



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



*Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible*

*Patricia Reed—Principal*

*Andy Allison - Assistant Principal*

**From:  
The Principal's Desk.**

**May We Help?  
Feel Free to Call Us  
770-740-7015**

**C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S to Our C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N!**

Tension was high in the Media Center and in the audience as fourth and fifth grade classroom spelling bee winners competed for the title of Alpharetta Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion. The Spelling Bee was held this morning and our 2008-2009 Champion is Jenna Palmieri a 5th grader in Ms. Davis's class. Patrik Niiranen, a 4th grader from Mrs. Spartz's class, was our first runner-up. Ann Schaub, Media Specialist, was the pronouncer. The judges were Alicia Johnsson, business partner; Michele McInnish, CST; and Margaret Lawrence, Music Teacher. Classroom finalists/contestants in this year's AES Spelling Bee were: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Keys - Caroline Tweedy & Gus Martin; Gillette - Kiely Gaertner & Courtney Bellamy; Grizzle - Abbie Carrico & Kaitlyn Pearson; Spartz - Isabel Mahoney & Patrik Niiranen; Whitten - Kevin Alcalá & Madeline Ganter. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Brooks - Eleine Petit-Frere & Andrianna Pinckney; Davis - Ryan Milewski & Jenna Palmieri; Eineker - Alex Diaz & Elana Shebat; Haight - Melissa Perez & Luke Ladbrook; Seawright - Angus Ho & Morgan Sophie. Congratulations to all of our classroom finalists and best of luck to ---- as he/she competes in the Fulton County Schools Spelling Bee on February 5<sup>th</sup>!

- CST**  
Michele McInnish Ext. 135
- Counselor**  
Amanda Fischer Ext. 128
- IST**  
Mary Natelli Ext. 125  
Sheila Connell Ext. 131
- Cafeteria Manager**  
Vickye Monger Ext. 160
- Data Clerk**  
Lisa Hawks Ext. 132
- Clinic**  
Peggy Lloyd Ext. 134
- Media Specialist**  
Ann Schaub Ext. 150
- Principal's Secretary/Bookkeeper**  
Pam Ferguson Ext. 127



**Written Excuse for an Absence**

Alpharetta Elementary teachers consider regular on-time attendance *essential* to successful school progress. Excused absences include personal illness, death in the family and observance of religious holidays. Absences for other reasons will be considered unexcused unless pre-approved by administration. School system policy states: Any student who has been absent from school shall present a satisfactory written excuse within three days of returning to school. The excuse must state the reason for the absence and be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Students who have missed ten days of school or more in a school year may be required to provide additional verification including doctors' statements. So, remember to send a note to your child's teacher immediately after each absence.

**Answer Guides for the CRCT Practice Books**

Did you order a CRCT practice workbook for your child? If so, the answer guides are available for check-out from the Media Center.

**Reminder:**  
*URGENT!* For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking your student.

**School Closed?**  
It's getting to be the time of year for inclement weather. If you have a question whether or not school is closed, please tune to WSB-TV - the official channel for school closings for Fulton County Schools.

**Fulton County Schools Homework Hotline** – This service is free and available to all students. The phone number is 404-843-7700. Live help is available to students Monday – Thursday 5:00 pm -8:00 pm.

**BEAR Fair is Almost HERE!**



It is almost time for the B.E.A.R. Fair, "Be Excited About Reading," from QSP/Reader's Digest. The BEAR Fair offers your family the opportunity to support the Media Center by renewing your current magazine subscriptions through this magazine program. All magazines offered through the BEAR Fair are at greatly reduced prices.

All proceeds benefit the AES Media Center who will use the funds to purchase books for your children. Look for detailed information coming home soon. The B.E.A.R Fair runs from Monday, January 26 through Friday, January 31.



**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday  
Monday,  
January 19th  
No School**

**Wear Red, White & Blue to school on Tuesday, January 20th for Inauguration Day.**

**Message from the Clinic**

If you have clothes that belong to the clinic, please return them to Ms. Lloyd. If you would like to donate any clothing, these sizes are needed - Boys & Girls pants sizes 6-10. Please check with Ms. Lloyd before you drop off your donations.

