



# 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



**May We Suggest That You Make the AES Website Your Family's Computer Homepage?**

This year, Fulton County Board of Education purchased an online circulation system for our district's libraries. Now our students can look up library books from home by accessing the library catalog through our school's website. Since the system is county-wide, our AES students will be prepared for future searching since they will experience the same catalog when they move through middle and high schools.

To access the online library catalog, scroll to the bottom of our AES homepage at [www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta) and under the "Quick Links" heading choose the *AES Library Catalog*. You can look up books from this link as well as access Quiz List Interactive, found on the home tab, to search for the availability of Accelerated Reader tests. If you need additional information, you might ask your child, since second through fifth grades have been practicing using the new catalog and have become quite proficient.

Additionally, under "Quick Links," we added a new page titled *AES Web Links*. This page contains many curriculum-related links organized by subject that your child frequently accesses when visiting the computer lab of doing research. At home, you can make use of the variety of links to make research homework more efficient. Take a few minutes to peruse the variety of links and take special note of the choices listed under "Search Engines" particularly, *Kid Safe Search Sites*, which have been chosen based on "kid safety" factors. At school, your child's Internet usage is monitored through our district's filtering system. At home, it is important to monitor your child's computer use even though our website provides child-friendly sites. The *Kid Safe Search Sites* link provides additional links for parents regarding child safety on the net as well as media reviews.

**Reminder: Watch Our "Class Act" Teacher—Michael Witt**

11 Alive Class Act Broadcast  
October 20, at 6:35 a.m. and 12 noon broadcast  
Video streaming at [www.11Alive.com](http://www.11Alive.com)

**International Student Media Festival**

For over 30 years, the International Student Media Festival (ISMF) has celebrated outstanding classroom media projects. This year, four Fulton County Schools have been selected as winners with Alpharetta Elementary being one of them. Under the guidance of Maryann D'Amelio, Suzanne O'Brien and Jamie Harrison, last year's 1st and 2nd grade TAG classes and Madeline Ganter won for the following entries.

- K-3 in Animation Category—*How Possum Lost Her Tail*  
(Judges Favorite-about 10% of the winners earn this award)
- K-3 in Sequential Stills Category—*Coming to America*
- K-3 in Sequential Stills Category—*If These Shoes Could Talk*

These students and their teachers were recognized for their achievement and honored last night by the Fulton County Board of Education at their board meeting. The International Student Media Festival will be Nov. 6-8 in Orlando, FL. Congratulations! We are proud of you!

**Rock Eagle Chaperones**

**Due to the redistricting meeting scheduled Oct. 23, the Rock Eagle Chaperone Meeting will now be Tuesday, Oct. 21 @ 6:30pm in the AES Cafe. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

**5th Grade Projects**



**New Elementary School Redistricting Meeting**

Community meetings planned for Oct. 23, Nov. 13 and Dec. 10 will address the redistricting process for a new elementary school and classroom additions planned in North Fulton. The meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Milton Center (formerly Milton High School) at 86 School Drive, Alpharetta. The location for all three meetings was previously announced for Elkins Pointe Middle School but has been changed to the Milton Center. No meetings will be held at Elkins Pointe.

The new elementary school, currently under construction on Birmingham Highway in Milton, is scheduled to open in August 2009. Classroom additions also are being constructed at Roswell North Elementary and Mountain Park Elementary to open the same year. Existing attendance zones at other north Fulton elementary schools will be modified to create the new attendance boundaries and to balance overcrowding at schools located west of GA 400.

### Up Coming Dates

#### October

- 20-24 National School Bus Safety Week
- 21 Boosterthon Pep Rallies - 12:45-2:15  
Rock Eagle Chaperone Mtg - 6:30- Cafe
- 22 PTA Meeting - 9:00am-11:00am - Media Center
- 23 Redistricting Community Mtg - 7:00pm - Milton Center
- 24 Deadline for Original Art Work orders  
Movie Night– Gates open: 6:30 pm, Movie starts when dark
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 29 Boosterthon

