



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**
Vickye Monger Ext. 160
- Data Clerk**
Lisa Hawks Ext. 132
- Clinic**
Peggy Lloyd Ext. 134
- Media Specialist**
Ann Schaub Ext. 150
- Principal's Secretary/Bookkeeper**
Pam Ferguson Ext. 127



Affidavit of Residency - Past Due

Every student must submit an Affidavit of Residency to stay in compliance with Fulton County Student Enrollment. (If there are siblings, we will take the one form and apply it to each child in the family). **If you have not completed an Affidavit of Residency, we must have it in our office by Friday, September 4.** Forms and notaries are available in the front office. **Students who have not submitted an Affidavit by Friday, September 4 will be withdrawn on Tuesday, September 8.**



We have had a great second week of school! It is hard to believe that just a little over two weeks ago, our parking lot was under construction and five classrooms were barely set up due to renovations. I heard several folks say, "There is no way school will be ready by Monday." Well, with a smooth school opening, now school procedures are into a pleasant routine.

I am very pleased that we have several new staff members at AES this year. We are thrilled to have gained another kindergarten class, which meant we received Courtney McFarlin, from Dolvin Elementary as a surplus teacher. Melissa Scoggins also came to us as a surplus special education parapro from Summit Hill. Shelley Tomich is one of our part-time music teachers. Tom Dunmire has joined our staff as one of the TAG teachers. After being assigned to different schools for the last couple of years, two teachers have rejoined our staff: Michael Hunter, part-time art teacher, and Betty Daniel, vision therapist. Other new staff members include speech teacher, Sandra Hunt, and adaptive art teacher Beth Brayley. Nadine West has joined our team of occupational therapists. Finally, I am excited announce that Lauren Ray was promoted from special education parapro to teacher!

The Alpharetta Elementary staff feels that the key to a child's successful education is parental involvement in the school. Many you signed up to volunteer during Curriculum Nights, but if you haven't signed up thus far, just know that it is never too late to volunteer. A good starting point may simply be coming to school occasionally to have lunch with your child. Beginning on Monday, we hope to see lots of our pre-k and kindergarten parents come to lunch one day during the week. Check out the school calendar for the other grade level weeks for lunch visits.

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

Have a great weekend!

STUDENT INFORMATION CARD - Return by Monday, Aug. 24

Today your student will bring home a "green" Student Information Card. Please complete **both sides** of the card, make any changes on the card, and sign as indicated. It is important for the teacher, clinic and front office to have current emergency information on your student and updated information for the Student Directory. **Please return this form by Monday, Aug. 24.**

Mark Your Calendar

- August**
- 24-28 Kindergarten Parents Come to Lunch Week
- Sally Foster Sales Begin
- 25 7:00-8:00 pm - Girl Scout Orientation - Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
- 27 Room Rep Meeting - Café - 7:00-8:00pm
- 31-Sept 4 1st Grade Parents Come to Lunch Week
- September**
- 2 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30-Conference Room

Birthday Book Club Is Here!

The Alpharetta Media Center is proud to offer the Birthday Book Club. This is a way to recognize your child's birthday and provide a lasting memory to our book collection. Please check your child's Friday papers for the green flyer or call the Media Center for details.

Database Passwords!

Each year, Fulton County purchases a variety of databases for students to use for research, reference and homework assignments. The databases are chosen for their authority and quality information. Since the databases are a purchased subscription, you must have a password to access them from home. We are not allowed to publish the passwords on the Internet, so we are sending copies of the passwords with the students for home use. Watch for the password sheet coming home! If you have any questions, please contact the Media Center.



Our Annual PTA Fundraiser is on the way!!! Be on the look out for the sales kits Monday!!

Sale dates: Monday, Aug 24 – Wed, Sept 9

Alpharetta Elementary earns 50% for every Sally Foster catalog item sold and 40% of all Classic Recipe Cookie Dough sold. Proceeds directly fund student enrichment programs at Alpharetta Elementary.

Look for details about hassle free online ordering and special promotions throughout the sale.

For more information, contact your Sally Foster Committee Chairs:

Susan Hanna at Shannas@att.net or
Holly Palmer h1palmer@yahoo.com.

Don't Forget!!!

Please remember to sign up for PTA membership. Our goal is to achieve 100% membership! Currently, we are half way to our goal. Remember, you can download and print the membership form from the Alpharetta Elementary School PTA website. Please send all membership forms into school with your child.

There are many different membership options available to our families. Please take the time to review these options by going to the PTA website.

Link to Membership page on PTA website:

<http://alpharettaelementarypta.org/membership>

Link to Membership Form on website: <http://www.alpharettaelementarypta.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/AESPTA-Memb-0910.pdf>

Lynda Crawford and Susan Haviland
PTA Membership Co-Chairs

**AES PTA – Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Children**

Parents: You Make ALL the Difference

As you know the PTA Exec Board is looking for creative ways to earn money to gift back to our school. One way we can earn money without asking our parents for donations is applying for Grant Money. There are many grant opportunities that exist right now, including Grants from Target, Lowes, Home Depot, Toshiba, Kroger and many others. We are actively recruiting volunteers to assist in applying for these Grants.

This is a great opportunity to get involved for a working parent, or a parent who cannot come into the school as often as they would like. Please volunteer and help make a difference in the lives of our children. Please contact Stacey DiMarco at tsdimarco@gmail.com or Shawn Hampton at evanmarie@bellsouth.net.

**You Can Make A Difference for Our School With Box Tops**

• **Clip** Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school. We earn .10 for every Box Top. Last year we earned **\$3200** from Box Tops alone!

PLEASE, TAKE THE TIME, CLIP THE DIME!!!

• **Shop** at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school with no additional cost to you!

• **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM at Barnes & Noble and our school receives 6 % of the purchase price!

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Erin Houde-shell or Catherine Johnston at

aesredemptionrewardscommitee@gmail.com

Spiritwear Update

For those of you who were unable to attend open house or for those who are interested in purchasing spiritwear for your child, we are accepting orders online or via email.

Please contact us and we will be happy to assist, or you can visit the PTA website at alpharettaelementarypta.com. Thank you for your continued support!!!

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Girl Scouts

To learn more about Girl Scouts in Alpharetta - Join us for Orientation & Registration Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm
Alpharetta Presbyterian Church 180 Academy Street

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

I. Automatic Screening- TAG teachers review previous year's test scores from August 3 – 21, 2009.

- **Standardized Tests**
Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery.
- **Criterion-Referenced Competency Test**
Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system.
- **Grades (high school only)**
Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater.

II. Classroom Screening- Local schools select a two-week period from January 5 - February 26, 2010, to review **all** students in their school.

- Classroom teachers use the *Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students (CISS)* to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

- ✦ Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.
- ✦ Student is tested for the gifted program.
- ✦ Parents receive test results.
- ✦ If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.

Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/k12/TalentedandGifted/> . There you will find our Talented and Gifted Brochure and Q&A documents. You may also contact the teacher of gifted students at your school or call 404-763-6811.