



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings

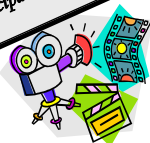


Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Patricia Reed—Principal

Andy Allison - Assistant Principal

**From:
The Principal's Desk**



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

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



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.

Lights, Camera, Action! What an exciting way to begin this week here at AES. Carolyn Chapman and Rita King, the nationally known authors of the Differentiated Instruction series of books, chose Alpharetta Elementary from "all of the other schools in the US and Canada as one which does a particularly effective job meeting the various instructional needs of students through differentiated instruction". "Alpharetta Elementary is among the best schools anywhere!" A Hollywood, California film crew filmed what will eventually be used in a series of staff development tapes. Educators from all parts of the US will study the differentiated instructional techniques that our teachers routinely use in their classrooms that are described in the Differentiated Instruction books. What an honor for AES and the teachers and students in the following classes: Melanie Morgan, Beth Thompson, Joyce Brooks, and Carol Seawright. Additionally, the authors plan to spotlight the third grades' study of Little House in the Big Woods and the way our PE teachers, Angie Bryant and Allyson Morris, integrate language arts with PE instruction.

It is also with pride I report to you that the following AES students will participate tomorrow morning in the *2008-2009 Fulton County Technology Competition* at Westlake High School: Morgan Franklin & Susan Miller – 5th graders - multimedia - Photo Story 3
Matthew Campbell – 5th grader – multimedia – Power Point
Kai McKeever – 3rd grader - project programming – Logo
Rohith Sundaranageswaran - 3rd grader – multimedia – Power Point
We wish all of you the best of luck! Also, a big thank you is in order to AES teachers, Kelly Combes, Maryann D'Amelio, and Suzanne O'Brien, for your valuable assistance at the competition.

Way to go AES!



Dollars and Sense: Children and Economic Pressures How to Help (cont.):

Maintain a normal routine. Although schedules may be chaotic if employment is impacted by the financial downturn, try to ensure that mealtimes and bed-times are maintained.

Be optimistic. Keep a positive view of the future.

Prepare children in advance for family changes. If dealing with a change in family circumstances, do not try to hide the truth. Children sense parents' worry and the unknown can be more frightening than the truth. Avoid unnecessary discussions in front of your child about events or issues that might increase stress. Remind your child that he/she can get through tough times, particularly with the love and support of family and friends.

Turn off or monitor the television. Stay informed, but limit children's exposure to repetitive newscasts. Older children may want to watch the news but be available to discuss potentially upsetting information.

Communicate with the school. Share any concerns you have with teachers, including if your family is experiencing stress related to the current financial situation. Encourage the teacher to keep you informed as well. Remember that teachers might be under heightened stress like everyone else. Not only are they supporting their students, they may also be trying to cope with their own financial issues.

Resources: National Association of School Psychologist & American Psychological Association

BIRTHDAY TREATS - IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

Recently we have had some big scares with birthday treats – students with allergies or diabetes receiving them in the lunch room from parents. We now feel the need to implement the following changes: All birthday treats will be served in the homeroom class by the teacher whenever time allows. Therefore, all precut or single serving treats should be brought to the classroom by the child or delivered to the office no later than 8:00. Please contact your child's teacher to let him/her know what your plans are. Since we now have more students who are unable to eat these treats, perhaps you would rather send a small school tool (pencil, eraser, ruler, sticker, etc.) for each student or donate a new classroom book, game or ball to the class in honor of your child's birthday. As always, party favors, balloons, and/or flowers are prohibited. No personal birthday party invitations may be distributed at school.

Up Coming Dates

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 10th 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 or morrisac@fultonschools.org.

Attention 5th Grade Band Parents

The 5th grade band will be participating in the Milton Area Band Cluster Concert on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Please have your child at the Milton HS Gym by 6:30 pm. The concert starts at 8:00pm.



Thank you and Congratulations go to **Shirley Benton** who was presented with a **Georgia PTA Honorary Life Membership** at the PTA meeting on January 21. Ms. Benton retired as a teacher with Alpharetta Elementary School last summer. She was with AES longer than any other teacher having started in 1973. She became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2001. Teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. Ms. Benton was always supportive of PTA, and we appreciated her dedication to the students of AES.

**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

Please share this with your neighbors and friends.



Office DEPOT Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

Business Solutions Division Parents and school supporters: Every time you shop at Office Depot and give the AES 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying qualifying school supplies, AES receives 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for FREE SUPPLIES! The AES Back to Schools ID number is: 70024577.

