



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Patricia Reed—Principal

Andy Allison - Assistant Principal

From:
The Assistant Principal's
Desk

**May We Help?
Feel Free to Call Us
770-740-7015**

- CST**
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- 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**
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Fun Run Cancelled

As you all know the entire country is going through a difficult time financially and everyone is making cut-backs due to budget restraints. The annual AES Fun Run is the latest budget casualty of Alpharetta Elementary School. Unfortunately, the operating cost for hosting a 5k run through the city of Alpharetta far exceeds our anticipated budget when compared to previous years. The current cost for hosting this event, not including the food, beverages, t-shirts, banners, and other race merchandise, is a little under \$2000. Sadly, this wonderful and family orientated event is not financially possible during our current times and we are disappointed to cancel it for the 2009 year. We appreciate your continued support and please know that we will continue to work with community members with planning upcoming events that will help to benefit the school but more importantly, our Alpharetta Elementary School students. Thanks for your understanding.



CRCT NEWS!

The Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) is administered to students in grades one through eight and it measures how well a student has learned both the knowledge and skills covered by the state curriculum for their grade level. Below are some important dates and some helpful information that will assist you and your Alpharetta Elementary School child with preparing for the test:

Grade 1st & 2nd: April 16th, 17th, and 21st

For grades 1 and 2 the tested subject areas include Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics.

Grade 3rd, 4th, and 5th: April 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd

For grades 3, 4, and 5 the tested subject areas include Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The Georgia Department of Education has posted 2008 Study Guides for grades 2, 3, 4, and 5. These study guides are located on the GADOE website under the CRCT home page. The link is provided below:

Reminder:
URGENT! For student safety, always 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.

Knowing Your Child's Learning Style (cont.)

Kinesthetic Learner

A kinesthetic learner is one who relates most effectively through movement of their large (or gross) motor muscles taking in information when they are moving. Kinesthetic learners make up about 5% of the population.

A kinesthetic learner prefers physical activities, wants to actually do whatever is being talked about or learned. You can recognize a kinesthetic learner as one who likes to move around while listening or talking, often talks with their hands, and may remember things by recalling who did what rather than who said what.

This is the child who may be a natural athlete, a performer on stage, a musician. Any activity that involves the whole body comes easy to them. They walked early and have no problems on the monkey bars.

Now think back to the grocery list you wrote. You are now the kinesthetic learner. You never wrote your list on paper. You wrote it out on the family marker board. You were able to use your large motor muscles to write. So now in the grocery store, you are able to recall the items simply by walking up and down the aisles pretending to write your list in the air or you simply see it in your mind and check it off aisle by aisle as you walk.

(Notable News from KnowledgePoints, Your Partner in Education)

Up Coming Dates

March

- 13 Teacher Work Day - No School
 - 14 St. Patrick's Day
 - 17 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
- Teacher times:
- 4:30-5:30** - Amanda Fischer, Connie Beckham, Sandra Green, Peggy Lloyd, Yvonne Holbrook, Joyce Brooks, Lynne Ford, Julia Stromayer
 - 5:30-6:30** - Janice Hurley, Valeria Stiff, Kathy Sieling, Laurie Tate, Kris Andolino, Calandra Eineker
 - 6:30-7:30** - Laura Williams, Teresa Lackey, Megan Grizzle, Joan Mooney, Millie Dusek, Colleen Summers, Michael Witt
- 25 Early Release Day
 - 27 4th Grade Field Trip to Wahsega
 - Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 8:30-8:50 - Morgan
 - 30 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20 - Burns
 - 31 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast - 8:00-9:30 - Media Center
 - Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 10:00-10:20 - Walker

April

- 1 Kdgn - Goldilocks & the Three Bears - 8:00 - 8:20 - Craven
- 2 Kdgn - Goldilocks - 8:00 - 8:20 - Lister/McDaniel
- Spring Group Picture Day
- Domino's Pizza Family Night (delivery only)



**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

PTA Meeting

Please plan to attend the next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00 am. It is a very important meeting, since we will be voting in our slate of officers and will also have a guest speaker. Mrs. Spartz will be speaking to the PTA about the Science Extravaganza to be held in May. It will be a very exciting day and it will be great to hear from Mrs. Spartz on how parents can help with this day.

Slate of Nominees:

- Co-President - Shawn Hampton & Stacy DiMarco
- Secretary - Leigh Ann Maloney
- Treasurer - Shay Weaver
- VP - Community Relations - Kathy Aussin
- VP - Special Events - Tracey Gaertner
- VP - Student Enrichment - Bernie Przysiecki
- VP - Ways and Means - Melissa Brady



5th Grade TAG Parents

There will be a meeting for all parents of rising 5th grade TAG students on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 8:00 am. in the AES Media Center. This meeting will give 5th grade TAG parents the opportunity to hear about the TAG program at Northwestern. This meeting will provide you with the information you need to have before making decisions regarding your child's class placement for next year, and the opportunity to ask questions about 6th grade class placements.

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 770-667-2930.

Thanks, Vickye Monger, Cafeteria Manager



Reminder....final payment is now due for the 4th grade Wahsega Trip, scheduled for March 27. Also, please make sure medical forms are updated and on file with Mrs. Lloyd in the clinic if you indicated a medical issue on your child's permission slip.

Save the Date

Tuesday, March 31st - Come join the teachers and staff in the AES Media Center between 8:00 am and 9:30 am for an Appreciation Breakfast for all of our wonderful parent volunteers.

Congratulations AES TAG Department!

Our TAG students entered four projects in the 2009 Fulton County Media Festival. We are pleased to report that three projects are **winner**s and will advance to the state level. The winning projects are 1st grade *Animal Antics*, 1st grade *Enigma Satorial* and 3rd grade *A Walk Through History*. Congratulations to our TAG teachers, Maryann D'Amelio and Suzanne O'Brien, and their students for making our school proud!



Be sure to check out our new on-line calendar at www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta