



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

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**From:
The Principal's Desk**

AES Walk to School Day – A Success!

Nothing quite like a cheerful, energizing walk to school during AES Grounds Week to kickoff becoming an EverGreen School! By 7:20 Wednesday morning there were "parades" of students dressed in green with their parents, baby brothers and sisters and even the family dog walking to school with friends and neighbors. One large group of families from Mayfield Place subdivision even had the pleasure of Mayor and Mrs. Arthur Letchas joining them on their walk. Add in some assistance from the Alpharetta Police and once again we were renewed with a sense of camaraderie with our great community.

As we all know, Alpharetta Elementary is a school that cares. We want to do our part to promote student wellness by encouraging more exercise and healthy foods. Environmental stewardship is a responsibility that we all need to share. If we take this day as a reminder, perhaps we will all find other opportunities in our busy daily lives to sometimes walk to the neighborhood tennis courts, carpool to a school event, or use mass transit to the airport.

You may be interested in knowing some of our numbers. Last school year the average number of cars that traveled through a morning carpool line was 176 of which most only had one student. This past Tuesday we counted 121 cars, and on our "Going Green Wednesday", we only had 81 cars. Currently, we have 6 to 8 walkers on a typical day. This past Wednesday, we had 152 students walk and 3 ride bikes to school. What a difference a day can make!

Once again, I wish to thank all of you parents for your support. This special day was a success because of you as well as Mayor Letchas, Kim Jones and the Alpharetta Police. While I am at it, I wish to thank our Grounds parents along with the students for your beautification efforts to our school grounds this past week. Alpharetta Elementary is a great community school because of you!

Food Allergies – We Need Your Help!

It's hard to believe that foods most of us eat and enjoy every day can be harmful to others. But it's true, and many of our students at Alpharetta Elementary have food allergies. The most common food allergies include peanuts, tree nuts (like walnuts, pecans, and almonds), milk, eggs, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish. Students who have food allergies can become quite ill if they touch or even breathe a tiny amount of the food they are allergic to. They need all of us to help keep them safe.

Learning what someone is allergic to is easy - just ask them! Finding out if foods are safe is another story. Even foods that have ingredient labels can be tricky, since food companies sometimes use scientific names instead of everyday ones. (For example, did you know that "casein" is milk?) A large percentage of boxed cake, cookie and muffin mixes contain a nut product or have been cross contaminated. Foods that are processed in a facility that uses nuts are not safe for the student with a nut allergy. We have to remember that nuts are not the only food allergy however.

***Important change:** If you plan to bring any food into the classroom, please check with the teacher first to find if there are any students with food allergies. If there is a student with a food allergy, the ingredient label should be provided so it can be checked by the clinic before being taken to the classroom. Students with food allergies will not be able to enjoy snacks for which there is no label provided.*

Much more information is available at www.foodallergy.org. Your extra efforts can make a world of difference to a child who has a food allergy.

The ITBS is in Two Weeks!

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to grades 3 and 5 only on September 22-26. Please be sure students arrive on time, well rested and with glasses, if necessary. The students will be tested on the following subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and sources of information. The ITBS provides norm-referenced scores that indicate how well a student is performing compared to students across the country who take the same test.

Our first Early Release Day is September 17th. Students will be dismissed at 11:20am. Please make sure your students have returned the Early Release Day form to their teachers.

Up Coming Dates

September

- 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



October

- 1 Hearing and Vision Screening
- 2 Picture Day
- 3 Fall Carnival - 4:30-8:30
- 5-10 Fire Prevention Week
- 7 Domino's Pizza Family Night (delivery only)
- 8 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30 - Media Center
- 10 Conference Day - no School
- 13 Columbus Day
- 15 Early Release Day - Students dismissed at 11:20am
- 16 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30pm

The Magic Number

787 is the Magic Number. Only **88** more AES PTA memberships needed to reach our goal of 100%. Our school-wide popsicle party is in site now! If we can just make this goal before the end of September, we will be awarded the prestigious "**African Lion Platinum Membership Award**" from the Georgia State PTA in it's partnership with Zoo Atlanta this year. Please send your red envelope in today, stop by the office to pick up a form, or contact Leigh Ann Maloney, AES PTA Membership Chair, 770-664-1132 or LAM63@comcast.net. Thanks for your support!

AES Fall Carnival

The Carnival countdown has begun, It's only 3 weeks until the fun! Please give an hour of your time, No training needed, you'll be fine. Call your Room Rep. today to volunteer, Add your name to the list and she will cheer. Decorating cakes might make you smile, Perhaps some Chili is more your style? Whatever you do, don't hesitate, It's for the kids, so make it a date!
Friday, October 3rd, 4:30 – 8:30pm.



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

OLD MILTON COUNTRY FAIR



In conjunction with The Old Milton Country Fair and the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Guild Quilt Show, the beautiful AES 2007-08 3rd grade paper Friendship Quilts will be hanging at this weekend's event. (4th graders, that means your artwork!) Look for them inside the Quilt Show. There is a \$5.00 admission charge for adults, but children 11 and under are admitted free to the Quilt Show with an adult.

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.

Chick-fil-A Family Night



September 16th - 5:00pm-8:00pm

Please join us and the Balloon Man for our first Chick-fil-A Family Night at the Windward Parkway Chick-fil-A. 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, Liz Goldsmith, Cynthia Dibble, Paula Davis

Education Rewards

It's time to save those Box Tops!! During the fall Carnival, we will be raffling a Box Top basket – sponsored by our great partner Publix!! Bring your Box Tops to the Carnival with your name written on back, and deposit them instead of tickets to win the basket. You'll win a Publix gift card and a ton of Box Top products. It's easy and free!!



Also, stayed tuned on how to win *free* Carnival tickets, simply by saving Box Tops.

Tyson Project A+



How can we pass this by? Each Project A+ label is worth 24¢ to AES. Eligible packages include almost all Tyson's **frozen chicken products.**

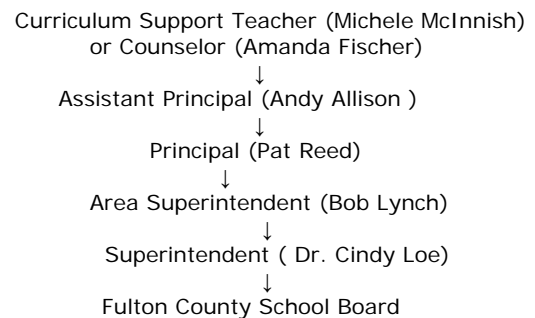
If each AES student donates 10 Project A+ labels, **AES earns \$1680.** WOW!!!

In your grocery freezer section, look for Tyson products that display the **Project A+** logo. The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple 1,2,3 program steps. Please clip and send in the entire label below:



Questions about your student?

Please remember that whenever you have questions, your best and first point of contact is always your child's teacher. If, after communicating with your child's teacher, you still have questions, the following chain of command is also available to you:



FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

To continue free or reduced price meal benefits for students each household, must complete a new application each year. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits will end on September 22, 2008, if the household has not reapplied. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager before September 19, 2008. Be sure to list all the students in the household on the application. Keep in mind, the application may take up to 10-days to process. If you have any questions, please call the Fulton County School Nutrition Program - Meal Eligibility Desk at (404)305-2220.