



# 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



**Reminder:**  
*URGENT!*  
For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking your student.

**School Closed?**  
It's getting to be the time of year for inclement weather. If you have a question whether or not school is closed, please tune to WSB-TV - the official channel for school closings for Fulton County Schools.

**Fulton County Schools Homework Hotline** – This service is free and available to all students. The phone number is 404-843-7700. Live help is available to students Monday – Thursday 5:00 pm -8:00 pm.

## **FORGOTTEN LUNCHES**

Please help us avoid classroom interruptions by leaving forgotten or late lunches in the office. Lunches brought before 9:00 will be delivered. Teachers will be notified by email of lunches brought in after 9:00 so they can be picked up on the way to the cafeteria.

### **TrueBlue Schools™ Program – An Easy Way to Make \$ for AES**

We know how important AES is to you. Now it's easier than ever to make a positive impact through a simple fundraiser that lets parents, teachers, alumni and members of our local community support our school – just by choosing Georgia Natural Gas. **GNG's goal is to raise \$2,000,000 over the next two years for Georgia schools.**

#### **Here's How It Works**

GNG will provide ongoing donations to our school for every GNG customer who signs up for the program and designates Alpharetta Elementary as the school they wish to support. For every customer that signs up, GNG will:

- Give our school a one-time **\$25 donation** per customer
- Donate \$5 for each month you are a GNG customer – up to **\$60 per year**
- As an added bonus, give each new GNG customer a **\$25 Visa® Gift Card**

It's just that simple! Anyone can participate, and the more people who sign up and select our school, the more money we receive. It's that easy.

Visit [trueblueschools.com](http://trueblueschools.com) for details. A TrueBlue Schools Program flyer will also be sent to you for your convenience in learning about the program. Remember to include promotion code **TBSB-1-080-000** to receive your Visa® Gift Card.

**When kids win, we all win.**

### **Dollars and Sense: Children and Economic Pressures**

*How to Help (cont.):*

**Discuss events in age appropriate terms.** Share information that is appropriate to the child's age and developmental level. Update him/her as information changes. Young children may require repeated reassurance. Tell them they are okay and that adults will always take care of them.

**Stick to the facts.** Answer children's questions factually and include a positive element in the answer, e.g., "Yes parts of the economy are struggling but our country has been through hard times before. We will be okay." Don't speculate about what might happen.

**Encourage children to talk to you or another caring adult.** Emphasize that adults are there to help and they should let an adult know if/when they are feeling overwhelmed for any reason.

**Focus on family time.** Engaging in fun activities as a family will reinforce a child's sense of stability.

**Do something positive to help others in need.** Making a positive contribution to the community helps children feel more in control and builds a sense of connection. Activities can include helping neighbors (with babysitting or errands) or organizing a project to benefit someone in need.

**Resources:** National Association of School Psychologists  
American Psychological Association



### **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition 2009**

Parent Night at NWMS - Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-TAG Meeting  
7:30-General Information Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students visit Northwestern Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 - 10:30

**Up Coming Dates**

**February**

- 6 Bingo Night**
- 11 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30am
- 13 5th Grade Chorus to Dogwood Forest for Heart Bingo
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day - NO School
- 17 Katie Reeves Community Mtg - Hopewell MS - 9:30-11:30  
Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00 pm  
Teacher Times:  
**4:30-5:30** - Linda Malo, Bobbie Halverson, Helen Ryan, Sally McCarthy, Betty Feehan, Patty Hambrick  
**5:30-6:30** - Terrisa Warren, Ashley Dearcop, Julia Stromayer, Candi Michaelis  
**6:30-7:30** - Cindy Fleischer, Gail Heller, Sue Grabau
- 17-18 Jump Rope for Heart
- 19 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30 pm - Dunwoody Springs
- 20 AES LSAC Meeting - 8:00-9:30 am
- 25 Early Release Day

