



# 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



**Attention Parents**  
Students will not be called from the classroom for dismissal after 2:00 pm. Students will need to be picked up before 2:00 or in the car-pool line .

**This policy is stated in the Student Handbook.**

**Reminder:**  
For student safety, always be prepared to show ID when you are checking out your child.



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Alpharetta, GA 30009

Staff development is a top priority at AES! Last Friday, our teachers spent the day with the writing guru, Lola Schaefer. She is a well respected presenter of best practices of teaching writing to students. Thankfully the teachers had the necessary time on Wednesday's Early Release Day to continue their discussions and plan how they could incorporate what they learned from Ms. Schaefer into writing instruction in the classroom. Some other valuable staff development that the teachers had on Wednesday included learning about a couple of pieces of instructional software that they can use with their students, Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) preparation, Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA) preparation, and RtI (Response to Intervention – part of the Student Support Team process). Even our paraprofessionals had some special staff development from Karen Wolk, our special needs school nurse.

**The ITBS is Next Week!**

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to grades 3 and 5 only on September 21-25. Please make sure students eat a nourishing breakfast each morning as well as 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.

**AES Eagle Pride**

- ✂ The AES Cafeteria scored a perfect score of 100% on our food inspection this week! Isn't it great to know that our food is prepared safely by cafeteria manager, Vickye Monger, and her staff each day!
- ✂ Pam Ferguson, AES bookkeeper and Professional Assistant, was just recognized as Fulton County Schools Business Coordinator of the Year! Congratulations, Pam!
- ✂ Under the leadership of Trina Grogan and Linda Coyle, a bunch of parents showed their appreciation of our teachers by providing the staff with a Tailgate Luncheon last Friday. We all wish to thank these parents for such a wonderfully delicious and fun lunch!
- ✂ Doesn't our courtyard look beautiful? What about the school's new "curb appeal"? Did you notice how much better the school grounds look along Mayfield Road? Add in some weeding and pruning in the Sensory Garden for our special needs students, we are looking so much better thanks to our wonderful Grounds parents and Dads' Club. AES parents are the best!!!

**Forgot a textbook for homework?  
Need textbooks for make-up work when sick?**

Accessing the book **on line** from the AES website is a convenient solution. Parents will need to pick up homework requests for sick children in the office no later than 3:00 if multiple textbooks are needed. Students may take home only *one* textbook plus handouts for a sick brother or sister.

**Early Release Day**

**Students checked out before 11:20 on Early Release Days will be counted absent for the day. This is a Fulton County BOE policy.**

**Next week 3rd and 5th grade will be taking the ITBS. We are asking parents not to visit during testing.**

### AES PTA Funds Survey Results

Based on feedback received from parents and teachers on the AES PTA Funds Survey, our PTA is immediately gifting \$4000 to the school to purchase 4 new plasma televisions for 2nd Grade. Our kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms have been using flat screen televisions to access video streaming available from Fulton County to directly support our GPS Curriculum. Video streaming allows Alpharetta Elementary to access thousands of academic videos that will give our children the additional advantage in the classroom that haven't had before.

The new purchase also allows for the teachers to tap into a massive database that will provide our students with letters, diaries, events and historical photos that will be integrated directly into the daily lessons. This controlled Internet access will again, assist the teachers, support our curriculum, and give our students at AES the opportunity for advancement. Congratulations to AES!

AES PTA Funds Survey 2009				
	Yes	No	Blank	Total
Are you a 2009-2010 current AES PTA Member?	70	2		72
Did you contribute to the SOS Enrichment Fund?	29	41	2	72
Are you a parent of an AES Student?	55	17		72
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Votes
In School Field Trips	5	22	16	43
Playground Improvements	19	12	11	42
Schoolwide Cultural Arts Events	5	9	24	38
Schoolwide Curriculum Support	12	9	7	28
Teacher Training	1	7	4	12
Technology Upgrades	30	13	10	53
<b>Total Votes</b>	72	72	72	

Please contact either [Shawn Hampton](#) or [Stacey DiMarco](#) with questions.



#### Carnival Theme Baskets



We have some great basket themes this year. Don't forget to send in an item for your class theme basket! Deadline is Wednesday, September 30th. If you can't make it to the carnival, you still have a chance to win. Fill out your pre-purchased tickets with your name and phone number and have a friend drop them in the baskets you choose. You don't have to be present to win, but you'll miss all the fun!



#### Take the Time and Clip the Dime...

The Labels for Education Collection Contest ended today. The winners will be announced next week. Keep sending in those Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education lids/labels and Tyson A+ Labels (entire 1,2,3, label). Visit the PTA Web site at [www.alpharettaelementarypta.org](http://www.alpharettaelementarypta.org) for info on our upcoming Publix Contest to earn free carnival tickets!

