



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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*From:  
The Principal's Desk*

## **Boosterthon Fun Run Has Begun!**

We had a great kick-off to our Boosterthon Fun Run this week. Our PTA has worked hard to organize a smooth and exciting week for students and staff, and we truly appreciate all that they have done to make our fundraiser a success. The date of our Fun Run is October 29th and you are invited to come and cheer our students around their path. This promises to be celebratory day with students moving to support our school!

The Boosterthon Fun Run is one of our PTA's major fund raising events this year; the second event was our fall carnival. We have been excited about the possibilities of the Boosterthon Fun Run from the responses and successes of many schools around us as a healthy alternative to the traditional product sales to raise funds for schools. It involves all students in a fun fitness event, teaches character values and is a tremendous community builder for our school. I thank you for your support in these efforts to enhance student learning. As indicated on your PTA membership forms, there are other ways to offer financial support, such as through donation to curriculum enrichment. Both Boosterthon and curriculum enrichment are tax deductible. Envelopes are available in the front office. We are so thankful for any support that you feel most appropriate for you and your families. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday at the Fun Run—bring your entire family!

Today, Fulton County Schools honored our Employees of the Year with a special luncheon. In a school like Alpharetta Elementary, we have lots of great employees so it is always difficult to honor just one teacher and one support staff. Representing our school as Teacher of the Year is Joan Mooney, third grade teacher, and as Employee of the Year, Frances Barrett, custodian.

Tonight is Movie Night at AES. What an affordable way for you and your family to have a "dinner and a movie". Hope you can come!

October is Bus Safety Month. Remember to thank your bus driver for a safe ride to and from school. Bus Driver Appreciation Day is Monday, October 27th.

We will have a simple ceremony honoring long time AES custodian, Mike Massey, in the courtyard on Wednesday, October 29th at 2:45 p.m. Thanks to our PTA, a stone honoring Mike has been engraved and installed in our courtyard. Please feel free to join us and offer condolences to his family. The rain date will be Monday, November 3.

We want to achieve 100% membership in PTA! We are only 11 away from being 100%. If you have not joined, remember it is \$6. If you have already joined, perhaps you would consider sponsor someone else's membership.



## **NOTICE**

AES Movie Night will go on...RAIN or SHINE!

In the event of bad weather, AES Movie Night will be held in the cafeteria. **Walk-ins are welcome!** So if you've changed your Friday night plans because of the weather, please come over with your AES friends and catch our show, "Space Chimps"! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$4 each.



## **Red Ribbon Week: October 27-31, 2008**

Each year in October, schools plan events to raise awareness of drug abuse prevention and to promote healthy lifestyle choices for individuals, families, and communities. This event is called Red Ribbon Week. We will be planning the listed activities for the week of October 27-31.

All students will be given a sticker each morning to wear pledging to choose a healthy and "Drug-Free" life. At the end of each day, one student from each grade level will be called to receive a gift bag for wearing their sticker.

(See p. 2 for "Drug-Free" Pledge)

### **Calendar of Events**

Monday, October 27th: **Wear Red, White, & Blue**  
"United We Stand for a Drug Free Land" Day

Tuesday, October 28th: **Wear Crazy Socks**  
"Sock It to Drugs" Day

Wednesday, October 29th: **Wear Red**  
"Red Ribbon" Day

Thursday, October 30th: **Wear a Hat**  
"Hats off to Drug Free" Day

Friday, October 31st: **Wear White, Orange or Black**  
"Say Boo to Drugs" Day



### Up Coming Dates

#### October

- 20-24 National School Bus Safety Week
- 24 Deadline for Original Art Work orders
- Movie Night– Gates open: 6:30 pm, Movie starts when dark
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 27 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 29 Boosterthon

#### November

- 2 Daylight Saving time Ends
- 4 Election Day - School Closed
- 5 8:30-10:30 PTA Executive Board Mtg.
- 6-7 5th Grade to Rock Eagle
- 10-14 Canned Food Drive
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Picture Retake Day
- 13 Varsity Family Night - 5:00pm -8:00pm
- 14 LSAC Meeting - 8:00am -9:30am
- 19 Early Release Day - Students dismissed at 11:20
- 20 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30
- 21 AES 52nd Birthday
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>!

Come cheer your AES Eagles at the Fun Run on October 29<sup>th</sup>!

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>** - Daily Classroom Visits from Boosterthon Team – Pledge Books/Donations collected & re-recorded daily

#### October 29<sup>th</sup> FUN RUN

- 9:00 - 10:15am** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades
- 10:30 - 11:45am** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- 12:00 - 1:15pm** Pre-K, K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades
- SPED will go with their grade level**
- ALL PARENTS WELCOME!**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Pledges Due!

Check out the Boosterthon website for more information regarding this year's primary school fundraiser at [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com).



### Rock Eagle Update!



Reminder: *November 6*

- All Chaperones to report at 6:30 a.m.
- Students to report between 6:45—7:00 a.m.

Please wear your "5th Grade Rocks" shirts on Thursday!

Thank you!

### Great Domino's Night!

We want to thank everyone for making our Domino's Pizza Night a big success! We raised almost \$240 for the school, making it the most successful Domino's night yet! Way to go, AES!



### Drug-Free Pledge

I pledge to lead a healthy, Drug-Free lifestyle

I will say NO to Alcohol.

I will say NO to Tobacco.

I will say NO to other drugs.

I will help my friends say NO.

I pledge to stand up for what I know is right

### Box Top Results from Carnival



The Box Tops promotions at Carnival made \$430 for Alpharetta Elementary.

Keep clipping and saving Box Tops for the upcoming classroom contest scheduled to start mid-November. We need clear plastic containers for our classroom contest: Pretzel jugs, large apple juice jugs, etc. If you have any donations, please contact Stacey DiMarco at [tsdi-marco@comcast.net](mailto:tsdi-marco@comcast.net).

### ABCs Of Student Success

**A** is for ATTENDANCE.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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### PTA Membership—So Close!

We are currently at 98% PTA membership for AES. We are so close to reaching our goal of one membership for every child and teacher. Won't you help us to reach this goal by joining PTA for \$6? For each membership, we send \$2.75 to the Georgia State PTA and the National PTA. These organizations, together, are among the largest child advocacy groups in the nation. Their tireless efforts to promote education, healthy habits, safe schools, and strengthening families benefit us all. Georgia PTA is currently conducting a survey to determine their legislative priorities for the year and are asking for your help. This is where you can help determine the agenda. Go to [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org) to provide input. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey. Any questions, please contact Leigh Ann Maloney, AES PTA Membership Chair, 770-664-1132 or [lam64@comcast.net](mailto:lam64@comcast.net).

### New Elementary School Redistricting Meeting

Community meetings planned for Oct. 23, Nov. 13 and Dec. 10 will address the redistricting process for a new elementary school and classroom additions planned in North Fulton. The meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Milton Center (formerly Milton High School) at 86 School Drive, Alpharetta. The location for all three meetings was previously announced for Elkins Pointe Middle School but has been changed to the Milton Center. No meetings will be held at Elkins Pointe.

The new elementary school, currently under construction on Birmingham Highway in Milton, is scheduled to open in August 2009. Classroom additions also are being constructed at Roswell North Elementary and Mountain Park Elementary to open the same year. Existing attendance zones at other north Fulton elementary schools will be modified to create the new attendance boundaries and to balance overcrowding at schools located west of GA 400.