



# 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, al-  
ways be prepared to  
show ID when you are  
checking out your student .**

**School Closed?**  
**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.

This past Wednesday, we had our **4<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day** for the year. A few of the highlights included additional training on Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages), Junior Great Books, and the Georgia Alternative Assessment. Because of your support, our teachers receive on-going valuable staff development so they can better serve your children. Thank you!

Students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 have recently finished taking the 27 week installment of **Checkpoints**. This is a diagnostic assessment used to assist teachers in planning appropriate instruction for all students. This assessment is not a high-stakes test, but the results at this point in the year are valuable as they will allow teachers and administrators the opportunity to evaluate curriculum delivery and make adjustments prior to upcoming Criterion Referenced Competency Tests. If you should have any questions about any of the assessments listed below, feel free to contact your child's teacher or Andy Allison, our assistant principal.

<b>Upcoming Assessments:</b>	<b>Grades</b>
March 4 Georgia Writing Assessment	5 <sup>th</sup>
April 16–23 Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ongoing GKIDS Assessment	Kdg.
Thru Mar 19 Georgia Alternative Assessment (special needs students)	Kdg.-5 <sup>th</sup>

**Knowing Your Child's Learning Style (cont.)**

**Auditory Learners**

An auditory learner is one who relates most effectively to oral information, i.e.: the spoken word. Auditory learners make up about 30% of the population.

Auditory learners enjoy oral discussions, remember by talking out loud, and need to have things explained orally. They may have trouble with written instructions so it is common for them to talk to themselves while learning something new and repeat a telephone number in order to remember it

If your child learns through song, help him/her put information to a song to help remember it. For the child who is a "talker", have a discussion on a topic so the information will be committed to memory faster and will be better understood..

Allowing the auditory learner to have music or white noise in the background may help with focusing while completing a task.

Ok, now think back to the grocery list you wrote. You are now the auditory learner who left it sitting on your counter at home. As you wrote the list down, you repeated all of the items out loud to yourself. This time in the grocery store, you walk up and down the aisle talking to yourself repeating the items you wrote. You are now able to recall the list by talking.

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



**NO PARKING IN FIRE LANES**

Some of the jurisdictions have contacted Fulton County Schools to let us know they have reached the end of their patience concerning cars parked in fire lanes on our campuses. If cars are found parked in front of a red curb or otherwise marked fire lane, they will be ticketed, towed, or both.

Parking in designated fire lanes or in front of fire hydrants is strictly prohibited by the International Fire Code which has been adopted by all of the jurisdictions within Fulton County. Fire lanes and hydrants are considered part of the fire protection system of any building. They are designed to allow unobstructed fire apparatus access at all times to the building in the event of a fire or a medical emergency. Whenever a fire lane is blocked, the safety of that building and its occupants is in jeopardy. Fire lane curbs are marked red in order to define their limits.

**Up Coming Dates**

- 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
  - 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



**Parents,**

This is a reminder to send lunch money on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Three or more charges will result in the child receiving a sandwich and milk. Due to the current status of our economy, we want to make all parents aware that free and reduced meal applications are available. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 770-667-2930.



Thanks, Vickye Monger, Cafeteria Manager

**Fulton County Elementary Schools  
Spring Registration  
May 6 & May 7, 2009  
Grades K-5**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ENROLLED IN  
FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
Your child will bring a survey form home to be completed and returned to school. Look for these materials on April 24. Please return them to school immediately.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT PRESENTLY ENROLLED  
IN FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
You should enroll at your local elementary school. You should bring the following documents to help speed up registration.

- Grades K-5 – Official State Birth Certificate
- Georgia State Immunization Form (3231)
- Georgia State Hearing, Vision & Dental Screening Form (3300)
- Copy of Child's Social Security or Waiver Affidavit of Residence
- 2 Proofs of Residence (utility bill, lease, contract, etc.)

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday May 6  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH  
INTERESTED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

For further information call  
the front office at 770-740-7015.

**"Jump Rope for Heart"**



We have raised over \$9,000 and have almost reached our goal of \$10,000 for the American Heart Association! For the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the students at AES have jumped rope to save hearts! We are so proud of the work that AES students have done over the past ten years...raising well over \$100,000! Jump Rope for Heart is an event our students look forward to every year and while we have a blast jumping rope and getting heart healthy, this community service project gets a boost from us!

It is unfortunate that most all of our students know someone that has been affected by heart disease and/or stroke since these are the number one and number three leading causes of death in our country. All money raised from JRFH goes directly to the AHA who in turn thanks our students by providing funds for physical education equipment. It is a win/win situation for everyone! Your children have been working so hard in PE fine-tuning their jump rope skills. The PK-2 students have practiced and practiced the basic short and long rope skills while our 3-5 graders have put together routines which were graded during PE class!

On behalf of the American Heart Association, the PE teachers send out a huge thanks to all of the kids at AES! And to all the parents that showed up to serve drinks and turn ropes, we could not have done it without you! A GIGANTIC THANKS TO MICHELLE GORDON AND SANDY ROGALSKI for coordinating volunteers and refreshments! You two are the best!



Angie Bryant & Allyson Morris, PE Teachers

**Recycling Ranger Program**



Mark Your Calendar for Tuesday, March 10 - Ocee Library in Johns Creek. Keep North Fulton Beautiful will be conducting a program at 4 Pm for preschoolers-3rd grade called Recycling Rangers-and you'll be able to make a recycled craft. Free but registrations are taken since space is limited. Call 770-360-8897.



**ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

**REGISTRATION – Wednesday, March 11,  
8:00 – 2:00**

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

**Kindergarten Round-Up For  
2009- 2010 Students!**

We invite next year's Alpharetta kindergarteners to join us for Kindergarten Round-Up **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30**, in the Alpharetta Elementary cafeteria.



Parents should plan to come and bring their children who will attend Alpharetta Kindergarten in August 2009.

**Parents will:**

- Receive important curriculum and registration information
- See a "virtual tour" of a kindergarten classroom
- Sign up for a Kindergarten screening time

**Incoming kindergarteners will:**

- Be treated to a brief guided tour of Alpharetta Elementary
- Board a stationary school bus in the parking lot
- Walk through the lunch line for cookies and milk

**We look forward to meeting our newest Eagles!!**