**Be sure to check out our on-line calendar at [www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/alpharetta) as well as the new PTA website at <http://alpharettaelementarypta.org/>**

**Mark Your Calendar****September**

- 21-25 4th Grade Parents Come to Lunch Week  
 21-25 ITBS  
 28-Oct. 2 5th Grade Parents Come to Lunch Week

**October**

- 1 School Picture Day  
 2 School Carnival 4:30-8:00  
 5-9 Fire Prevention Week  
 Science Week - 2nd & 5th Grade  
 7 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 8:30-10:30 - Conference Room  
 9 Teacher Work Day/no school for students  
 13 Katie Reeves's Community Meeting - Hopewell MS - 9:30-11:30am  
 14 School Spirit Day  
 Early Release Day  
 Domino's Pizza Night - 5:00-8:00pm  
 19-23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Week  
 Red Ribbon Week  
 Science Week for 1st & 4th grade  
 20 Book Club for 4th & 5th Grade - 10:35-11:05 - classroom  
 21 PTA Meeting - 6:00-7:30 pm - cafeteria  
 22 FCBOE Board Meeting - Dunwoody Springs - 6:30-8:30pm  
 23 Sally Foster Pick-up - 4:00-6:30pm - Gym  
 24 Sally Foster Pick-up - 9:00-11:30pm - Gym  
 26-30 Science Week for PK, Kdgn & 3rd grade  
 30 AES LASC Meeting - 8:00-9:30

**AES Fall Carnival  
Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4:30 - 8:00pm.**

Please pitch in to help make our Carnival a huge success, by signing up to work a shift at your class' booth.

The chili cook off and the cake decorating contest still need participants, and we are seeking bakers of delicious treats for the bake sale. Join the fun and share your talents with everyone!

Please don't forget to send in something for your class basket. Every donation is greatly appreciated and helps to make the basket raffles incredibly popular.

Use the Carnival ticket order forms coming home today to order your tickets in advance and avoid standing in line on the day.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It's going to be a great Carnival because of all our wonderful parents!

If you have any questions, or are available to help with any pre-Carnival preparations, please contact your Room Rep., or Trish Nugent at (678) 339-9759 or [USNugents@gmail.com](mailto:USNugents@gmail.com).

**2009-2010 AES SCHOOL DIRECTORY -COVER CONTEST UPDATE!**

Well, we had an overwhelming response to our "**Create the Cover**" contest for our AES Directory this year! We received over 30 wonderful submissions showing what great things AES does to help our planet and make our school a Green School.

Thanks to all the students who participated and thanks to Ms. Davis and all the 5th grade teachers for collecting these beautiful pieces of art. It will be a tough decision to pick just one! Stay tuned....

**5th Grade Corner**

Rock Eagle - All registration forms for students and chaperones were due today.  
 Countdown to Rock Eagle!

**5th Grade Movie Night:**

Thanks to everyone that supported our kickoff event.  
 5th Grade Rocks!

Thank you to Mrs. Reed for helping to chaperone our event.

A huge thank you to Advanced Embroidery for delivering our 5th grade t-shirts in time to show off our colors. What a great job!

**Scarecrow Harvest (City of Alpharetta):**

5th Grade Scarecrow is in the making! Watch your email for details.

**FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS**

These are tough economic times and AES wants all eligible children to receive free or reduced meals at school. Contact Vickye Monger, AES cafeteria manager, at 770-667-2930 or [monger@fultonschools.org](mailto:monger@fultonschools.org) for information and/or an application. Rest assured all inquiries, applications, and meal benefits are *confidential*.

*Sally Foster*

THANKS for your support during the Sally Foster PTA Fundraiser! A list of 50 Club members, raffle winners and top sellers will be announced in next week's Eagle Wings.

Please put the following Sally Foster pick-up dates on your calendar:

**Friday, October 23**

**4pm - 6:30pm**

**Saturday, October 24**

**9am - 11:30am**

Orders will be available in the AES Gym during these hours. These are the only dates for pick up. If you cannot collect your order during these hours, please make arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick it up for you. Pick-up reminders will be sent home with students as the delivery date nears. Feel Free to contact Susan Hanna (678)319-4481 / [5hannas@att.net](mailto:5hannas@att.net) with any questions.

THANKS again, from the PTA, for contributing to our Great Success!!

**A large sum of money was found in the parking lot on Friday, August 21st, please contact the office with inquires.**



### "Thank You" to Our Wonderful Volunteers!

Last week several groups helped to cleanup and beautify the school grounds. **Mr. Witt, his 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents** added new flowers and mulch in the courtyard. **3<sup>rd</sup> grade Brownie troop #29325** worked with parents to weed, prune and add mulch in the Special Needs garden.

**The Grounds Committee** weeded and pruned by the entrance to the sports field. **The Dad's Club** cleaned up the outdoor classroom area and the front entrance to the school. Special thanks go to Mr. Allison for working with the Dad's Club last weekend. Thanks to everyone for showing you care and helping to keep our school grounds clean and safe.

### Show your School Spirit Get your AES Spirit Wear in time for Carnival!

#### Fall Fun Pack

T-shirt (short or long sleeve)

Car Magnet

Water Bottle

**Only \$16 (with a short sleeve t-shirt)**

**\$18 (with a long sleeve t-shirt)**

(\$22 value)



If you get your order in by Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, you will have your Spirit Wear in time for Carnival! We will also be selling spirit wear at Carnival, but sizes and quantities may be limited. Get your Spirit Wear now to guarantee sizes!

Be sure to check out our new fall and winter items... long sleeve ladies and youth size t-shirts, full zipper hoodies, pull-over hoodies and fleece sweat-shirts.

Please print your Spirit Wear Order Form from the PTA website:

<http://www.alpharettaelementarypta.org> or pick up a form from the front office. Send your completed form with payment to your child's teacher.

**Questions?** Please contact Renee Shepherd at [reneeshpherd@bellsouth.net](mailto:reneeshpherd@bellsouth.net) Or Amy Dempsey at [amydempsey@bellsouth.net](mailto:amydempsey@bellsouth.net) or Tracey Gaertner at [tracey@thegaertners.net](mailto:tracey@thegaertners.net)