



# 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.

**Congratulations!**

At this time each year, the Alpharetta Elementary staff selects a teacher of the year and an employee (school/support professional) of the year. This is a tough job to only honor two of our staff members when all of our teachers and staff are "first-rate" employees. The process begins with nominations, followed by voting, and for the teacher of the year candidates – interviews and observations in their classrooms. The Teacher of the Year Finalists were: Wendy Constantinidis, adaptive art teacher; Patty Hambrick, art teacher; Margaret Lawrence, music teacher; Ann Schaub, media specialist; and Beth Thompson, second grade teacher. Drum roll please! It is with great pleasure I announce AES's 2009-10 Teacher of the Year is **Patty Hambrick** and our AES Professional Employee of the Year is **Alvaro Gamboa**, ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) paraprofessional. Congratulations to both of our winners!

Like I said earlier, we all know that Alpharetta Elementary is full of Top Notch Teachers, but did you know the following?

- 32 Masters Degrees
- 7 Specialist Degrees
- 2 Ph.D.
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers

Of course with this much Alpharetta Elementary teaching talent, other schools have recognized this too. Therefore, we have **28** high school and college students this semester learning from our excellent staff. With pride, we welcome 10 of these students daily from our own Milton High School.

**Knowing your Child's Learning Style**

We all learn in different ways. When we need to learn something, we usually pick up information quicker when it is presented in one of the four following styles:

**Visual - Auditory - Tactile - Kinesthetic**

These four approaches are called the learning styles. Your child will almost always have a dominant learning style. Each child will use all four styles at one time or another, but will usually favor one above the others. It is important to be aware of your child's dominant learning style. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing what each of the learning styles are, benefits in knowing your child's learning style and how this can help you help your child succeed.

**(Notable News from KnowledgePoints, Your Partner in Education)**

**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)

**Reminders:**

Monday is **President's Day** - No School

**Early Release Day** - February 25th - Transportation forms will be coming home today. Please fill out and return by Friday, February 20th.



**Up Coming Dates**

**February**

**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, 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 - Media Center
- 19 FCBOE Board Mtg - 6:30-8:30 - Dunwoody Springs
- 20 Report Cards Sent Home
- 21 First Day of Spring
- 24 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00
- 25 Early Release Day
- 27 4th Grade Field Trip to Wahsega
- 30 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20- Burns



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).

**Are you Applying to Private School ??**



If you are applying to private school and have transcript requests to be processed, please deliver the packet to the front office. Evaluation forms will be forwarded to your child's teacher. Records will be copied and sent to the requesting school, along with the completed evaluation forms.

When submitting your request, please include an 8X10 envelope with 2 stamps attached. You child's records will then be mailed to the requesting school. Thank you.

**Saturday, February 14, 2009**

**Noon to 4:00pm**

**From Africa to America..... 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.

**EARLY RELEASE DAY** Come join us on **February 25** from 12:00 to 3:00 for an afternoon of fun at StarTime Entertainment. You decide what you want to do...Movies, lunch, over 200 video and skill games, or come outside and enjoy mini golf and batting cages. Whatever you choose to do, StarTime will donate 20% of proceeds back to our school. Hope to see you there!



608 Holcomb Bridge Road



Watch for your Wahsega information packet coming home this week with all the details for the 4th grade trip to Wahsega on March 27th. Permission slips are due back Feb. 27.

**Chick-fil-A Family Night**

February 17th - 5:00pm-8:00pm



Please join us for Chick-fil-A Family Night at the Windward Parkway Chick-fil-A for lots of family fun

and fellowship.

Teacher times -

- 4:30-5:30** - Linda Malo, Bobbie Halverson, Sally McCarthy, Betty Feehan, Patty Hambrick
- 5:30-6:30** - Terrisa Warren, Ashley Dearcop, Julia Stromayer

**Art Reflections Winners**



We are proud to announce that at the Art Reflections Ceremony held at Northview High school this past week the following students were recognized as Council Winners: Andrew Buck, Spencer Lingle and Christopher Gomez and Zoey Wagner received an Honorary Mention.

William dos Santos is the state winner for his entry of "Nature" in the Theme category. Council Winners will go on to compete at the state level.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made this program so much fun.





We would like to thank all of our volunteers that helped make Bingo Night a success: Becky Collins, Kathy Aussin, Paige Luth, Laura Boling, Jill Renner, Jeff Huepper, Bernie Przysiecki, Jason Tweedy, Karen Killingsworth, Lorie Davis, Judy Genesky and the Junior Beta Club members. We would also like to thank Mr. Witt for being the M.C. , Mr. Allison for helping with the evening events and our husbands, Pete Gagne and Chuck Augello for all they did to help make the evening a success. To all those that lent a hand to help set-up and clean-up, we thank you as well.

TJ Gagne and Donna Augello

In addition to our parent volunteers we would like to thank the many partners and companies for their support:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aladdin Travel                      | Just For Giggles                  | Star Time                  |
| Alpharetta Animal Hospital          | LaParilla                         | Stars & Strikes            |
| Alpharetta YMCA                     | Mad Italian                       | Stars Soccer Club          |
| Bagel Boys                          | Millers Ale House                 | Summits Wayside Tavern     |
| Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream             | My Room Rocks                     | Super Games, Inc           |
| Cactus Car Wash                     | Nastro Bello                      | Taco Mac                   |
| Chick Fil A                         | Original Pancake House            | Thru The Lens Photography  |
| Dianne Kokotof /Mary Kay            | Pasta Vino's                      | Trading Card?              |
| Donna Augello/Harry Norman Realtors | Planet Beach Tanning              | Union Diamond              |
| European Barbers                    | Planet Smoothie                   | Wal-Mart                   |
| Haynes Bridge Starbuck's            | Pleasures Skin Care               | White Columns Country Club |
| Hudson's                            | Publix                            | Zaxby's                    |
| J. Stokes Salon                     | Sam's Club                        |                            |
| Joanne's Nails                      | Sean McGinnis of Atlanta Magazine |                            |

**Box Top Blitz**



We are holding a ONE WEEK classroom contest to pull in as many Box Tops as possible before the February 28<sup>th</sup> submission deadline. Bring in the Box Tops you have been collecting and see if your class can win!!

The four classes that collect the most Box Tops by the end of school on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> will each win a \$25 gift card to Publix. The winning class teachers can use the gift card to purchase snacks, have an ice cream party, or whatever they want to do for the class with the gift card. A special thanks to our partner – Publix at Haynes Bridge, Where Shopping is a Pleasure! Questions? Contact Stacey DiMarco at [tsdimarco@gmail.com](mailto:tsdimarco@gmail.com) .

**2009-2010 School Calendar**

**First Semester**

- Aug. 3-7 Preplanning
- Aug. 10 First Day of School
- Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 16 Early Release Day
- Oct. 9 Teacher Workday
- Oct. 14 Early Release Day
- Nov. 18 Early Release Day
- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 18 End of First Semester
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Holidays
- Jan. 4 Teacher Workday

**Second Semester**

- Jan. 5 First Day of Second Semester
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
- Feb. 12 Student/Teacher Holiday
- Feb. 15 President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 24 Early Release Day
- March 12 Teacher Workday
- March 24 Early Release Day
- April 5-9 Spring Break
- May 21 Last Day of School
- May 24-25 Teacher Workdays
- May 31 Memorial Day Holiday