#### November

- 2 Daylight Saving time Ends
- 4 Election Day - School Closed
- 5 8:30-10:30 PTA Executive Board Mtg.
- 6-7 5th Grade to Rock Eagle
- 10-14 Canned Food Drive
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Picture Retake Day
- 13 Varsity Family Night - 5:00pm -8:00pm
- 14 LSAC Meeting - 8:00am -9:30am
- 19 Early Release Day - Students dismissed at 11:20
- 20 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30
- 21 AES 52nd Birthday
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



### Free Fall Fun this Weekend!



Woodruff Arts Center and the High Museum of Art  
Free Family Day sponsored by Target  
October 19, 2008, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Woodruff Arts Center Campus  
1280 Peachtree Street NE

Discover all that the Woodruff Arts Center has to offer. Experience **the High's** latest special exhibitions and create your own mini masterpiece to take home. Visit an instrument "petting zoo" and sit in on an open rehearsal with the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**. Catch an improv workshop or take a backstage tour of the set design and costume shop at the **Alliance Theatre**. Enjoy a variety of performances by **Young Audiences** on the piazza. Don't miss this festive family celebration of all things.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>!



Come cheer your AES Eagles at the Fun Run on October 29<sup>th</sup>!

Look for the "Dream Big" DVD your child will come home with on October 21<sup>st</sup> and be sure to watch it to learn how you can be a part of this terrific fundraiser!

- October 20<sup>th</sup> - Pep Rally – **Teachers Only** - 2:45 - Gym
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - Pep Rally - **Room Reps Only** – 11:45 - Gym
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - Pep Rally – **Students Only** - During school hours
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - **DVD and Pledge Book come home**
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> - Daily Classroom Visits from Boosterthon Team – Pledge Books/Donations collected & recorded daily

#### October 29<sup>th</sup> FUN RUN

- 9:00 - 10:15am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades
  - 10:30 - 11:45am 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades
  - 12:00 - 1:15pm Pre-K, K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades
- SPED will go with their grade level**  
**ALL PARENTS WELCOME!**

November 11<sup>th</sup> - Pledges Due!

Check out the Boosterthon website for more information regarding this year's primary school fund-raiser at [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com).

### Box Top Results from Carnival



The Box Tops promotions at Carnival made \$430 for Alpharetta Elementary.

Keep clipping and saving Box Tops for the upcoming classroom contest scheduled to start mid-November. We need clear plastic containers for our classroom contest: Pretzel jugs, large apple juice jugs, etc. If you have any donations, please contact Stacey DiMarco at [tsdimarco@comcast.net](mailto:tsdimarco@comcast.net).

### See You at the Movies!



Wow! Tickets are really selling fast! Don't miss out on all the fun! Come join your family and friends at AES Movie Night on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>! Spend a night under the stars watching Space Chimps. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> through 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.

### Computer & Electronics Recycling Collection



Businesses and residents of North Fulton will be able to recycle computers and other electronic equipment on **Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.** at the Waste Management Alpharetta Transfer Station located at 11465 Maxwell Road.

### PTA Membership—So Close!

We are currently at 98% PTA membership for AES. We are so close to reaching our goal of one membership for every child and teacher. Won't you help us to reach this goal by joining PTA for \$6? For each membership, we send \$2.75 to the Georgia State PTA and the National PTA. These organizations, together, are among the largest child advocacy groups in the nation. Their tireless efforts to promote education, healthy habits, safe schools, and strengthening families benefit us all. Georgia PTA is currently conducting a survey to determine their legislative priorities for the year and are asking for your help. This is where you can help determine the agenda. Go to [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org) to provide input. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey. Any questions, please contact Leigh Ann Maloney, AES PTA Membership Chair, 770-664-1132 or [lam64@comcast.net](mailto:lam64@comcast.net).

### Wellness Tip of the Week

Seventy percent of Americans don't get enough exercise, blaming lack of time or motivation. Ignoring fitness and health increases your chances of getting heart disease and having a stroke. You don't need to go to a gym to exercise. Brisk walking for as little as 30 minutes a day has proven heart-health benefits. And research shows that for every hour of regular exercise, you can receive two hours of additional life expectancy. For more information visit [americanheart.org/start](http://americanheart.org/start).

### A B C's Of Student Success

**A** is for ATTENDANCE.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!