



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



I hope all of you felt as loved this past Valentine's Day weekend as our teachers did! How thoughtful of all of you for your generosity in contributing to gift cards for the teachers to use to stock up some much needed supplies for their classrooms. A special thank you goes to Sandi Hutchinson and Foncia Fralin for heading up this **teacher appreciation** campaign.

If you came into the school this past week, you may have been tempted to join in the jumping fun that was going on in our gym. For years, Alpharetta Elementary has participated in the national educational fund-raising program called **Jump Rope for Heart**. You may ask yourself, "why?" Well, did you know a few of the reasons are:

- ♥ Regular periods of moderate to vigorous physical activity (3-5 times per week) enhance the health, academic performance, attitudes and classroom behavior of children at school.
- ♥ More than 9 million children are overweight and 23% get no exercise.
- ♥ American children ages 2-17 spend an average of almost 25 hours per week watching TV – that's more than any other activity except sleeping.
- ♥ Some experts predict that for the first time in history, because of inactivity and obesity-related illnesses, children's life spans will be shorter than their parents'.

Since our P.E. teachers joined with most of our neighboring schools in this jump roping event, AES received the newest heart-healthy curriculum from the American Heart Association and we were able to help satisfy the National Association for Sport and Physical Education standards for physical education and health. What a bonus that our school is now eligible for some free P.E. equipment! Please accept this "heartfelt" thank you for your support of this program.

You should receive your child's **Progress Skills Checklist** this afternoon. If you have questions concerning your child's grades, please contact his/her teacher. Our teachers are more than happy to discuss your child's progress and our instructional programs at Alpharetta Elementary. We pride ourselves on the working partnerships we have built with so many parents. Teachers always prefer to hear from parents directly rather than the principal or someone else if there are concerns. **Remember – teachers first!**

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



Let's hear it for our school! Alpharetta Elementary was honored last night at the Fulton County Board of Education Meeting for our **"Highest Performance"** award from the Single Statewide Accountability System. It just goes to show that our hard work and the students' academic achievements were noticed. So, join me in being proud of Alpharetta Elementary School!



School Closed?
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.

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

REGISTRATION – Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 – 2:00

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



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.

**Early Release Day is Wednesday, February 25th.
If you haven't returned your form, please do so on Monday.**

Up Coming Dates

February

- 24 **Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00 pm**
Teacher Times:
 - 4:30-5:30 - Linda Malo, Bobbie Halverson, 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
- 25 **Early Release Day**

March

- 2-6 Exceptional Children's Week
- 3 Exceptional Children's Program - 9:00-10:00
- 4 5th grade Ga. Writing assessment
PTA Executive Board Mtg - 8:30-10:30
- 5 AES Talent Show Auditions 3rd -5th grade by appointment
Exceptional Children's Program 9:00-10:00
I Can Ceremony & Reception - 10:00-11:00
- 8 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 9 Parent Night for Rising 6th Grade Parents at NWMS
6:00- TAG Meeting
7:30 - General Meeting
- 11 PK Registration - 8:00-2:00
Alpharetta/Milton Cluster LSAC - Milton Center - 9:00-11:00
AES Talent Show Dress Rehearsal - café - 2:30-4:30
- 12 AES Talent Show - café - 6:00-7:00
- 13 Teacher Work Day - No School
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
Katie Reeves Community Mtg - Milton HS - 7:00-9:00 pm
- 18 PTA Meeting - 9:00-11:00 - Media Center
- 19 FCBOE Board Mtg - 6:30-8:30 - Dunwoody Springs
- 20 Report Cards Sent Home
- 21 First Day of Spring
- 24 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00
- 25 Early Release Day
- 27 4th Grade Field Trip to Wahsega
- 30 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20- Burns
- 31 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20 - Walker



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 Six Flags Reading Tracking Sheet to your teacher no later than 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 heidimoore@comcast.net.

Chick-fil-A Family Night



February 24th - 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 - Linda Malo, Bobbie Halverson, Sally McCarthy, Betty Feehan, Patty Hambrick
- 5:30-6:30 - Terrisa Warren, Ashley Dearcop, Julia Stromayer
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Two very important people were left off the Thank you for Bingo volunteers and helpers last week. We would like to say a big Thank You to **Tracey Gaertner** and **Melissa Brady** for all their wonderful help.

Congratulations to Nate Shirley for placing 2nd in the February 8th Sandy Creek Wrestling Tournament.

Knowing Your Child's Learning Style (cont.)

Visual Learners

A visual learner is one who relates most effectively to written information in the form of pictures, words and diagrams. Visual learners make up about 65% of the population.

A visual learner remembers visual details, prefers to see what they are learning, and likes to have paper and pens handy to write notes or draw pictures. It is not unusual for this learner to doodle while listening and may have difficulty following a lecture or oral presentation. The visual learner likes to write down instructions or phone numbers to read over and over again.

Can you remember a time that you made a grocery list? You wrote it down and left it on the counter. When you get to the grocery store, you are able to recall the items just by making a mental picture of the list to read to yourself.

(Notable News from KnowledgePoints, Our Partner in Education)



OSCAR PARTY DONATIONS NEEDED

Having an Oscar party this weekend? Before you throw out those decorations, please send them into the Media Center for our Spring Book Fair! If you have Oscar / Hollywood decorations you'd like to loan (to be returned), that's super, too! Just drop them by the Media Center labeled with your name & number. For additional information or if you would like to participate on the decorating committee, please contact Donna Savas at donna@savasdigitalcreations.com.



Jr. Eagles Cheer Tryouts 2009-2010 Season

Tryouts for Jr. Eagles Cheer (Milton Eagles Feeder Program) will be held March 30, 31 and April 1. Tryouts are open to all girls that will be in 6th, 7th and 8th grade next year. A mandatory parent/student meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 in the Milton High school Cafeteria.

Program consists of the following squads: 6th, 7th & 8th grade football and 6th, 7th & 8th grade basketball.

If you have questions, please email: Coach Tansy Westenskow at jr.eaglescheer@gmail.com or visit jreaglescheer.blogspot.com.

PTA Positions at NMS

If you will have a child attending Northwestern Middle School next year and have an interest in being on the PTA Board next year as a committee chair or member of the Executive Board, we would love to have you participate! Please contact Donna Savas at 770-663-0508, Lisa Gould at 770-772-0436 or Foncia Fralin at 678-319-9925.

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