



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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

*Patricia Reed—Principal*

*Andy Allison - Assistant Principal*

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

**From:  
The Principal's Desk**

- 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



This historic week began with our school joining the nation by honoring Martin Luther King then the Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama. Students and staff were invited to wear red, white and blue to school on Tuesday along with participating in a variety of learning experiences depending on the students' grade levels. After studying about the election process in the fall, it was only natural to keep the learning going by learning about the 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the inauguration process.

Speaking of elections, it is with great pleasure to report that Ann Schaub was just elected by the Media Specialists throughout the state of Georgia to serve as Secretary of the Georgia Library Media Association. What an honor to learn that other Media Specialists recognize what we already know – Mrs. Schaub is an outstanding School Media Specialist! She will be inducted into office this evening in Perry, Georgia. Congratulations, Mrs. Schaub! (By the way, don't you think our school's media program shines and Mrs. Schaub deserves to be recognized as Fulton County Media Specialist of the Year? If so, please share a story or give me your thoughts about her so I can include in the nomination letter. I want her to win!)

A big thank you is in order to Leigh Ann Maloney for her leadership of the 08-09 AES PTA Membership Drive. I was so pleased to find out that we achieved our membership goal for this year and we are one of only three schools to be recently recognized by the North Fulton County PTA for achieving the Gold Membership Award. What a great accomplishment for our school!

If you were unable to attend this week's PTA meeting on Wednesday, you missed the joy of seeing recently retired and beloved AES teacher, Shirley Benton. Not only did she attend AES as a child, she spent her entire exemplary teaching career at AES. Mrs. Benton was honored by our PTA for her service to youth and awarded the rarely presented National PTA Life Achievement Award, Highest Honor from PTA. Congratulations, Mrs. Benton!

**Dollars and Sense: Children and Economic Pressures**

Recently I received this timely article from *School Psychology News* and decided that perhaps some of the suggestions it listed may help some of our families as they attempt to cope with the ramifications of the ongoing economic crisis. The sense of confusion and uncertainty experienced by many adults can be transmitted to children. Elementary school aged children may show signs of stress such as unusual irritability, aggressiveness, clinginess, school avoidance and poor concentration. It is important that we adults help children experiencing stress cope during these troubling times.

Over the next few weeks, I will share with you some of the suggestions listed in this article on *How to Help*:

- Be reassuring.** Acknowledge that potential financial problems are unsettling. Point out the likelihood that you and your children/students will be fine. Discuss the difference between *possible* and *probable* impact.
- Normalize feelings.** Allow children to discuss their feelings and concerns and encourage any questions they may have about events or information they hear. Let them know others, including adults, are feeling the same way.
- Take care of yourself.** You will be better able to help children if you are coping well. Deal with your own reactions to circumstances by talking with friends, family, faith leaders, or a counselor. Take care of your physical health as well.

**Reminder:**  
**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.



**The No. 1 Source for Camp Info!**

What: Atlanta Parent Magazine's Camp Expo 2009  
 Location: North Point Mall  
 Date/Time: Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 FREE

For more information contact: Diana Johnson

Phone: 678.222.1901 or Email: [specialevents@atlantaparent.com](mailto:specialevents@atlantaparent.com)

**Up Coming Dates**



**January**

26-30 Bear Fair

**February**

- 2 Ground Hog Day
  - 6 AES Talent Show Audition forms Due Today  
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 Katie Reeves Community Mtg - Hopewell MS - 9:30-11:30  
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



"The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Jump Rope for Heart event is February 17-18 during your child's PE time. Feel free to come by and support your children as they jump rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. JRFH informational packets will come home with your child on January 30. Until then, if you have any questions, email us (the PE teachers) at [bryant@fultonschools.org](mailto:bryant@fultonschools.org) or [morrisac@fultonschools.org](mailto:morrisac@fultonschools.org)."

**BEAR Fair is HERE!**



It is 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. Also, all magazines offered through the BEAR Fair are at greatly reduced prices. Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Why not send your loved one the gift that keeps on giving? All proceeds benefit the AES Media Center which will use the funds to purchase books for your children. Look for detailed information coming home this Friday, January 23rd when students will receive their BEAR Fair packets. The B.E.A.R Fair runs from Monday, January 26 through Friday, January 30.

**ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRE-K REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

**REGISTRATION – Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 – 2:00**  
**You will be notified of the results from the lottery by mail or e-mail by Friday, March 13.**

Registration packets will be available March 2nd in the front office.  
**All items must be presented at time of registration.**

Items needed:

- Immunization form 3231
- Eye, Ear, and Dental form 3300
- Certified copy of the Birth Certificate
- Copy of the Social Security Card or waiver
- Affidavit of Residence (in packet)
- Bright From the Start Registration form (yellow-in packet)
- 2 Proofs of Residence (utility bill, lease, contract, etc.)



For further information: Bright From the Start website  
[www.decal.state.ga.us](http://www.decal.state.ga.us)

**Please share this with your neighbors and friends.**

**Box Tops and Bingo Night**

There are two ways to win at Bingo Night with Box Tops.

**Box Top Bingo:**

Completely fill a Box Top Bingo sheet with 16 Box Top points and receive an additional bingo card \*FREE\*. Look for the Box Top Bingo sheets to come home in your child's folder. This offer is unlimited, bring in as many filled Box Top Bingo sheets as you wish and received \*FREE\* bingo cards to use during Bingo Night.

**Publix Basket Raffle:**

We will be raffling one Publix Food basket at each Bingo Night session. Write your name on the back of your trimmed, unexpired Box Tops, and simply drop them into the Publix Basket raffle bag. The basket contains \$50 worth of Box Top products and food from Publix. A special thank you to our partner, Publix, for sponsoring our raffle!



**Newsletter Announcement – A.E.S. Talent Show**

The PTA is sponsoring a Talent Show on Thursday, March 12. All students in grades 3 – 5 are invited to audition for the show. Auditions will be held Thursday afternoon March 5, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., in the A.E.S. cafeteria. Students must prepare and practice their Talent Show Act at home and come ready to audition. All student music, costumes, material and dance movements must be school appropriate. (If the audition committee feels that an act is inappropriate in any way, the act will be disqualified.) Talent acts will be judged on preparation, originality, talent and presentation. Lip-synching to a song is not acceptable for the Talent Show. The performers that receive the highest scores will be asked to perform in the Talent Show. If your child would like to audition for the Talent Show, please fill out and return the form that will be sent home with your child today. If you have any questions, contact Julie Abboud at [julieabboud@yahoo.com](mailto:julieabboud@yahoo.com).



**Students...It's time again for the SIX FLAGS Six-Hour Reading Club.** All you have to do to receive your **FREE** Six Flags ticket is complete your six hours of reading and return your reading track sheet to your teacher no later than Tuesday, February 24, 2009! Happy Reading!!!

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Moore (Read to Succeed Coordinator) at 678-357-8200 or [heidijmoore@comcast.net](mailto:heidijmoore@comcast.net).

**Be sure to check out our new on-line calendar at [www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta)**