



Dear Barrett Primary Family,

Hello! My name is Karen Walthall and I'm so excited about our year that we will share at BPS! Currently, I'm the "Instructional Leader" at Barrett Primary with the goal of becoming an Assistant Principal when I've completed my Masters coursework.

My journey to Barrett Primary followed a long, winding path. I graduated from Texas Tech University with a Marketing/Business degree in 1981. From that time, until I began teaching 4th-Grade at Newport in 1999, I had a wide array of professions. Initially, I worked as a manager for Foley's and Macy's, then stayed home with my first child while working out of my home - first, running a home daycare and then, developing a computer database. Following those jobs, I worked as a secretary, accountant, and book keeper - all while raising my 3 children.

After teaching, (and loving it!) for 10 years at NES, I moved to Barrett Primary last year. I found that I *loved* this age! It was so much fun to watch 800 wide-eyed little ones who were so excited about their school, their teachers, and the joys of discovering the world around them. They were (are) precious!

Today, I truly believe that my "long winding path" has led me to a life and job that I love. You see, I get to touch the future by reaching the children of tomorrow - *your* children! My yearlong goal is to provide your son or daughter with a loving, fun environment filled with the joys of learning. When that happens, our time together will truly be a "success!"

☺ Karen Walthall