



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.



192 Mayfield Road
Alpharetta, GA 30009

What an incredibly wonderful Carnival we had last Friday! I want to personally thank all of our PTA volunteers and teachers who made this such a happy and memorable family event. Just when I thought our baskets couldn't be any better, they were amazingly terrific thanks to all of you generous parents. Our business partners were also generous and gracious in their support of our school and the whole community was here to join the fun. I had a great time dressed as the *Pocket Lady* and enjoyed the delight of the little ones as they "picked my pockets". Thank you, PTA, for providing us with such a rich tradition here at AES!

Are your children working on their Reflections entries? The theme this year is "Beauty Is....". With so many talented students here at AES, we hope to see many more students with entries this year. Ask your child to stop by the Office to pick up a registration form or visit our PTA website at www.alpharettaelementarypta.org to print your own and learn more about **Reflections**. For more information contact Kerry Maiorino at 770-360-9535 or Lorie Davis at 678-366-3909. All entries are due on Wednesday, October 14th.

Are you planning to travel during the school year? Check this first! Please review your child's attendance record and refresh your memory of our Absences and Attendance policies found in the *AES Student and PTA Handbook*. Fulton County School's attendance policy (which can be found on the school system's webpage at www.fultonschools.org) clearly outlines the accepted excuses for absences and what a parent may do if an anticipated absence is not listed. Please note that in order to have any **planned absence** approved, a letter from the parent must be submitted to our assistant principal, Andy Allison, PRIOR to the planned absence. Planned absences may or may not be approved. Also keep in mind, if your child misses 10 or more total days of school this school year, you may be asked to provide medical notes for additional absences to be considered excused (in accordance with Fulton County Schools' attendance policy). Please reconsider scheduling your family travel/vacation time to coincide with school breaks and avoid missed time whenever possible. Thank you for your assistance in keeping your students in class for instruction and learning.

The city of Alpharetta hosted the **Fourth Annual Scarecrow Harvest** last weekend, and local schools created colorful scarecrows to celebrate the spirit of fall harvest. AES had lots of participation in the Scarecrow Harvest (see some below). I would like to thank all the parents, teachers and students who worked so hard on this event. Have a great weekend and take a stroll through downtown Alpharetta and see the amazing scarecrows that line the streets! Congratulations to all!

- Ms. Brooks' 2nd grade – Bonnie Rocker
- Ms. Brown's 2nd grade – Jackie Robinson
- Ms. Dearcop's 2nd grade—Peachy the Farmer
- Ms. Thompson's 2nd grade – An Astronaut
- Ms. Summer's 3rd Grade – Sunny the Scarecrow
- Ms. Urquhart's 3rd Grade scarecrow is based on the book, You Give a Mouse a Cookie
- Ms. Grizzle's 4th Grade – Alphie Goes Green
- Ms. Whitten's 4th Grade - Wonderful Whitten's Patch Queen
- 5th Grade - "Love, Peace, and Happiness" - Runner-Up for Most Creative Special Friends – The founder of Special Olympics, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and her own special Olympian, Determined Danny

Early Release Day—October 14th . Remember to return your student's Early Release Day form by Monday, October 12th.



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

Friday, October 23 - 4:00pm - 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 with a neighbor or friend to pick it up for you.



AES is so grateful to our Partners in Education, Crabapple Kroger and Haynes Bridge Publix! They each donated a carnival basket full of groceries. Congratulations to Patty Hambrick on winning the Kroger basket and Canon Grogan on winning the Publix basket.



Fall Carnival was a great success!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all your volunteer hours! Wow! Everyone came together and made the carnival a huge success.

The money we raised is so valuable to the school and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help and participation. Thank you to all our sponsors:

The Varsity, Domino's, Chick-fil-A, Wal-Mart, Publix, Kroger, Brusters, Cue, Bagel Boys, The Science Academy, Xtreme Gaming 360, and "Back in Time".

Thank you to our DJ, Chuck Major, for a fantastic job with the music!

Thank you to everyone—it was a blast!

Cake Decorating Winner: Martha McGinnis
Chili Cook Off Winner: Marlon Davila
Ms. Reed's Guessing Jar: Claire O'Neill (There were 759 pieces of candy corn in the jar).



