



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



**Attention Parents
Students will not be called
from the classroom for dis-
missal after 2:00 pm. Stu-
dents 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.**



192 Mayfield Road
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Today is the day – report card day! The first one for the year! Lots of times parents can be almost as anxious as the students when it comes to report cards. You may ask yourself: Is my child on track? Is he/she learning what she needs to know? Am I doing all I can to support him/her in school?

You can – and should – make report card time a chance to talk about your child’s progress in school. You should also talk about your expectations.

Here are six things to do when you look at their report card today:

1. **Take it seriously.** No, a report card can’t tell you everything about how your child is doing, but your child’s teacher spends a lot of time making sure that the report card shows you a snapshot of where their are now. Take time to read it carefully. Talk about it with your child.
2. **Find something to praise.** Even if your child didn’t do as well as you’d hoped, look for something positive. Be sure to read comments about your child’s behavior and work habits.
3. **Don’t lose your temper** if your child’s grades weren’t what you’d expected. Wait until you can talk calmly about what you and your child can do to improve their grades.
4. **Let your child know** what you expect. Say things like, “You don’t have to *be* the best, but I do expect you to *do* your best.” Remind him/her that effort is as important as ability.
5. **Look at your child’s work.** You only see a report card four times a year, but you can look at the work your child is doing every day. Does he/she do his/her homework? Does he/she do his/her best? There is a link between how hard students work and how much they learn. Point that out to your child.
6. **Help your child** develop good work habits. A child who sets aside time every day to read will learn to read better. A child who practices math every day will master math facts.

If you or your child have any questions about his/her report card, be sure to schedule a conference with the teacher. We want to see all of our students make academic progress throughout the entire school year.

Thanks for all you do to support our school and students!

Donations of gently used pre-K toys, especially those that have sound or make music, would be greatly appreciated to use with our students with special needs. Please send any items you wish to donate marked to the attention of Mary Natelli, IST. Thank you for your consideration of this need.

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.

Mark Your Calendar



October

- 26-30 Science Week for PK, Kdgn & 3rd grade
Red Ribbon Week
- 30 AES LASC Meeting - 8:00-9:30

November

- 4 PTA Executive Board Meeting—8:30-10:30 -
Conference Room
- 6 School Spirit Day
Girl Scouts Soup & Song—6:00-8:00—cafeteria
- 11 LSAC Cluster Meeting—8:00-10:30
- 12-13 5th Grade to Rock Eagle
- 16-20 Canned Food Drive
- 16-24 Book Fair
- 17 Kate Reeve’s Community Meeting—Creek View ES—
9:30-11:30
Book Club Meetings
4th Gr. Chorus Performance—Publix at Haynes Bridge-
4:00-5:00
- 18 Early Release Day
- 19 Story Book Night/Book Fair—4:00-6:00
FCBOE Board Meeting—Dunwoody Springs—6:30-8:30
- 23 Invite Grandparents to Lunch—Last Names beginning
with **A-M**
- 24 Invite Grandparents to Lunch—Last Names beginning
With **N-Z**
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 30 Holiday Charity Donation Drive

December

- 1-11 Holiday Charity Donation Drive
- 1 Chick-fil-A Family Night—Windward Pkwy—5:00-8:00
- 3 Art Reflections Breakfast—Media Center—7:15 am

Notable News from KnowledgePoints

Your Partner in Education

**Bringing the Writing Home...
Without the Frustration! (cont.)**

Once your child has done the pre-planning, he/she should be ready to take the next step - writing the rough draft.

Step 2: Rough Draft – This is all about getting their thoughts down on paper. It is nothing more complicated than writing as if they were talking to a friend.

A rough draft is all about ideas. They should not worry about using proper grammar, punctuation, or spelling (that will come later).

You just want them to write their thoughts down. They should use their pre-plan to help with the organization and flow, but this first draft is only about the IDEAS. Perfection is not expected, not yet!

Once they finish this rough draft, stop there. The next step is the revision process. Revision works best if they have been able to get away for a while so they bring a fresh eye to the paper. Again, your goal is to make this whole process less daunting, more manageable and ultimately enjoyable.

Hey kids, did you know that you have more than 200 bones in your body? You can keep them strong with milk! The calcium and vitamin D in milk work together to help you build better bones and grow tall. So make sure you get the 3 glass of milk everyday. You can get one serving by drinking your milk at lunch everyday in our school cafeteria. So drink your milk and keep growing.



**Sally Foster order pick-up
this weekend only.**

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 times for pick up. If you cannot collect your order during these hours, please make arrangements with a neighbor or friend to pick it up for you. For more information contact Susan Hanna (404) 432-6672.

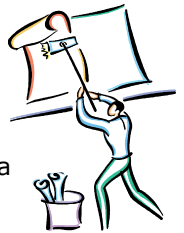


Have a Publix Click Call Mail Box Top?

These box tops were either peel offs on the front of a package or printed inside the package. They expire October 31st. Please send the code to aesredemptionrewardscommittee@gmail.com. If we submit them all at one time we receive additional bonuses!

Book Fair Decorating Help Wanted!

Book Fair is only a few weeks away and we are busy getting ready for the big event, but could use a few good hands to help make, cut out and put up decorations for the Book Fair. If you can spend a few hours helping to make this event fun for our kids, please call the Media Center. Thank you for your support!



Special thanks to **3rd grade Brownie troop #29325**, who volunteered with parents to weed, prune and add new mulch in the Special Needs Sensory Garden this week.



**The Truth About
Idling from the
Clean Air Campaign**

Less traffic. Cleaner air. Each day, Americans

waste approximately 3.8 million gallons of gasoline by voluntarily idling their cars and an engine that idles for 10 minutes yields 90 grams of pollutants like carbon dioxide. Plus auto industry experts now say that idling is bad for your car.

Let’s dispel some common myths about idling:

Myth #1: Your engine needs to warm up before driving in cold weather.

Reality: Idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The best way to warm your engine is to drive the vehicle. With today’s modern engines, there’s little need for idling on winter days before driving way.