



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

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*From:
The Principal's Desk*

Wow! – A Breakfast of Champions!

This past Wednesday morning a number of our students got to have a yummy breakfast in the media center thanks to our thoughtful PTA. Why? They participated in the 2008-09 PTA Reflections Program with the theme of "Wow!"

In its almost 40-year history, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in four areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

We are proud of having so many AES students participate in this worthwhile program!

Great AES Barnes & Noble Book Fair Kick-off!

The gift giving season is upon us and what better place to shop for holiday gifts than the Barnes & Noble Booksellers. This year AES partnered with Barnes & Noble in having a Book Fair to raise money for our Media Center. Last night we had a great kick-off for **our** Book Fair at the Mansell Crossings Barnes & Noble on Northpoint Parkway. Our Media Center will receive a percentage of the net sales on most purchases made through Monday, December 8th (from opening to closing), when an *Alpharetta Elementary Voucher* is presented.

Barnes & Noble carries: books, CDs', DVDs', calendars, scrap booking materials, Godiva Chocolates, Starbuck's gifts, games, puzzles, plush animals, appointment books, and so much more! If you buy a Barnes & Noble membership, you will save 10% on all purchases!

Remember, for ease of checkout your purchases should be accompanied with an AES Voucher for us to get the percentage back. These Vouchers can be used by ANYONE at Barnes & Noble through December 8th. We encourage you to share these, give them out, and ask friends and family for their support. The more people, especially outside of our school, who use these, the more successful a fundraiser it will be for our Media Center! So come out and support our AES Media Center by shopping at Barnes & Noble some time though this coming Monday!

Reminder:



For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking out your stu-

Chick-fil-A Family Night

Please join your teachers at the Windward Chick-fil-A for the AES Family Night on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:00-8:00pm. Teachers times: **4:30-5:30** - Rhodes, Holbrook, Mace, Easterling, Rice, Keys, Whitten/**5:30-6:30** - Bluth, Waller, Murray, Farmer/**6:30-7:30** - Allen, Sterrett, Genesky, Peagler, Dahunsi
Ms. Weingart, AES Music Teacher, will also be there playing Holiday Music.

Congratulations Alpharetta Elementary!

Right before Thanksgiving AES received **two** awards!

The first one was recognition by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. For the fourth straight year our school was recognized for outstanding student achievement. We won the Bronze Award in the 2008 Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS). Only 32 other elementary schools in the state of Georgia received this award for the 2007-2008 school year. We were able to accomplish this success thanks to the hard work of our students, faculty and community.

Our second award was the Golden Apple award, which is presented annually by the Fulton County School System, recognizing schools that exhibit exemplary volunteer efforts. Of the 84 Fulton schools recognized for exceptional achievement in involving their community in volunteerism activities, we were one of eight schools to receive the highest special recognition for long time commitment to volunteer efforts for 15 years! Thank you, parents, for volunteering at AES!

Again, congratulations! Way to go Alpharetta Elementary!

Up Coming Dates

December

- 1-8** Barnes & Noble AES Book Fair at Barnes & Noble
10 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00 pm
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11 Chorus Concert - 6:00-6:45pm - cafe
 Band Concert - 7:00-7:45pm - gym
12 Original Art Works sent home
15 Orchestra Concert - 6:30-7:15 pm - Media Center
16 5th Chorus to Perform at Jackson Healthcare - 9:30 am
17 4th Chorus to Perform at Dogwood Forest - 10:00 am
18 PK-2nd Holiday Parties
 6:30-8:30pm FCBOE Board Meeting
19 3-5 Holiday Parties
 End of First Semester
22-Jan 2 - Winter Holidays



January

- 5** Teacher Work Day
6 First day of Second Semester

AES 2008 HOLIDAY GIVING

This year we are assigning each grade level a collection of items that have been requested by North Fulton Charities as their greatest needs for this holiday season.

The assignments is as follows:



- Wing/Kindergarten - diapers and baby wipes
 1st/2nd - hats, socks, and mittens
 3rd/4th - blankets
 5th - umbrellas



Dec. 1st – Dec. 12th.

If you are interested in assisting or know of someone in need, please contact our school counselor, Ms. Amanda Fischer at **770-740-7015**.

Special Olympics

Help Support Fulton County Schools Special Olympics Brewster's Ice Cream Fundraiser - \$10.00 per book - 10 buy one get one coupons/2 - \$2.00 off of a cake coupons.



To order: email Maureen Wales - wales@fultonschools.org

Boosterthon Update

CONGRATULATIONS to the following classes who have been recognized by the Boosterthon program in the following areas:

Top class, per grade level, for obtaining pledges from the most states:

- Pre-K/K - Craven
 1st - Stephens
 2nd - Silverio
 3rd - Summers
 4th - Spartz
 5th - Brooks



Two top classes for the most pledges brought in on "Bonus Day", the day following the Fun Run:

- 3rd - Summers
 4th - Grizzle

And a special CONGRATULATIONS and FANTASTIC job to the AES "Top Student" who brought in the most pledges, JAI JACOBS in Ms. Rhode's 1st grade class!

The AES PTA also recognized Ms. Dearcop's 2nd grade class for being the top class to bring in the most pledge money on the first collection day! Way to go "Dearcop Money-makers!"

The PTA appreciates everyone for DREAMING BIG during Boosterthon. Your commitment, diligence and enthusiasm has helped to make a difference here at AES and we are truly grateful to have your support in so many ways!

CRCT News for Parents of 3rd and 5th Graders

The gateway subjects this year will be as follows:
 Reading for 3rd and 5th graders
 Mathematics for 5th graders only

Box Top Contest Update



Please continue to clip and send in Box Tops, Campbell, and Tyson labels. Encourage your relatives and empty nester neighbors and friends to collect them for your child. Offer to have your child cut them out for whoever is collecting for you. A great incentive is to make this one of the chores for receiving their allowance. Awareness is the key to making this a successful program for our school.

AES has already earned \$350 from this contest alone - and there are still 3 weeks left in the contest. Let's try to double that number in the weeks to come. Remember, each winning class per grade will receive: (1) A popsicle party (2) a classroom snacks basket (3) teacher wins a 3500 point shopping spree in the Campbell's catalog to purchase items for their class. And finally, each student in the winning class for the entire school will receive a "free cone" card from Brusters.

As of Tuesday, December 2nd, these are the classes per grade level that are winning:

- K - Burns and Lister/McDaniel are tied- 150
 1st - Dahunsi- 180
 2nd - Brown - 346
 3rd - Witt - 300
 4th - Whitten - 325
 5th - Eineker - 156

Congratulations Mrs. Brown - your 2nd grade class is currently in the lead for the whole school!!

Let's keep the momentum going..... collecting ends by end of school on Thursday, Dec 18th. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 19th. If you have any questions, please contact me at tsdimarco@comcast.net

Stacey DiMarco

2009 Fulton County Technology Fair

Technology Projects needed!

The Fulton County Technology Fair is Jan. 31, 2009 at West Lake High School.

For more information go to:

<http://www.fultonschools.org/itdivision/techfair/index.htm>

AES projects and all the necessary forms are due to Mrs. O'Brien, the AES liaison, on Jan.9, 2009.