



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Patricia Reed—Principal

Andy Allison - Assistant Principal

**From:
The Principal's Desk**

We have had a very successful and busy second week of school. The boys and girls, as well as the staff, have fallen quickly into a pleasant routine. The students are doing a nice job walking quietly and orderly through the halls, finding the right table to sit at in the cafeteria, and following classroom and cafeteria behavior standards. I am proud of all of our students.

Thank you, parents, for your support and attendance at our recent Curriculum Nights. These meetings are meant to provide parents with essential information and hopefully you signed up to volunteer here at school. Remember, there is no such thing as too many volunteers. When you volunteer, **YOU** can make a difference because each parent is an integral part of their child's successful education. We look forward to working with you throughout this school year.

If you have questions or concerns about anything, the teacher is typically the first line of help for you. In an effort to resolve a question quickly, the teacher may have the answer since most questions typically relate to a classroom activity or procedure. If the teacher is not able to assist you Michele McInnish, our new Curriculum Support Teacher, or Amanda Fischer, Counselor, may be able to help. If you have a special education question, Mary Natelli, Instructional Support Teacher, will provide assistance. Finally, our new assistant principal, Andy Allison, and I are always available to assist you in any way that we can.

**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

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Data Clerk
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Clinic
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Principal's Secretary/Bookkeeper
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Michele McInnish - Curriculum Support Teacher (CST)



I am thrilled to be the Curriculum Support Teacher (CST) for Alpharetta Elementary. My journey in education started from my admiration of my first grade teacher, Mrs. Woods. From that one teacher that touched my life, I knew education was the profession for me. After I earned my bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, I accepted my first teaching job at Roswell North Elementary as a special education teacher. I continued as a special education teacher when I transferred to Hembree Springs Elementary. While teaching, I returned back to school to earn my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. My journey continued as I transferred to my neighborhood school, Summit Hill Elementary. While at Summit Hill, I had the wonderful opportunity to step into the role of a general education teacher. Throughout my teaching profession, I have been privileged to have such a broad spectrum of experience from special education to general education. Teacher is not my only role in life. I am also a wife and mother. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Clay, and the proud mother of two wonderful children, Peyton (7) and Hampton (3). Again, I am thrilled to be part of the Alpharetta family, and honored that my journey in education has lead me to Alpharetta Elementary.

Andy Allison - Assistant Principal



Greetings to all of my new families, friends, and community members of Alpharetta Elementary School. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my excitement about my new role as your Assistant Principal and know that I am in full support of the already well established expectations set by our wonderful staff. Our goal here at Alpharetta Elementary is to ensure that your child receives an education that meets your child's individual learning needs. As a teacher the last seven years, I professionally have placed a great emphasis on communicating and collaborating between both home and school. In order for your child to achieve academic success, it is imperative that we work together with one shared goal in mind, improving student achievement. I look forward to meeting you all in person and if you should ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are going to have a terrific school year!

Our first School Grounds Week will be September 8-12.

Up Coming Dates

August

- 26 Room Rep Meeting – café – 6:30-7:30
- 27 LSAC meeting - 8:00 am

September

- 1 Labor Day no school
- 8-12 Grounds Work Week
- 10 Green School Clean Air Day – Walk to School
PTA Executive Board Mtg – 8:30
- 11 Rain Date for Green School Walk to School Day
- 17 Constitution Day
Early Release Day
- 18 FCBOE Board Mtg 6:30
- 22-26 ITBS Testing 3rd & 5th grade
- 23 First Day of Autumn



Attendance Matters

Does attendance really matter? Absolutely! Research shows a clear link between being in school and doing well. Students who miss school fall behind. Even coming in late and leaving early can contribute to a student having learning difficulties.

When your child wakes up with a fever of 102 degrees, he certainly needs to stay home. But sometimes children miss school for things that could easily be avoided. Here are some of the top reasons for school absences, along with ideas on how to avoid them:

- Child can't get up. - Change your child's bedtime to an earlier time and soon the time will become routine. Don't let your child sleep in the morning.
- Doctor's appointment. - Ask if the doctor will see your child outside of school hours.
- Can't get organized. - Take a few minutes at night to prepare for the next day. Lay out clothes. Pack book bag and your child's lunch or give him lunch money.
- Family trip. - There are only 180 school days vs. 185 non-school days per year! So please schedule trips on non-school days.

Be Sure to Read ...

the Student/PTA Handbook that you received at open house. We have made several changes in school policies concerning early check out, forgotten items, changing the way your students go home, cafeteria rules, birthdays, etc.



Early Release Days for 2008-2009

Students will be dismissed at 11:20am on these days.

- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- February 25
- March 25

AES is Wild about PTA

Our PTA Membership Drive continues to pursue our goal of **100%**. When we reach this goal, we will have a school-wide **popsicle party** for all the children. Look for the **PTA Membership Red Envelope** in your child's backpack soon and return it right away with your contribution so we can reach our goal. Congratulations to the following families who each won 10 free carnival tickets from the raffle held for those who joined during the Open House Membership Drive: Graham (Conner-5th grade), Renaldo (Patrick -3rd grade & Layne - 1st grade), and Takacs (Michael - 5th grade & Rachel -2nd grade). Please contact Leigh Ann Maloney, Membership Chair (770-664-1132 or lam63@comcast.net) with any questions.

Attention Room Representatives

Room Representative Meeting for all classroom reps on Tuesday, August 20, 2008 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Email Shay Weaver with any questions @ shaymweaver@yahoo.com.



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WHERE SHOPPING IS A PLEASURE

We want to give a huge THANKS to our partner **PUBLIX** for donating 4000 Campbell's Labels for Education points to our school. Don Kussrath and Donna Snyder of Publix were given the bonus certificates by Campbell's who came to visit their store display. Publix could have given the certificates to any school, or divided them among many schools, but they donated them ALL to AES. Thank You **PUBLIX** for being such a great partner!

Unlike other programs, Campbell's Labels for Education program allows AES to earn points and purchase items from their catalog. The school can acquire anything from A/V equipment, to books and software, and much more. And guess what? The program doesn't just include Campbell Soup. Other eligible products include: **Pep-peridge Farm** products (including Goldfish and bread, and cookies), **V8 products** (including V8 Splash, V8, and V8 VFusion – send in the caps), **Prego**, **Swanson broth**, and many more.

Just look for the **Campbell's Labels for Education** logo, clip the UPC, and send them into school. Questions? Contact Stacey Di-Marco tsdimarco@comcast.net



Remember to wear your AES spirit wear every Friday.

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Be sure to check out our new on-line calendar at www.calendarwiz.com/alpharettaes.