**Up Coming Dates**

**January**

- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - **No school**
- 20 Katie Reeves Community Meeting - 9:30 - Summit Hill
- 21 PTA Meeting - 9:00-11:00- Media Center
- 22 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30
- 23 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00
- 26-30 Bear Fair

**February**

- 2 Ground Hog Day
  - 6 Bingo Night - 5:00-9:00pm
  - 7 YMCA Father Daughter Dance
  - 11 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30am
  - 13 5th Grade Chorus to Dogwood Forest for Heart Bingo
  - 14 Valentine's Day
  - 16 President's Day - NO School
  - 17 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00 pm
- Teacher Times:
- 4:30-5:30** - Linda Malo, Bobbie Halverson, Helen Ryan, Sally McCarthy, Betty Feehan, Patty Hambrick
  - 5:30-6:30** - Terrisa Warren, Ashley Dearcop, Julia Stromayer, Candi Michaelis
  - 6:30-7:30** - Cindy Fleischer, Gail Heller, Sue Grabau
- 17-18 Jump Rope for Heart
  - 19 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30 pm - Dunwoody Springs
  - 20 AES LSAC Meeting - 8:00-9:30 am
  - 25 Early Release Day



**"It's Just Hair" Cut-a-thon**

Do you have long hair? Would you consider donating it? Please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "It's Just Hair" Cut-a-thon to benefit Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hair pieces to financially disadvantaged children with long-term medical hair loss. The cut-a-thon will take place on May 18, 2009 in Alpharetta. Hair must be at least ten inches and can be colored. For more information please contact Diane Cooley at [itsjusthair@gmail.com](mailto:itsjusthair@gmail.com) or 678-521-5639

**Give your heart a treat!**



When you don't drink enough water, your blood thickens and your heart is forced to work extra hard. Make sure you drink 8 glasses of water a day.

**Bingo Night!**



AES Bingo Night is just around the corner! Join us on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> for a great night of family fun and prizes. Bingo Night ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for a Bingo Night flyer to go home with your child and also via email! We have two sessions of Bingo Night and they usually sell out FAST, so please return your ticket reservations to your child's teacher ASAP. Session one will run from 5-6:45 and Session two will run from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and include a meal (choice of Chick-fil-A sandwich, Chick-fil-A 8 pack nuggets or Chick-fil-A salad) and one bingo card. Extra bingo cards will be on sale, also. \*New this year\* Use your box tops to receive additional bingo cards! Look for more info on this coming soon!

Remember... buy your tickets early because sessions fill up fast!



**Chick-fil-A Family Night**



January 23rd - 5:00pm-8:00pm

Please join us for Chick-fil-A Family Night at the Windward Parkway Chick-fil-A for lots of family fun

and fellowship.

Teacher times -

- 4:30-5:30** - Brenda Bradley, Tracy Stephens, Kelly Combes, Jen Rice, Margaret Lawrence, Susan Hallam
- 5:30-6:30** - Janelle Wardrop, Trish Urquhart, Carol Accurso



**Box Top News**

Thanks for the overwhelming participating in the Box Top Contest before the holiday break. We collected and submitted \$1200 in Box Tops, \$30 in Tyson Project A+ labels, and 3720 Campbell's Labels for Education points!!! That is outstanding!!

**Publix Box Top Promotion**

There is a new Bonus Box Top promotion that Publix is running in conjunction with General Mills now through mid October 2009. Publix has Bonus Box Tops peel-offs on "specially-marked General Mills products." You can go to [www.PublixBoxTops.com](http://www.PublixBoxTops.com) to register & put in the code from the back of the peel-off sticker. Please don't throw these away. If you can't put the codes on the website, please deposit the peel-offs in the Box Top collection bin either at Publix or at AES. This is what AES earns:

For 6 Bonus codes = 30 extra Box Tops or 30 cents, For 8 Bonus codes = 50 extra Box Tops or 50 cents, for 12 Bonus codes = 100 extra Box Tops or \$1

**Introducing Kroger e-Labels for Education**

For the first time, Campbell and Kroger are teaming up to launch a new addition to the Labels for Education program. How it works: Go to [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com) to sign up online. Enter your Kroger Plus shoppers card number, then choose Alpharetta Elementary to receive your e-Labels for Education points. Every time you shop at Kroger and purchase any participating Campbells products, AES will automatically received points!! AES will redeem the points for educational merchandise from the Campbell's LFE catalog. Please sign up today and help our school earn these valuable points.

**Keep Clipping for Bingo Night**

Be on the lookout for Box Top and Campbell's Bingo sheets. If you bring the completed the sheet to Bingo Night, you will receive a free bingo card. Look for details to come home with your child. We are also working on another Publix basket raffle during Bingo Night, so stay tuned for details.