



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



*Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible*

*Patricia Reed—Principal*

*Andy Allison - Assistant Principal*

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

*From:  
The Principal's Desk*

**AES First Clean Air Day - September 10th - Be Part of It!**

What can you do to make Alpharetta Elementary an even better school? This year we are pleased to announce we want to be an Evergreen School. You ask, "How? I thought our school colors are red and white." Well, yes, AES is proud of our school colors but we want to be more environmentally friendly by "going green" too. The way we want to start this initiative is by doing our part to help clean up the air around our school.

Once again you ask, "How?" Well, it can be simple, fun and good for your health all at the same time. Next Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first ever "Clean Air Day." First of all, **wear green** to school. Next, we ask that if your child does not ride the bus, you **walk your child** to and from school **or vanpool with your neighbors**. This can reduce the *choking* traffic in our school parking lot and some congestion right in front of our school.

Thanks to our PTA President, Kim Jones, and Alpharetta Mayor, Arthur Letchas, there will be increased police presence to facilitate the safety of the students by providing assistance at various intersections. Teachers will make sure that the students do not have to carry home over one text book for homework on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Just think about it – not only will you have time for a great conversation with your child, you may even sneak in some practice of spelling words or math facts while you are walking.

Of course, I wish I could say there are sidewalks on all the major roads including Mayfield. If you feel it is unsafe to walk and you carpool your child to school, please consider vanpooling with your neighbor(s). This too will be a great way to reduce the number of cars on the road. If you decide to do this option, please turn off your car's engine while waiting in the carpool line. According to the Clean Air Campaign, "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." Did you know that "more than 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine"?

Perhaps if Alpharetta Elementary shows a desire to "walk to school", the city of Alpharetta will find the funds to build more sidewalks. Not only will we be helping our children, but we will be helping the community too!

- 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



**Raising Good Sports**

You can teach your child to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

**Our first Early Release day is September 17th. Students will be dismissed at 11:20am. Your student will be bringing an Early Release Day form home this afternoon. Please fill out the form indicating how your student will go home that day and the choice of lunch then return it to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, September 10th.**

**Our first School Grounds Week will be September 8-12.**

**Up Coming Dates**

**September**

- 8-12 Grounds Work Week
- 10 Green School Clean Air Day – Walk to School  
PTA Executive Board Mtg – 8:30
- 11 Rain Date for Green School Walk to School Day
- 16 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Teacher times - **4:30-5:30** - Jill McDaniel, Cathy Updegraff, Suzanne O'Brien, Maryann D'Amelio;  
**5:30-6:30** - Beth Thompson, Heather Brown, Pam Haight, Mary Natelli; **6:30-7:30** - Donna Menzies, Maureen Wales, Renee Curry, Liz Goldsmith, Cynthia Dibble, Paula Davis
- 17 Constitution Day  
Early Release Day
- 18 FCBOE Board Mtg 6:30
- 22-26 ITBS Testing - 3rd & 5th grades
- 23 First Day of Autumn



**5th Grade Rocks!!**



Reminder... paperwork and money for Rock Eagle and the 5th grade Rocks! T-shirts are due no later than Monday, Sept. 15th. Just fill it out and send it back to your homeroom teachers along with cash or checks made out to AES PTA.

**READ AROUND BOOK CLUB  
REMINDER FOR ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Read Around Club is excited to start a new year and is looking forward to sharing great literature with the students. Information and permission slips was sent home last week. Please make sure your student returns their permission slip to their homeroom folder by Monday, September 8th!



Happy Reading!  
Christine Shields 678 624-1407  
Julie Campbell 678 366-2256

**AES Fall Carnival**

The AES Carnival is 4 weeks away, So mark your calendars for this incredibly fun day! Please sign up to work a shift, It takes a group effort to make it a hit. The carnival raises money for the teachers and school, Plan now to attend, the kids will find it cool!  
**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 – 8:30pm.**

If you have any questions, please contact your Room Mom, or Trish Nugent at (678) 339-9759 or USNugents@gmail.com



**OLD MILTON COUNTRY FAIR**

Date - September 13-14  
Time - 10:30am-6:00pm  
Location - The Former Milton High School  
Free Admission

Everyone is invited to come experience a real country fair and take a moment to "live" history!



**IMPORTANT REQUEST**

Parents,  
We really need a local number to call when your child is sick. Ms. Lloyd is unable to make long distance calls from the clinic.

**85% + 15% = 100%**

We are at 85% for AES PTA membership. Our goal is 100%. A simple goal that is **one adult member for every child** in our school. Thank you to those of you who have already joined. If you have not - it's not too late! Please return the red envelope sent home last week. Your support helps us continue programs like **Art Reflections, Book Club, Accelerated Reader, Exceptional Children** programs, etc.... The PTA also provides mini-grants for teachers, as well as teacher appreciation events throughout the year. With your support - **WE CAN!** Questions? Contact Leigh Ann Maloney, PTA Membership Chair, 770-664-1132 or [LAM63@comcast.net](mailto:LAM63@comcast.net).

**Reflections Program – "WOW!"**

Today marks the launch of the 2008-2009 Art Reflections program at AES. Students have until Monday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to create their entry based on this year's theme- "WOW!"

They can enter in one or all six categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Literature, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Productions. Please be sure to read the category specific rules. All participants will be invited to a participation celebration and classes with 50% or more participation will be entered into a drawing for a class pizza party.

Copies of the rules and entry forms are available in the Media Center or in the Teachers Lounge or contact the Art Reflections Committee:

Kerry Maiorino at 770-360-9535 or Claudia Valbuena at 770-346-0846.



**You could win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops & free tacos for a year** in the **Great Taco giveaway!**

Old El Paso is giving away 5,000 Bonus Box Tops and free tacos for a year, complete with all the fixin's! Winners will be drawn August 11 through September 21.

**1st prize: 5,000 Bonus Box Tops & free tacos for a year**  
**2nd prize: 1,000 Bonus Box Tops & free tacos for a year**  
**3rd prize: Free tacos for a year**

New winners drawn every week!

Register to win at:  
<http://www.bte.com/promotions/tacos/>

Clip your Old El Paso Box Tops and send them into AES!

**BOX TOPS (EDUCATION)**  
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