



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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

*Patricia Reed—Principal*

*Andy Allison - Assistant Principal*



**From:  
The Principal's Desk**

### **Congratulations to Principal of the Day Rachel Walser**

In recognition of American Education Week, second grader Rachel Walser was Principal for the Day at Alpharetta Elementary on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Principal Walser did morning announcements, had an Admin Team meeting, did classroom walkthroughs and had a power lunch with some of her friends in the Principal's Office. She learned that when you are the boss, you can make rules and decisions. She thinks it would be a great idea for the school principal to ride through the building on a scooter because the principal is always busy and it would be a faster, more fun way to get around. Rachel won this honor during an auction at the school's annual fall carnival.

**We will not publish Eagle Wings next week.**

Everyone has heard of Thanksgiving turkeys, but what about *Techie Turkeys*? Well, thanks to our CST, Michele McInnish, the AES staff became *Techie Turkeys* on this past Wednesday's Early Release Day where our learning focus of the day was none other than *technology* - of course! We are so-o-o thankful to you, our parents, for your support of this valuable staff development time as we learned about the huge *cornucopia* of teacher resources available on-line and video streaming.

Now with Thanksgiving less than a week away, I must admit we have a lot to be grateful for here at Alpharetta Elementary. Let me begin with our wonderful chorus under the direction of Margaret Lawrence. If you were unable to *gather together* for our chorus performance this past Tuesday at the Haynes Bridge Publix, then you missed a musical celebration. As always the chorus did a terrific job as they sang several holiday songs. After the concert, Publix generously treated everyone to a mini-Thanksgiving feast! Thank you, Publix, for being a wonderful business partner.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many contributions to our school whether it is providing "warm, winter wishes" for a yummy coffee/cocoa bar, assisting in a classroom, volunteering in the media center or donating to our PTA in support of our recent Boosterthon Fun Run. As you sit down to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast with family and friends, I offer my heartfelt thanks for all you do for our children.

On behalf of the entire staff at Alpharetta Elementary, I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

*There's so much to be grateful for now that Thanksgiving's here -  
The moments of togetherness with people we hold dear.*

*The many blessings we receive,  
The loveliness of fall,  
And all the special memories  
We joyfully recall.*

*Constance Parker Graham*

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**Up Coming Dates**

**November**

**26-28** Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

**December**

- 1-8** Barnes & Noble AES Book Fair at Barnes & Noble
- 3** Art Reflections Breakfast - 7:15-7:45
- 4** Barnes & Noble Family Night 4:00-8:00
- 10** Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00  
Teacher times: **4:30-5:30** - Rhodes, Holbrook, Mace, Easterling, Rice, Keys/**5:30-6:30** - Bluth, Waller, Murray, Farmer/**6:30-7:30** - Allen, Sterrett, Genesky, Peagler, Dahunsi
- 11** Chorus Concert - 6:00-6:45  
Band Concert - 7:00-7:45
- 12** Original Art Works sent home
- 15** Orchestra Concert - 6:30-7:15
- 16** 5th Chorus to Perform at Jackson Healthcare
- 17** 4th Chorus to Perform at Dogwood Forest
- 18** PK-2nd Holiday Parties  
6:30-8:30pm FCBOE Board Meeting
- 19** 3-5 Holiday Parties  
End of First Semester
- 22-Jan 2** - Winter Holidays

**January**

- 5** Teacher Work Day
- 6** First day of Second Semester



**Health and Wellness Tip**



"An apple a day keeps the doctor away," is more than just a saying. Cornell University researcher Chang Lee says research has shown eating apples with the skin attached provides the human body with rich disease-fighting compounds. Including an apple a day in your diet helps protect against colon cancer, and high blood pressure. Studies done with rats, also suggest that quercetin, a powerful antioxidant found in apples, may protect brain cells from degeneration.

**Congratulations AES Community!**

We reached our goal of 100% PTA Membership - one member for every child and teacher in our school. Thank you to everyone who joined and supported our cause. We earned two awards from Georgia State PTA as a result: The Eagle Owl Visionary Pin and The Otter Gold Membership Certificate. Students will celebrate this accomplishment with a popsicle party sponsored by our Partner in Education, Publix, on Friday, November 21.



Thanks,  
Leigh Ann Maloney  
AES PTA Membership Chair

**One last reminder to check the lost and found area next week. We have a lot of coats, jackets, sweaters, hats and lunch boxes in the containers. After Tuesday, we will donate everything that's left to North Fulton Charities.**



**Boosterthon Pledges**



We will have another Boosterthon Collection Day on December 3rd for those of you who have out of state pledges coming in.

**AES 2008 HOLIDAY GIVING**



This year we will assign each grade level a collection of items that have been requested by North Fulton Charities as their greatest needs for this holiday season.

The assignments will be as follows:

- Wing/Kindergarten - diapers and baby wipes
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> - hats, socks, and mittens
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> - blankets
- 5<sup>th</sup> - umbrellas

We'll be collecting items in the classrooms from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.



We will be helping AES families in need this holiday season by providing food. If you are interested in assisting or know of someone in need, please contact our school counselor, Ms. Amanda Fischer at **770-740-7015**.

**Did you know?....**

That Alpharetta Elementary faculty and staff supports children's charities through buying "jeans days". We pay \$5.00 each month and wear jeans on Wednesdays. Through this donation we support a variety of charities for children. Some of these charities include: Childhood Cancer, Juvenile Diabetes, American Heart Association, Childhood Asthma and our newest one is The Canine Assistance Program. These are just some of the different charities that our Alpharetta Family supports. This year we have collected \$3410.00 and had ninety eight staff members participating.



We feel that we **can** make a difference!

**Art Reflections Program**



December 3rd - 7:15am -8:00am - Media Center

A celebration for all the students and parents who participated in the Art Reflections Program. Please look for the flyer that will be sent home.

**"A Book Fair of a Different Color" Coming Soon!**



Our Barnes & Noble Book Fair is right around the corner. It will be held at the Alpharetta Barnes and Noble, December 1 through 8 with Family Night on Thursday, December 4 from 4-8 pm.

During our Book Fair week, simply present one of the vouchers we will be sending home or mention AES when checking out and AES Media Center will get credit. Also, a voucher is available to print from our website.

We are excited to offer this event as Barnes & Noble has a vast selection of books and gift items and there is something for everyone!

More information will be coming home and you can always check our website for current and updated information! We look forward to seeing you there!

