



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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

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#### Picture This:

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your youngster's comprehension, read a book without letting him see it. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. *Examples:* How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

**From:  
The Principal's Desk**

A new elementary school is scheduled to open in August of 2009. It is currently under construction on Birmingham Highway in North Fulton County. In order to develop the attendance zone for this new school, parental input is being sought because new attendance zones will affect many area elementary schools, including Alpharetta Elementary School.

Each time a redistricting effort is under way, the school system holds three rounds of meetings to gather information needed to draft a redistricting proposal that best meets the community's needs. Unlike other school systems, Fulton uses a process that encourages public discussion before developing a proposal. This allows the community to have maximum input in how the proposed attendance lines are created.

Three meetings will be held at Elkins Pointe Middle School from 7-9pm.

Round One - October 23  
Round Two - November 13  
Round Three - December 10

#### Purpose of Round One

- Fulton County School system staff outline the redistricting process and establish ground rules for facilitated small-group input sessions.
- Participants move to small-group sessions and input is gathered related to the redistricting criteria.
- Fulton County staff review public comments and apply school board-approved redistricting criteria to develop alternative attendance zone plans prior to the next community forum.

#### Purpose of Round Two

- Fulton County staff present alternative proposals for 2009-10 attendance zones that were developed with established criteria and community input from the first forum.
- Community members comment on strengths and weaknesses of each plan in facilitated small-group discussions.
- Prior to the next community forum, Fulton County staff condense the number of attendance zone alternatives based on public input.

#### Purpose of Round Three

- Community members review and provide input on revised attendance zone alternatives in facilitated small-group discussions.
- Fulton County staff use comments to develop final attendance zone options for school board consideration.

### Up Coming Dates



#### 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
- 20-24 National School Bus Safety Week
- 20 Boosterthon Pep Rallies - 12:45-2:15

### Theme Basket Reminder

The Carnival is fast approaching, please remember to send in your items for your theme basket no later than October 1st. We couldn't do this without parent support! Thank you for all your donations to make the 2008 Theme Baskets a huge success!

### 2008 Theme Basket Selections

- Hallam Tons of Toys
- SPED Craft Crazy
- Kdgn Burns- Go Dawgs!  
Craven-Chocoholic  
Hadid- Balls of all Sorts  
Lister/Mcdaniel-Guzzlin for Gas  
Morgan/Goldsmith- Art and More  
Walker- Family Game Night
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dahunsi- Matchbox and Hotwheels  
Peagler- Lego Mania  
Rhodes- Crayola Colors  
Rice/ Easterling- All Sports  
Stephens- Haunted Halloween
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown- Movie Night  
Dearcop- Backyard Fun  
Halverson- Great Outdoors  
Silverio- Camping Crazy  
Thompson- World of Webkinz  
Urquhart- Money Tree
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Green- Creative Cooking  
Harrison- Shopping Spree at the Mall  
McCarthy- It's a Dog's Life  
Mooney- Gotta Have a Gift Certificate  
Summers- Slumber Party!  
Williams- Pamper Mom  
Witt- Candy Store
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gillette- Music mania  
Grizzle- Photo Phrenzy  
Keys- Disney is Dandy  
Spartz- Ramblin Wreck from GA Tech  
Whitten- Rainy Day Fun
- 5<sup>th</sup> Brooks- Fall Festival  
Davis- Dine out on us  
Eineker- Children's Book Club  
Haight- Hannah Montana and Jonas Brothers  
Seawright- Itune Tree



The AES PTA is excited to announce our new, primary fundraiser for the 2008/2009 school year, the BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN!  
The Fun Run replaces the Sally Foster fundraiser we have done the past several years. The Boosterthon Fun Run has been providing this new alternative to fundraising, taking the place of the traditional product sales, since 2002 and today serves over 200 schools. It comes highly recommended to AES by neighboring schools as well as by our own administration. This fundraiser is not only about raising money to enhance the educational platform, it is also about promoting Fitness, Education, and Character. This school-wide community event is scheduled to kick off on October 21st with the actual Fun Run taking place on October 29th. Take a look at what this fundraising program is all about by going to [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com). Be on the look out for additional information coming your way!