**March**

- 2-6 Exceptional Children's Week
- 3 Exceptional Children's Program - 9:00-10:00
- 4 5th grade Ga. Writing assessment  
PTA Executive Board Mtg - 8:30-10:30
- 5 AES Talent Show Auditions 3rd -5th grade by appointment  
Exceptional Children's Program 9:00-10:00  
I Can Ceremony & Reception - 10:00-11:00
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 Parent Night for Rising 6th Grade Parents at NWMS  
6:00- TAG Meeting  
7:30 - General Meeting
- 11 PK Registration - 8:00-2:00  
Alpharetta/Milton Cluster LSAC - Milton Center - 9:00-11:00  
AES Talent Show Dress Rehearsal - café - 2:30-4:30
- 12 AES Talent Show - café - 6:00-7:00
- 13 Teacher Work Day - No School
- 16-20 3rd Grade GA Writing Assessment
- 17 St. Patrick's Day  
Katie Reeves Community Mtg - Milton HS - 7:00-9:00 pm
- 18 PTA Meeting - 9:00-11:00
- 19 FCBOE Board Mtg - 6:30-8:30 - Dunwoody Springs
- 20 Report Cards Sent Home
- 21 First Day of Spring



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Jump Rope for Heart event is February 17-18 during your child's PE time. Feel free to come by and support your children as they jump rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. If you have questions, email us (the PE teachers) at

[bryant@fultonschools.org](mailto:bryant@fultonschools.org) or [morrisac@fultonschools.org](mailto:morrisac@fultonschools.org).

**Saturday, February 14, 2009**

**Noon to 4:00pm**

**From Africa..... the Ties that Bind  
Collaboration with the City of Roswell &  
the Teaching Museum North  
Teaching Museum North  
793 Mimosa Boulevard  
770-552-6339**



Free & Open to the Public. It will be a fun-filled day of entertainment for both children and adults.

- 12:00 pm- "Children's Stories from Africa" children's video featuring African animal fables told by storyteller Nandi Nyembe (ages 4 +)
- 1:00 pm- "Burundi Drummers of Atlanta" (all ages).
- 2:00 pm- Performer, Joanna Maddox as Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African/American female astronaut in NASA History (ages 6 +).
- 3:00 pm- "Safari to Africa", a visual presentation by Janet Russell, President of the Association for the Promotion of Tourism to Africa-S.E (all ages)

Hands on activities for children will be offered and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon

The museum will be open from 10:00-12:00 for tours lead by Jacque Coxe. It will be a great opportunity for the community, teachers and students to visit.

**Roswell Rotary & Teaching Museum North celebrate**

**Young Heroes Of North Fulton**

This partnership is a first year event to honor and celebrate heroic middle and high school students in North Fulton schools who exemplify an extraordinary role model that promotes and advances such achievements in others.

For further details, visit our website at: <http://www.teachingmuseumnorth.org/gh>



Roswell Rotary Club



**ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

**REGISTRATION – Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 – 2:00**  
You will be notified of the results from the lottery by mail or e-mail by Friday, March 13.

Registration packets will be available March 2nd in the front office.

**All items must be presented at time of registration.**

Items needed:

- Immunization form 3231
- Eye, Ear, and Dental form 3300
- Certified copy of the Birth Certificate
- Copy of the Social Security Card or waiver
- Affidavit of Residence (in packet)
- Bright From the Start Registration form (yellow-in packet)
- 2 Proofs of Residence (utility bill, lease, contract, etc.)

For further information: Bright From the Start website

[www.decal.state.ga.us](http://www.decal.state.ga.us)

Please share this with your neighbors and friends.



**Students...It's time again for the SIX FLAGS Six-Hour Reading Club.** All you have to do to receive your **FREE** Six Flags ticket is complete your six hours of reading and return your reading track sheet to your teacher no later than **February 24, 2009!** Happy Reading!!!

**LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Moore (Read to Succeed Coordinator) at 678-357-8200 or [heidijmoore@comcast.net](mailto:heidijmoore@comcast.net).