



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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**From:
The Principal's Desk**

It is that time of year when winter break is near, more family time and the pressure of gift giving is upon us! Sometimes finding that perfect gift is oh so simple because we've paid attention and anticipated what the ones dear to us would appreciate. Other times we cannot seem to find just the right thing or perhaps the perfect thing is unattainable—like Power Rangers were a number of years ago!! Sometimes the gifts we should and can give carry no price and are not so hard for us to obtain.

In a handy book called Lists to Live By, I came upon one entitled "10 Gifts to Give Your Children" by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. The list is as follows:

- Love
- Discipline
- A Good Example
- Respect
- A Good Self-Image
- Good Health Habits
- Time Together
- Motivation for Learning
- Sense of Humor
- Peer Relationships

To highlight a couple of items from this "gift list": *Love*-sure; *Discipline*-yep! Is it consistent? Not as much as I'd like it to be! *A Good Example*—many times we don't realize just how loudly our actions speak! You've heard the saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." How about - let's do as we want them to do! Modeling the behavior we desire. *Respect*-the comment from the list book says, "A child needs our respect in order to develop self-respect." Are we respecting our children? *A Good Self-Image*- interestingly enough, undeserved praise is mentioned as a means of undermining a positive self-image and the last one I'll comment upon-*Time Together*-When you're with your children, are you really present? Do your actions show your children/family that they truly do come first? Giving the gift of time is a perfect gift for the holidays and our upcoming winter break!

As this is our last newsletter for 2008, I wish each and every family here at Alpharetta Elementary a safe and peaceful Winter Break. We have had an outstanding semester and I thank you for your generous spirit in giving to our school. All the best to you in your travels and family time in the next few weeks ~ Blessings to one and all!

Reminder:

URGENT!
For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking out your student.

School-Closed?

It's getting to be the time of year for inclement weather. If you have a question whether or not school is closed, please tune to WSB-TV - the official channel for school closings for Fulton County.



"A Book Fair of a Different Color"



The "Book Fair of a Different Color" has come to a close and was very successful!

Special thanks goes out to our planning committee: Donna Savas, for creating our logo and limerick, Kevin Wylie for B & N expertise and Karen Thimsen for organizing our volunteers. Extra special thanks goes to our wonderful volunteers who lent their support by running the greeting table: Amy & Ricky Alcala, Tracey Gaertner, Terese Lunde, Kim Mitchler, Bernie Przysiecki & Kevin Wylie and to our gift wrappers: Amy Dempsey, Nancy Gudenkauf, Claire Santoro, Karen Thimsen, Sandy Hutchinson and Foncia Fralin (a.k.a. Lucy & Ethel).

Extra special thanks to all the AES families and friends that made the "Book Fair of a Different Color" a success!



**We will not publish an Eagle Wings next week so...
Alpharetta Elementary Faculty and Staff wish all of our students and parents a very safe, happy and blessed Holiday Season.**

Up Coming Dates

December

- 15 Orchestra Concert - 6:30-7:15 pm - Media Center
- 16 5th Chorus to Perform at Jackson Healthcare - 9:30 am
- 17 4th Chorus to Perform at Dogwood Forest - 10:00 am
- 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
- 7 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30
- 14 Domino's Pizza Family Night (delivery only)
- 16 Report Cards Sent Home
AES LSAC Meeting - 8:00-9:00am
Spelling Bee - 9:00am
- 19 Martin Luther King Holiday - No school
- 21 PTA Meeting - 9:00-11:00- Media Center
- 22 FCBOE Board Meeting - 6:30-8:30
- 23 Chick-fil-A Family Night - 5:00-8:00
- 26-30 Bear Fair



Bingo Night Prize Patrol could use your help!

Do you have "extra" presents from the latest cookie swap or holiday gift exchange? Did your kids receive any toys that didn't even get a second glance? Please feel free to unload your "extra" holiday gifts on the Bingo Prize Patrol! We promise to find them a good home when we host our annual Bingo Night on Friday, February 6th. You can place your donated Bingo Prize in a donation bin by the front office. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for Bingo Night please email Donna Augello at donna.augello@harrynorman.com or Tracey Gaertner at traceynelt@bellsouth.net or 404-918-7877.

2009 Fulton County Technology Fair
Technology Projects needed!



The Fulton County Technology Fair is Jan. 31, 2009 at West Lake High School. For more information go to: <http://www.fultonschools.org/itdivision/techfair/index.htm>
AES projects and all the necessary forms are due to Mrs. O'Brien, the AES liaison, on Jan.9, 2009.

Health Tip of the Week

Caffeine: Did you know that caffeine can increase anxiety and make it harder to relax? Wean yourself off coffee, tea, and cola drinks gradually replacing them with water, fruit juices, and herb teas.



Box Top Contest Update

The Box Top Contest is going strong with a total earning (as of Tuesday, Dec. 9th) of **\$676.50!! WOW!**

We have one more week to collect enough Box Tops to make our goal of \$1000. If every AES student brings in 5 Box Tops, we will make this goal!! Please visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Promotions/> to get coupons on Box Top products and see the current Sweepstakes opportunities. Also remember, if you start your holiday online shopping from the Box Top Marketplace, AES earns a percentage of your purchase: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace/Default.aspx>



As of Tuesday, December 9th, these are the classes per grade level that are winning:

- K - Morgan - 270; 1st - Dahunsi- 297; 2nd - Brown - 346; 3rd - Witt - 650; 4th - Whitten - 365; 5th - Davis - 205; SN - Menzies - 132

Congratulations Mr. Witt - your 3rd grade class is currently in the lead for the whole school with 650 Box Tops!!
Congratulations Mrs. Peagler - your 1st grade class is currently in the lead for the whole school with 332 Campbell's Labels points.
Congratulations Mrs. Summers - your 3rd grade class is currently in the lead for the whole school with 9 Tyson's Project A+ labels.

Let's keep the momentum going..... collecting ends by end of school on Thursday, Dec 18th. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey DiMarco at tsdimarco@comcast.net

Art Reflections Update

The PTA Council Reflections Program results are in. We are pleased to announce that 4 of our students have been invited to the Council Reflections Ceremony, which will be held on Jan. 29th at Northview High School. Judges specifically acknowledged the following students' artwork and these students will receive **either** a certificate of Honorary Mention **or** are winners in their category and will be advancing to State:

- Andrew Buck-Literature**
- Spencer Lingle-Music**
- Christopher Gomez- Visual Arts**
- Zoey Wagner- Visual Arts**

William dos Santos was selected as a State Winner and will be advancing to Nationals in the 2010-2011 Reflections Theme Search Competition. His winning theme was "Nature".

Congratulations to each of you for your outstanding contributions to the arts. The winners advancing to State will be announced at the ceremony.

Thanks to everyone for participating in the Art Reflections Program.
Claudia Valbuena and Kerry Maiorino- Art Reflections Committee

