



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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**From the Desk of
Amanda Fischer**

**May We Help?
Feel Free to Call Us
770-740-7015**

What Can Your School Counselor Do For You?

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- IST**
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I have found over the years many parents are not aware of what it is that I do as a school counselor. People see that the children know me well, but they might not be sure how that happens. I thought it would be a good idea to outline a little bit about my job in this issue of the Eagle's Wings to give you, the parents, a clear understanding of the role I play in educating your children.

I believe in the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. Children are shaped by their home, their school, their community, and the world. Children who are surrounded by love and respect will learn to love and respect others. Children who are emotionally secure, who are encouraged to explore the world around them, and who possess educational skills will become life-time learners.

Educators must attend to the total child. They provide growth and learning opportunities in academic, emotional, and social areas. School counselors are part of the educational team. We promote development in these areas by providing students, parents, teachers, and administrators with support and assistance.

In Fulton County, counselors follow the model set forth from the American School Counselor's Association. This outlines three areas of focus: Academic Support, Personal/Social Support, and Career Education/Exploration. I work with students in all three of these core areas. I do this through classroom lessons in every grade level, small group counseling related to specific needs, and individual counseling with students as needed.

In addition to the direct service time I spend with the children, I also provide consultative services to teachers, administrators, and parents. This includes participation and coordination of the Student Support Team, parent conferences, and staff events. I may be helpful in connecting families to outside resources as well.

In an effort to maximize my time with the students, I am asking parents to complete a short survey giving me some information about the needs of your children. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KSMB2WW> to take this short survey. This will help me plan for the needs of the students.

Can your school counselor be helpful to you and your family? I think so! Feel free to contact me at (770) 740-7015 ext. 128 or at fischera@fultonschools.org.



**AES Business Partner
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September 6	Labor Day Holiday—no school
September 7-10	4th Grade Parents Come to Lunch Week
September 7	4th & 5th Grade Book Club Meetings During Lunch
	PTA Executive Board Meeting—Conference Room—9:15-10:30
	12:15-1:15pm—Fund Runners Pep Rally—Gym—PK-2
	1:15-2:15 pm—Fund Runners Pep Rally—Gym—3-5
	Chick-fil-A (Windward Pkwy) Family Night—4:00-8:00
September 9	Cub Scouts School Night—6:30-7:30—Cafeteria
September 13-16	9:30-11:00—Grounds Clean up in Cafeteria Courtyard Garden
September 13	3rd Grade Parents come to Lunch Week
September 14	Room Rep Meeting Cafeteria—6:00-7:00pm
September 16	Fun Run
	9:00-10:15—2nd & 3rd grades
	10:30-11:45—4th & 5th grades
	12:00-1:15—PK, K & 1st grades

Mark Your Calendar for AES Events

AES is building a Foundation!

We are currently working on establishing a foundation for AES, and we need your support. Like most of our neighboring schools, AES has struggled with shrinking budgets and growing needs. One way to help meet these needs is by establishing a non-profit charitable foundation to support our school. A foundation is different from the PTA, but works together with the administration and the PTA to implement programs that maintain and enhance Alpharetta Elementary School's excellence and leadership in elementary education.

Take the first step and join the AES Foundation! Please fill out the membership form and either send it in with your student, or drop it by the front office. Forms can be downloaded from the website (see link below) or picked up at the office. If you'd like to learn more or get involved with the AES Foundation, please contact Nelton at nelton.gaertner@gmail.com. For a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the AES Foundation, visit the PTA's website at <http://alpharettaelementarypta.org/> and click on the link for the AES Foundation on the upper left.

Cafeteria Courtyard Garden



The Courtyard Garden is a great place for parents to meet their children for lunch. The Grounds Committee is planning to clean up the Courtyard Garden Sep 13 - 16 in the mornings (9:30 - 11am). Activities will include weeding, pruning, and spreading new mulch. If you can join us, please contact:

Grounds Chair: Kim MacKenzie mackenziekb@gmail.com
Dad's Club Chair: John Foster jhf725@adelphia.net

Hello AES!! Our first official Spirit Wear class competition day is on Friday, September 10.

Join in and show your school spirit by wearing an AES shirt or our school colors: Red and White!

We will be giving Frisbee's to all of the students in the class that has the most students in Spirit Wear!!!

If you need to order your spirit wear, please go to the AES website and follow the link to Spirit Wear or visit: <http://alpharettaelementarypta.org/fundraising/spiritwear/>.

We will be distributing the spirit wear as a first come, first serve, so order early!

Keri dos Santos and Gina Danner



Chick-fil-A Family Night - September 7th—4:00-8:00

Please join us for our first Chick-fil-A Family Night at the Windward Parkway Chick-fil-A.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!

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