5th Grade Corner



- * Counting down to Rock Eagle!
- * **SAVE THE DATE:** Rock Eagle Chaperone Meeting
 Wednesday, November 4th
 Eagle Rock Cafe
 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
 It's important to attend!
- * Packing list for Rock Eagle is on the PTA website. The list will go home with each student as the departure date approaches.
- * Congratulations to the 5th grade class. Our scarecrow earned a ribbon for Runner-Up for Most Creative! 5th Grade Rocks.

Mark Your Calendar



- October**
- 13 Katie Reeves's Community Meeting - Hopewell MS - 9:30
 - 14 School Spirit Day
Early Release Day
 Domino's Pizza Night - 5:00-8:00pm
 - 19-23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Week
 Science Week for 1st & 4th grade
 - 20 4th & 5th Gr. Book Club - during lunch - classroom
 - 21 PTA Meeting - 6:00-7:30 pm - cafeteria



Research shows that kids who eat breakfast fare better in school, and have a healthier diet, says Sheah Rarback, M.S., R.D., a pediatric dietician at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Eating

breakfast promotes proper growth and maximizes school performance, too. That's because it's usually easier for breakfast-eaters to meet their daily nutritional needs. Since families are in such a rush, here are 8 tips to help to make sure kids have time to eat breakfast in the mornings.

1. Finish homework and pack school bags at night.
2. Decide what your children will wear to school before going to bed. Locate lost shoes for the next day.
3. Get up 15 minutes earlier.
4. Give up morning television and computer games.
5. Have healthy foods on hand. Shop for breakfast foods with your kids, taking into account personal preferences.
6. Set out cereal the night before. For a younger child, fill a zip-lock bag with her portion; she adds milk in the morning.
7. Allow older children to use the microwave oven. Most breakfast foods can be prepared in five minutes, or less.
8. Let kids eat in the car, or while walking to school.



PUMPKIN PATCH AND FESTIVAL

Looking for a great activity for the kids this weekend? Please consider supporting the annual Canine Assistants Pumpkin Patch and Festival.

Who? Sponsored by CA volunteers
 What? Games, Goodies, Moonwalk, Pumpkin painting and of course pumpkins of all sizes to choose from
 When? Oct. 10: 10-4pm, Oct. 11 12-4pm
 Where? American Legion Post 201, Wills Rd., Alpharetta
 Canine Assistants is a wonderful organization in our community that provides many opportunities for those in need, as well as providing AES with the K-9 Kids reading program. Let's "give back" so that they are able to "give".



ART REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2009-2010
"Beauty Is..."

It is time to show your artistic talents at AES. The Art Reflections program has begun. If your student would like to create an entry for the Art Reflections program there is still time. Students have until Wednesday, October 14th to submit all entries, based upon this year's theme - "Beauty Is...". Please be sure to read category specific rules posted at www.alpharettaelementarypta.org or contact committee chairs.

There is a drop off bin outside the teachers lounge for your completed entries. We are looking forward to seeing your children's talents.

Art Reflections Chairs
 Kerry Maiorino & Lorie Davis



Be sure to join us for a PTA meeting on October 21st from 6:00-7:30 pm in the cafeteria.

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

Georgia Coach Workbook Order Form

Looking for a great way to help your child prepare for the CRCT? The Georgia Coach workbook is a great option! This grade specific series provides comprehensive instruction and ample practice on all of the key skills and concepts that are included in the curriculum at each grade level (our Georgia Performance Standards). These workbooks are available for grades 1-5. Copies are available at the front office for you to preview.

*******Please note that answer guides must be purchased separately*******
Orders are due by Monday, October 26, 2009

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Grade Level	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Quantity	Price	Total
<i>Example</i>	1		1		1	3	\$15.00	\$45.00
Workbooks available for <i>Grades 1-5:</i>								
Reading & Language Arts, GA Coach, GPS Ed.							\$15.00	
Reading & Language Arts Answer Guide, GA Coach, GPS Ed.							\$6.00	
Mathematics, GA Coach, GPS Ed.							\$15.00	
Mathematics Answer Guide, GA Coach, GPS Ed.							\$6.00	
<i>**Cost listed on the right is per book**</i>								
							Total	
							(shipping & tax included)	

Please make checks payable to Alpharetta Elementary School. All order forms and checks are due to homeroom teacher on or before 10/26/2009. If you have any questions, please contact Michele McInnish, Curriculum Support Teacher, mcinnish@fultonschools.org.

For Office Use Only: Date received _____ Cash _____ Check # _____