



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

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**Monday, September 1
Labor Day
No School**

Line Them Up

Sometimes kids get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. Try this. Have your child work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once they get used to this system, they will be able to transfer their lining-up skills to regular paper.

*From:
The Principal's Desk*

We take school safety seriously here at AES.

During the first two weeks of school, the students had two successful fire drills. Did you know that we were "slow" on our first one when it took three minutes to evacuate and account for every student? By the second drill, we were down to our usual two minutes! No wonder the Alpharetta Fire Marshall was impressed when he observed one of them.

On Wednesday, we had all of our students do what we call a "take cover" drill due to the tornado warning in our area. For about 40 minutes all of our students were in safe locations inside the building while we waited for the severe weather to improve. I was so proud of how calm they remained and followed our directions. As the year progresses, we will participate in additional fire, lock-down, and severe weather drills periodically.

We also need every parent and visitor to do his/her part to help ensure the safety of our students. We encourage you to visit our school; however, we require all adults/visitors to stop in the office to sign-in and pick up a visitor's badge before you visit anywhere in the building. Before you go to a classroom, your visit will be announced. If you forget to sign in, don't be surprised when a staff member stops you and asks you to return to the office.

Don't forget to keep your child's teacher informed about changes in phone numbers, after school day care or transportation. Be thinking ahead about arrangements on Early Release Days.

One of the most dangerous parts of our school is the school's parking lots. These become especially prone to accidents when parents run late and dash across the parking lot with their children to the school. There have been numerous near misses! Please adjust your time so that your child can ride the bus, walk to school or you drive him/her through the carpool line. This will allow your child to be dropped off *safely* on a sidewalk right at one of the school entrances.

Enjoy the long weekend!

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

Up Coming Dates

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



2008-2009 AES SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Now that school has started, we are beginning to put together our **2008-2009 AES School Directory**. We have limited space available for you to advertise your small business in our directory. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Aussin at 678.762.0840 for additional information. Also, if you haven't joined PTA and ordered your directory yet, please join and reserve your copy today.

PTA Membership has its Rewards

In addition to the many benefits provided for our AES students and teachers, PTA members enjoy benefits through businesses and organizations also. To name just a few: **Zoo Atlanta** - \$10 off an annual membership, **Alliance Theatre**- 20% discount on tickets for certain events, **Chattahoochee Nature Center** - 10% off family membership, **Fernbank** - 10% off membership, **Honey Baked Hams**- 10% discount. For complete details and more discounts visit www.georgiapta.org. Click on **Join PTA** and then **Benefits of Membership**. You must show a current PTA Membership card in most cases. If you have not already joined, you will receive your PTA Membership card when you return your AES PTA Membership Red Envelope. Any questions contact Leigh Ann Maloney, PTA Membership Chair, 770-664-1132 or LAM63@comcast.net.

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



Stay tuned for information about our exciting new fund raising program - **Boosterthon** - coming in October.

OLD MILTON COUNTRY FAIR

- Date - September 13-14
- Time - 10:30am-6:00pm
- Location - The Former Milton High School
- Free Admission

Everyone is invited to come experience a real country fair and take a moment to "live" history!

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Parents,
We really need a local number to call when your child is sick. Ms. Lloyd is unable to make long distance calls from the clinic.

MRSA

Check our website under Parent Communication for a letter from Lynn Meadows, our Coordinator of Student Health Services, concerning the prevention of MRSA and a question and answer sheet about the disease.

Box Tops for Education

It's Time to Get Excited about Box Tops !!!



It's easy to raise money for our school every time you go to the store – the BoxTop logo is on hundreds of products we already use. Here are 3 ways you can make a difference for AES:

Clip - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them into AES. Attached is a list of eligible products. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each (up to 50¢ for bonus box tops) when our school redeems them. If each child in our school donates 20 Box Tops, **AES would earn \$1700. WOW!!**

Register – Earn 5 bonus Box Tops for AES when you register for the Box Tops email newsletter. That's 50¢ ! There is no obligation, it is free, and you receive information like: coupons, recipes, sweepstakes, and opportunities to win bonus Box Tops. It's easy. If each family registers, **AES makes \$200**. Please support AES: Go to www.btfec.com/2008 and register today.

Shop – Start your online shopping from the Box Top Marketplace website, and up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our school. Sixty of our favorite stores are there, like Oriental Trading Company, Land's End, Barnes and Noble, Old Navy and more. There is no additional cost to you!!! How Does It Add Up? A family buys back-to-school clothes from Old Navy and spends \$335. Old Navy donates 2% of the total purchase. AES makes \$6.70 – that's like clipping 67 Box Tops. Look for discounts or free shipping offers at the Marketplace. You will also find special promotions throughout the year with exclusive offers and increased donations.

www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace

Media Center Update



All Media Centers in Fulton County received new circulation software this year featuring exciting new search capabilities. Students will now be able to search for library materials at school **and** at home through our website. Access information will be *available soon!*

Accelerated Reader begins the last week of August! The first distribution of AR Book Dollars and badges will begin Friday, September 4th.

AES PTA and the Media Center teamed to present the magician, Chad Crews, for a Summer Reading Magic Celebration. Students were captivated as Chad dazzled them with his astonishing magic acts. AES set a new record, as this was the largest summer reading participation ever! Congratulations, summer readers!

