



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**
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With a theme of "Together We Shine", Alpharetta Elementary had lots of great events including a performance by our special needs students and staff along with an "I Can Ceremony" and Reception. Kudos to Mary Natelli and all of our special education staff for making this week so wonderful and for all that they do for our special students each and every day.

*Kids Who Are Different
By Digby Wolfe*

*Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids who don't always get A's,
The kids who have ears twice the size of their peers',
And noses that go on for days . . .*

*Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids they call crazy or dumb,
The kids who don't fit, with the guts and the grit,
Who dance to a different drum . . .*

*Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids with the mischievous streak,
For when they have grown, as history's shown,
It's their difference that makes them unique.*

Well, winter continues to linger and with that many of our parents like to bring their children to school by car. With that, I have noticed an increase in tardies especially on cold and/or rainy days. It is very important to bring your child to school on time. By doing so, you convey to your child that school is important, punctuality is a valuable quality, and he/she will not miss out on part of the instructional day. Please help us to have all of our students at school all day, every day. Remember, your child must be **in his/her class by 7:50**.

We also need your help in talking with your children about the importance of covering their mouths when they sneeze and cough, flushing the toilet and washing their hands, and the importance of rest, exercise and proper diet. It is the time of year when we are having many students absent with a variety of illnesses and **we want your child healthy and at school**.

News from the School Nutrition Department

Due to the current status of our economy, we want to make all parents aware that free and reduced meal applications are available. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year and are available from the school nutrition manager at all schools in the district. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school cafeteria (770-667-2930) or the Regulatory Office at 404-305-2220.



Did you know?

The School Nutrition Department has created a newsletter for parents, students, teachers, and staff?

When?

It is created monthly by Leslie Lew, School Nutrition Area Supervisor with the assistance of Alyssia Waters, School Nutrition Coordinator.

Where?

It can be found on the School nutrition website at <http://fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/>

Why?

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide current up to date creditable information on nutrition and health for families. The newsletter also gives up an opportunity to share nutrition education activities that take place in our schools.

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

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.

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.

Up Coming Dates

- March**
- 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 Exceptional Children's Program - 9:00-10:00
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
Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 8:30-8:50 - Morgan
Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20- Burns
Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20 - Walker
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- April**
- 1 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 8:00 - 8:20 - Craven
 - 2 Kdgn - Goldilocks - 8:00 - 8:20 - Lister/McDaniel
Spring Group Picture Day
Domino's Pizza Family Night (delivery only)
 - 3 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 8:00-8:20 - Hadid

News from the Clinic



There are simple ways to avoid most infections -

Hand washing is a guarantee. Most colds, flu and common infections are caused by viruses, not by bacteria. And although viruses can travel up to 3 feet when a person coughs or sneezes, they live for only a few minutes to at most 2 hours if the landing place is dry. Exercise more caution around wet surfaces which provide a friendlier home for viruses, and always dry your hands after washing up.

You can never infect yourself - Your toothbrush is full of germs, but they are your germs, replacing your toothbrush frequently won't help you avoid illness. It's sharing of toothbrushes, drinks, and food that can get you in trouble. If you catch a cold you **can't** get sick again from the same germs. But disinfecting is important to protect others. Your bedroom, bathroom and kitchen should be washed after an illness using bleach-containing disinfectant, which kills both viruses and bacteria.

Remember when you are in the grocery store or any store where a cart is used to wipe down the handle before putting your hands on it. Publix and other stores now provide Clorox wipes for this very purpose. They are usually located at the front by the carts.

Another big germ catcher is the phone.

Knowing Your Child's Learning Style (cont.)

Tactile Learner

A tactile learner is one who relates most effectively through their sense of touch. Tactile learners make up about 5% of the population.

A tactile learner likes using hands and fingers, writing, drawing, and taking notes to remember information. He/she also likes using hands-on manipulatives, involving their emotions and feelings while learning, and likes to touch things in order to learn about them.

A tactile learner is often your artistic child - the one who loves finger painting or is very crafty. He may also love building with Legos as a favorite toy. Frequently a tactile child will simply love to sit quietly and create as long as she has her hands engaged. It may be the child who enjoys tinkering with a clock or a computer, taking things apart and figuring out how to put them back together.

Ok, now think back to that grocery list you wrote. You are now the tactile learner who left it sitting on your counter at home. This time in the grocery store you use your hand to pretend that you are writing the list again and are able to recall the items.

(Notable News from KnowledgePoints, Your Partner in Education)



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

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

Registration packets can be picked up in the office.

**Fulton County Elementary Schools
Spring Registration
May 6 & May 7, 2009
Grades K-5**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ENROLLED IN
FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Your child will bring a survey form home to be completed and returned to school. Look for these materials on April 24. Please return them to school immediately.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT PRESENTLY ENROLLED
IN FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

You should enroll at your local elementary school. You should bring the following documents to help speed up registration.

- Grades K-5 – Official State Birth Certificate**
- Georgia State Immunization Form (3231)**
- Georgia State Hearing, Vision & Dental Screening Form (3300)**
- Copy of Child's Social Security or Waiver Affidavit of Residence**
- 2 Proofs of Residence (utility bill, lease, contract, etc.)**

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday May 6
8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7**

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH
INTERESTED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

For further information call the office at 770-740-7015.

Parents,

This is a reminder to send lunch money on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Three or more charges will result in the child receiving a sandwich and milk. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 770-667-2930.

Thanks, Vickye Monger, Cafeteria Manager

