinator and/or Principal.
- Provide “Birthday of the Month” cakes/cards/balloons.
- Support local, state and national professional days of observation such as: American Character Education Week, National School Lunch Week, National School Bus Safety Week, American Education Week, Secretary/Administrative Professionals Week, Teachers Appreciation Week to name a few.
- Sponsor the Teacher of the Year Program at each school.
- Provide food, snacks, goodie bags during pre & post-planning days and/or teacher workdays.
- Help on Field Day supervise activities and events.
- Assist in the Lunch Room or provide relief for “Duty Free Lunch”.
- Provide manpower, volunteer time or donate surplus supplies when available.

Community Service / Involvement

- Participate in a joint effort project between PIE and school or grade/class such as fundraising needs for organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Relay for Life, United Way, March of Dimes, American Heart Association or other nationally recognized programs.
- Create a common project between the PIE and the school or grade/class that tackles a local or private issue such as: Beautification of School Grounds, local lakes, streams or ponds - work with Barrow Clean and Beautiful on recycling projects.
- Partner with local school, grade/class on service learning projects and/or charitable/benevolent work such as: Adopting a Family at the Holidays, working with Family Connection, Canned Food Drives and helping less fortunate in times of crisis within the individual school or local community.
- Create a partnership between the school, business partnership and local agencies such as The Tree House, Peace Place or other groups where specific goals and objectives are targeted.
- Partners can help sponsor or devote manpower to supporting local fundraising efforts of the school such as; Fall Festivals, Spring Carnivals or other efforts.

Partner Appreciation / Recognition

- Provide student artwork to the PIE as requested.
- Have chorus or band students perform for PIE at special occasions or Holidays.
- Hold Partner Appreciation breakfast or lunches throughout the year - possibly every 9 weeks.
- Send Birthday Cards to PIE and appropriate staff members.
- Provide speaker resources to PIE from our faculty and staff.
- Display PIE names in prominent places throughout the school environment or classrooms - Publish as a "standard feature" in your school newsletter, feature your PIE at your school PTO/PTA meetings, include them in your yearbook.
- Provide appropriate Spirit Wear and school mementos to PIE.
- Offer complimentary guest passes to school events or sporting events to PIE.
- School compiles a scrapbook or produces a Power Point presentation of each year's PIE program accomplishments to share with the faculty and PIE.
- Generate publicity within your school as well as to local media and on Website about PIE programs and activities.
- Have students make special projects or "goodies" for PIE.
- Plan to visit your PIE with your principal each least once or twice during each school year.... deliver goodie bags to PIE from school or take appreciation items.

REMEMBER!

This program is considered "A Handshake-Not A Handout". It operates on the fact that it is about people and about relationships. Make sure everything we do is connected to our operational plan and the 4-Star program.

"It's about people - it's about student achievement".

POSSIBLE DATES FOR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION PARTICIPATION



September

Hispanic Heritage Month
Barrow County Chamber of Commerce Expo

October

National School Lunch Week
Barrow County Schools Bus Roadeo
National School Bus Safety Weeks
Red Ribbon Week
Computer Learning Month
National Crime Prevention Month

November

American Indian Month
Veterans Day
American Education Week
National Children's Book Week

December

Pearl Harbor Day

January

Martin Luther King Day
National School Nurse Day

February

Black History Month
National Children's Dental Health Month
National School Counseling Week
Valentine's Day
President's Day
National F.F.A. Week

March

American Red Cross Month
Music In Our Schools Month
National Middle Level Education Month
National Nutrition Month
Youth Art Month
St. Patrick's Day
Easter

April

Barrow County Schools Fine Arts Festival
Professional Secretaries Week
Public School Volunteer Week
Keep America Beautiful Month
Mathematics Education Month

May

National Physical Education & Sport Week
Barrow County Schools PIE Appreciation Day
Teacher Appreciation Week
National Educational Bosses' Week
Memorial Day
Post-Planning

**Barrow County School System
Partner In Education Agreement
“A Handshake - Not A Handout”**



SCHOOL _____ DATE _____

PARTNER IN EDUCATION COORDINATOR NAME _____

BUSINESS PARTNER _____

BUSINESS CONTACT NAME _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING BELOW!