PTA OFFICER NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

It's time to accept nominations for the Alpharetta Elementary PTA officers for the 2009/2010 school year. The nominating committee is responsible for selecting and presenting the slate of officers at the election meeting to be held in the Media Center on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 @ 9:00AM. We are seeking nominees for the following positions: Co-President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP Community Relations, VP Special Events, and VP Ways & Means.

The deadline for submitting nomination forms, for the aforementioned positions, is February 13, 2009.

The Nominating Committee will post a report indicating the nominees for each elected position on Friday, March 6, 2009 and present the same on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the scheduled PTA meeting.

Please contact Bernie Przysiecki, Nominating Committee Chair, for a nomination form and listing of qualifications for each position.

Bernie Przysiecki
Nominating Committee Chair, 2009
przysieckipack@msn.com; 678.624.9226



5th Grade Parents...

Bake Sale Items needed for Bingo Night!! Our fifth graders will be holding a bake sale to raise money for their legacy project during Bingo night Friday, Feb. 6th. We can use as much as you can bake-bagged and tagged at 50 cents. Please help support our students leave their mark at AES! We also need 5th grade volunteers to man the tables during the night. Please send your pink volunteer form back ASAP

Questions: Ann Davalos 770-569-2284
Kim Jones 770-619-5459



The Media Center sends a big "THANK YOU" to all the parents and students who participated in our B.E.A.R. Fair. The response was great and we hope you all were able to renew some of your favorite magazines and maybe even try a new subscription. Because of your support, our program was a great success. We hope everyone had some fun and we will use the proceeds to build our leveled reader collection for the younger grades and our series books for the upper grades. Thank you for your great support!

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Bingo Night is quickly approaching! Join us on Friday, February 6th for an evening of fun, food and prizes! The first session of Bingo Night is full, but there are still some seats left during the second session (7:15 – 9:00 p.m.) Please place your ticket orders ASAP. Questions about tickets? Please contact Tracey at traceynelt@bellsouth.net



Volunteers are needed for Bingo Night! It's one of the most fun volunteer opportunities at AES. We could use some help with ticketing, concessions and clean up. Please consider helping out. Contact TJ Gagne at pgagne1@att.net

Bingo Night Prize Patrol is still on the look-out for trinkets, toys and give-aways. If you run your own home based business and would like to donate a gift, please let us know! Also, if your company has extra promotional items (t-shirts, coffee mugs, pencils...) we'd be happy to find them a home! We're not picky! Contact Donna at donna.augello@harrynorman.com



Milton High School Theatre presents **CINDERELLA** - A beautiful, fun, fanciful musical from the same award winning theatre group that brought you High School Musical and Little Mermaid. All performances are in the theatre at Milton High School on Birmingham Highway.

Performance times:
 Thursday, February 5 - 7:00 pm
 Friday, February 6 - 7:00 pm
 Saturday, February 7 - 10:00 am , 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Tickets are available online at SeatYourself.Biz/miltdrama for \$8.50 per person and at Milton High School February 2-6 from 11:30-1:30

Child Safety Day - Thursday, February 5th

Ident-A-Kid will be at Alpharetta ES on Thursday, February 5th to photograph, fingerprint, weigh and measure you child. To participate, please fill in the application envelope that was sent home this week with your child and return it on or before Thursday the 5th. All information is confidential and will be returned with your completed Ident-A-Kid card. None of your child's information is shared or kept on their database. Siblings are welcome on Child Safety Day. You can visit their website at www.identakid.com.

If you have been into the school in the last 4 months, you have used the new computer sign-in system. This system is furnished free of charge by Ident-A-Kid.



Congratulations to George Coyle and Nathan Shirley for placing in the Milton Jr. Wrestling meet on Sunday, February 25th. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, George placed 3rd and Nathan won 1st place.



A.E.S. Talent Show - Remember to return your Talent Show forms by Friday, February 6th.



Menu for Monday, February 2

Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs, Grits & Toast
 Honey Nut Cereal
 Orange Juice
 Choice of Milk

Lunch - Tomato - Basil Soup w/ grilled cheese sandwich
 Hamburger w/lettuce & tomato
 Tater Tots, Green Beans
 Apricots, Fresh Orange
 Fruit & Yogurt Salad Plate
 Grilled Chicken Wrap Plate



Menus will be sent out on Monday. Sorry for the delay.



Be sure to check out our new on-line calendar at www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta