



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Patricia Reed—Principal

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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**
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- Data Clerk**
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- Clinic**
Peggy Lloyd Ext. 134
- Media Specialist**
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- Principal's Secretary/Bookkeeper**
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Attention Parents
Students will not be called from the classroom for dismissal after 2:00 pm. Students will need to be picked up before 2:00 or in the car-pool line .

This policy is stated in the Student Handbook.

Reminder:
For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking out your child.



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Alpharetta, GA 30009

Fall Carnival excitement can be felt in the air here at AES! It is not unusual to hear children saying, "I can hardly wait to go to the Carnival!" The work that our PTA volunteers (especially Carnival chair, Trish Nugent) have put into this wonderful event is incredible and I know that every minute will be enjoyable for all. Thanks to our PTA and business partners for making this family event so special! Remember **parking will be extremely limited** on site so consider carpooling, walking to school, or parking at Milton Center and either walking or enjoying a hayride on Upshaw to the Mayfield sidewalk. I hope to see all of you here at what promises to be a fun-filled Carnival!

As you know, **Conference Day is next Friday, October 9th**. However, many teachers have already started having their conferences so they don't get a *dry throat* with too many in one day. The teachers really like to meet with parents to discuss how to help students do their best in school and they need your help. Working together, you and the teacher can help your child have a successful school year.

Having the most productive conferences can be as simple as A, B, C if you try to keep the following in mind:

- A. Start the conference right by being on time and plan not to run over the allotted time which is usually 20 minutes.
- B. Both teachers and parents should remain calm and try hard to work together for one purpose and one purpose only – to help your child do well.
- C. Leave your children at home. Often, the parent/teacher discussion involves sensitive information that should be reserved for adult ears only. However, help your children understand that you and their teacher(s) are meeting together in order to help them be more successful in school.

How can you prepare for the conference? Come prepared to the conference with notes for yourself about:

- Information regarding your child's home life, personality, problems, habits, and hobbies you feel are important for the teacher to know.
- Questions about your child's progress.
- Your concerns about the school's programs or policies.
- Any suggestions that you may have about how you and the school can work together to help your child.

After the conference, start immediately on the action plan you and the teacher developed together. Discuss the plan with your child. Make sure he or she knows that you and the teacher care. To see if the action plan is working, watch your child's behavior and check your child's class work and homework. Probably the most important part of any parent-teacher conference is to follow through with any action plan that you and the teacher develop.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you at the Carnival today and wish you a productive parent-teacher conference!

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST NO EDIBLE BIRTHDAY TREATS/GOODIES BE DISTRIBUTED AT SCHOOL. As always, the following are prohibited: party favors, balloons, flowers, and distributing party invitations. This is stated in the Student Handbook.



AES FALL CARNIVAL 2009

Friday, October 2nd, 4:30 – 8:00pm



The family fun event of the year is this FRIDAY – the AES Fall Carnival!!! The Carnival features a variety of inflatable's, games, crafts, a basket raffle and silent auction, refreshments, a bake sale, chili cook-off, cake decorating contest, and more. Admission is free and it is open to the public. Tickets for the various activities and refreshments may be purchased at the Carnival.

Hitch a Ride on the AES Carnival Hayride

Let's face it, we all know parking is at a premium during the new wing construction, so be patient. PTA wants to encourage EVERYONE to park at the Milton Center and avoid parking issues. We are making it **FUN to park at Milton Center**. We want you to arrive happy, relaxed and unstressed!! Sooooo....., we have organized a HAYRIDE to transport folks from the stairs at Milton Center down Upshaw Street to the back entrance of the school. From there, it is a short walk to the festivities (the path will be clearly marked with Red & White balloons). The Carnival Hayride will go in both directions the entire time during Carnival. The Hayride is free, but there will be a donation bucket. The sweet old folks usually charge \$600 but agreed to meet our \$400 budget for the sake of the children.

When you arrive at Milton Center, plan to park as far west and as close to the old football/track field as possible. Walk toward the field and there are a few stairs that leave you on Upshaw Street. Meet our Carnival Hayride there!! Still confused? [Download our Map from Milton Center to help you navigate.](#)

If you choose to park on any of the side streets in the residential areas, only park in one direction. The police will tow/ticket cars if they block both sides of the street. You may only use the Public Library parking lot after 6:00pm.

New this Year

All booth volunteers should check-in at the Volunteer Table and pick up their volunteer name tag. For those of you that signed up to work the first shift, please make sure that you check-in by 4:15pm, so that you have time to review your booth instructions. It makes it easier on everyone if you are ready for the first customers!

Bake Sale

We can always use Bake Sale goodies, so bring in anything creative, bagged and ready to sell at 50 cents each. If you are entering the Cake Decorating Contest or Chili Cook Off, please have your items in the cafeteria by 4:20pm.

Carnival Baskets

The Basket Raffle at Fall Carnival is one of the most fun and exciting parts of the event. Each class is responsible for donating items toward a "basket theme". Attendees write their names and phone numbers on the back of their Carnival Tickets and deposit them into the bag associated with the basket they wish to win. At the very end of Carnival, everyone gathers in Eagle Rock Cafe as Mrs. Reed draws the winner for each basket. Announcing[2009 Fall Carnival Baskets.](#)

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It's going to be a great Carnival because of all our wonderful parents! If you have any questions, or are available to help with any pre-Carnival preparations, please contact your Room Rep., or contact [Trish Nugent](#)

Publix Receipts = Free Fall Carnival Tickets



Receipts dated September 21st – October 2nd (with proof of AES partner card use printed on receipt). To find out more, [click here](#). Contact [Catherine Johnston or Erin Houdeshell](#) with questions about his promotion.



Box Tops Goody Basket Raffle

Remember to bring your Box Tops for a **Box Tops Goody basket raffle.**



A BIG **THANK YOU** to everyone who is volunteering. All the money raised today goes directly to our school for teacher grants. Have a GREAT time!





A special thank you to Charisse Meitin with Paper Impressions by Charisse, for making all the basket tags.



**ART REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2009-2010
"Beauty Is...."**

It is time to show your artistic talents at AES. The Art Reflections program has begun. If your student would like to create an entry for the Art Reflections program there is still time. Students have until Wednesday, October 14th to submit all entries, based upon this years theme - "Beauty Is...". Please be sure to read category specific rules posted at www.alpharettaelementarypta.org or contact committee chairs.

There is a drop off bin outside the teachers lounge for your completed entries. We are looking forward to seeing your children's talents.

Art Reflections Chairs
Kerry Maiorino & Lorie Davis



Our label Collection Contest was a huge success! We collected nearly 8000 box tops, over 1200 Campbell's points and 18 Tyson labels.

The Classroom winners are as follows:

- Special Ed : Gordon
- Pre-K/K : Morgan
- First: Dahunsi
- Second: Thompson
- Third: Green
- Fourth : Whitten
- Fifth: Silverio



Congratulations to the winning classes: Gordon, Morgan, Dahunsi, Thompson, Green, Whitten, Silverio! They will be receiving a pop-sicle party and a \$15 office supply card to be used for classroom supplies. We really appreciate you helping the school earn FREE MONEY!

Congratulations to Mrs. Silverio's class who set the bar to 622. We'll see if anyone can top that this year. Keep sending in non- expired Box Tops, Campbell's Labels/ V8 Lids and the Tyson Project A+ Labels. Your teachers redemption rep will collect and submit them for our next contest in January.

You can find information on Redemption Rewards on the PTA web site www.alpharettaelementarypta.org.

We'll see you Friday at the Carnival with your Publix Receipts!!



Please put the following Sally Foster pick-up dates on your calendar:

Friday, October 23 - from 4pm until 6:30pm
Saturday, October 24 - from 9am until 11:30am

Orders will be available in the AES Gym during these hours. These are the only dates for pick up. If you cannot collect your order during these hours, please make arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick it up for you.

We are in need of volunteers to help during these delivery hours. Please contact Susan Hanna if you can lend a hand for a couple hours (678-319-4481/5hannas@att.net).

Finally, here are the Sally Foster Raffle Prize winners – everyone who sold at least one item was automatically entered in this raffle. This year almost 250 students participated in the PTA Fund-raiser.

The WINNERS ARE:

- Light-Up Clock** -Logan Przysiecki - Mrs. McCarthy's 3rd grade class.
- Railroad Light with Sound** - Trevor Smith - Ms. Menzies' class.
- Sound Sensor Light** - Caroline Coleman - Ms. Gillette's 4th grade class.
- MP3 Player Boom Box** - Colin Clark - Ms. McFarlin's kindergarten class.
- 7" Digital Photo Frame and Digital Video Camcorder** - Joseph Shank - Ms. Gillette's 4th grade class.

Thanks for selling Sally Foster and CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

A note from the Health/ Wellness committee



Alpharetta Elementary would like to thank our partner Whole Foods for providing our 3rd and 5th graders with healthy, brain-boosting snacks last week after ITBS testing. The students were treated to fresh Georgia-grown apples, organic bananas and 100% natural juice boxes on Wednesday and Friday.

Check out our Health and Wellness page on the AES PTA website -- www.alpharettaelementarypta.org for healthy eating tips and more school-wide wellness programs planned. (Try our recipe for "Flu-Fighter" cookies!)

Mark Your Calendar

October

- 5-9 Fire Prevention Week
- Science Week - 2nd & 5th Grade
- 7 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30 - Conference Room
- 9 Teacher Work Day/no school for students
- 13 Katie Reeves's Community Meeting - Hopewell MS - 9:30 AM
- 14 School Spirit Day
- Early Release Day
- Domino's Pizza Night - 5:00-8:00pm
- 19-23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Science Week for 1st & 4th grade



FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

These are tough economic times and AES wants all eligible children to receive free or reduced meals at school. Contact Vickye Monger, AES cafeteria manager, at 770-667-2930 or monger@fultonschools.org for information and/or an application. Rest assured all inquiries, applications, and meal benefits are confidential.