### Hearing & Vision Screening



Make every effort for your child to be at school on Wed., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> for screenings as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> grade - hearing  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade - hearing and vision  
5<sup>th</sup> grade - vision  
If your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader wears glasses, remind him/her to bring them to school.



**SPIRITWEAR:** Thank you to everyone who placed orders by the Sept. 12 deadline. Your items have been ordered and should arrive in approximately 2 weeks. Feel free to contact Michelle Coleman or Roxanne Robinson with any questions.



### Reflections Program – "WOW!"

If your student would like to create an entry for the Art Reflections Program there is still time. 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.

There will be a box outside of the teachers lounge for your entries. Copies of the rules and entry forms are available in the Media Center or contact the Art Reflections Committee: Kerry Maiorino at 770-360-9535 or Claudia Valbuena at 770-346-0846.

### Tip on Publix Partners card from Lori Foley:

I never use mine if attached to my keys as I don't have my keys out while I'm paying. So I pinned mine to my Publix reusable tote that I use for groceries instead of the plastic bags. That way, as long as I've brought my bags, I've got my Publix Partners tag for scanning.

I didn't know if this tip would be helpful to other parents but thought I'd share.

### PICTURE DAY Thursday, October 2nd

Individual and yearbook pictures will be taken at this time. Order forms will be sent home on Friday, please return them on picture day. Retake day will be November 12th.





**AES Fall Carnival**  
**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 – 8:30pm**

One week until the fun begins ... inflatables, games, crafts, prizes, basket raffles, a super cool DJ, refreshments, and more! We still have many open shifts and we really need your help. It is never too late to volunteer. Also, if you have a responsible teen that needs volunteer hours, we will happily assign him/her a shift. Please contact your Room Rep. or Shay Weaver, today - [shaym-weaver@yahoo.com](mailto:shaym-weaver@yahoo.com).

Thank you to everyone that has already contributed to their class basket. Sadly, some of the baskets are looking very empty right now and it would be greatly appreciated, if you could please **send in a donation for your class basket** by **Wednesday Oct. 1st**. I'm sure that with your help, the basket raffles will look fabulous! If you can't make it to the Carnival, you still have a chance to win a basket. All you have to do is pre-purchase your tickets, fill them out with your name and telephone number, and have a friend drop them in the baskets you choose (see the list in this newsletter). You don't have to be present to win, but you'll miss all the fun!

Have you purchased your tickets? Don't delay, send in your form and save yourself the hassle of standing in line at the Carnival. **Pre-order forms will be filled through Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Remember to save those Box Tops and bring your completed Hopscotch form to the Carnival: 25 box tops = 6 free tickets!

AES would love for you to participate in the Chili Cook Off or the Cake Decorating contest. Everyone so enjoys these contests and it would be great if you, or an AES grandparent, are part of it. Baked goods are needed! Even if you didn't sign up, just bring it on in. Don't forget to place your baked goods in individual bags, to be sold at 50 cents each.

Please drop off all baked goods, chili (in a crock pot), and cakes, in the cafeteria by 4:15 p.m.

**See you at the Carnival!**

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



**ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS:**

Reminder – your 5<sup>th</sup> grader's baby picture is due by October 3rd. If possible, we would like to have every student's baby picture in the year book.

Thanks  
 Debbie Sibani



**SAVE THE DATE**



Bring the whole family for a night under the stars to enjoy Family Movie Night at AES on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 6:30 pm. Tickets go on sale Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$4 each (\$20 per family max) and include dinner from the Varsity (hotdog, chips and drink). Dinner is guaranteed with advance purchased tickets only. Additional concessions such as popcorn, hot chocolate and candy will also be available. Bring a blanket, pack a cooler, flashlight and a low back chair. Contact Melissa Brady 678-358-0230 with any questions.

**Stay tuned for movie announcement next week.**