The school and business partner named above hereby agree to participate in the Partners In Education program for the Barrow County School System. Before signing this agreement I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with the Partner In Education (PIE) Coordinator and/or Principal or other designated Barrow County School employee, and fully understand the expectations of this agreement. By making this commitment, the Partner and School agree to support the 4 STAR Plan and meet the following objectives (one in each category)

- STUDENT MOTIVATION & ACHIEVEMENT
- TEACHER & FACULTY APPRECIATION
- COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

The school enters into this agreement and agrees to fulfill the 4th STAR of Partnership

- PARTNER APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION

The following school year the PIE Coordinator will contact the Business Partner to renew or to cancel the partnership agreement. Once the agreement is renewed, the Partnership will continue and another 4 STAR plan will be established. The original agreement shall remain in force until the Partner or School cancels the PIE agreement in writing.

Authorized Partner Representative Signature _____

EMAIL address _____ BUSINESS website _____

PHYSICAL address _____

MAILING address _____

WORK Number _____ OTHER number _____

SUPERINTENDENT _____ DATE _____



WHO Are ... "Friends of the School?"

"Friends" are valuable community resources and relationships. They participate based-upon their ability to make a commitment through time, resources, materials, finances or people.

"Friends" allow the business and the school to find a perfect-match with each other! A relationship that "fits" both the needs of the school and the desires of the business partner.

"Friends" operate on a much more casual basis than "4-Star PIE".

"Friends"

- Are not required to sign a "contract" with the school
- Are not required to attend "business meetings" at the school
- Are not required to meet four or more objectives within the "4-Star" Plan"



Contact your school of choice

"Friends of the School"
(A "piece" of PIE)



*"Maximizing Resources
Through Relationships"*



WHAT is "Friends of the School?"

This partnership involves businesses in a one-time or specific project or program within the school community.

"Friends" provide needed products, services, finances, and hands-on help to students and faculty. Less formal than the "4-Star" PIE Plan.

"Friends" provides support for a one-time special event or program such as school carnivals, activity days, *Fine Arts*, *"Adopt-A-Classroom"*, *Faculty Appreciation* or *Career Awareness* events.

There is no one type of business or rule that determines who is best suited for **"Friends"** — It is more a matter of each school working with each business to determine which "plan" best fits the needs of both parties.

It's all about -

***"Maximizing Resources
Through Relationships!"***

WHY "Friends of the School?"

Barrow County Schools Partner in Education program began as a joint venture through the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce in 1991. A handful of dedicated businesses joined forces with school and other community members to develop a program that would "link" the business world with the world of education.

Since its inception, the Partner in Education (PIE) program has grown from a meager beginning to a colossal enterprise of over 180+ businesses paired up with all 16 schools, and the PDC.

The resources this valuable program offers can be measured in man-power, materials, financial contributions and volunteer hours. During the 2013-2014 school-year, over 11,000 man-hours and



in-excess of \$150,000 were a direct result of the PIE program. What can not be measured and what is the most valuable resource of this program is

the long-term impact it has on the life of a student!

WHO Are "Friends of the School?"

Our **"Friends"** and PIE are as unique and different as the students we educate.

"Friends" come in all shapes, sizes and packages but they all have one thing in common - they have something to contribute and they want to make a difference!

"Friends" can be made up of small, medium or large corporations. They can be a single-proprietorship or they can have hundreds of employees. They can operate on a "shoe-string" budget or they can have a magnitude of resources to offer. There is value in ALL of these resources.

BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Friends of the School"

(A "piece" of PIE)

**"Maximizing Resources
Through Relationships"**