



# Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



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

*Patricia Reed—Principal*

*Andy Allison - Assistant Principal*

**From the Desk of  
Amanda Fischer**

**May We Help?  
Feel Free to Call Us  
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**Second Annual Coat Drive at AES**

Last year's coat drive was so successful, we are going to do it again! We have quite a few families in need of winter coats this year. Please consider donating new or gently used winter coats to the counseling office (coats only please). Coats will be accepted in all sizes from infants to adults. Donations can be dropped off in the front office between December 6th -December 10<sup>th</sup>. Any coats not distributed to AES families will be donated to North Fulton Charities.



If you would like to sponsor a child or family by purchasing a coat, please contact Amanda Fischer in the counseling office at (770) 740-7015 ext. 128 or via email at [fischera@fultonschools.org](mailto:fischera@fultonschools.org) for more information.

**AES 2010 Holiday Giving**



Once again, our school will be supporting North Fulton Community Charities this holiday season. Their greatest need this year is for **new, unwrapped toys** for their Santa



Shop. We will be conducting a toy drive from **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Items can be brought to your child's classroom. Please visit the organization website at [http://www.nfccholiday.org/index\\_files/Page429.htm](http://www.nfccholiday.org/index_files/Page429.htm) for gift ideas and more information about the needs.

Please note that the toy drive will end on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our fifth graders will be earning service hours collecting, sorting, and packing up the toys for delivery to North Fulton Community Charities.

AES will also be providing food items to our own families in need this holiday season. If you are interested in assisting with this or would like to be included in the program, please contact our school counselor, Ms. Amanda Fischer, at (770) 740-7015 or [fischera@fultonschools.org](mailto:fischera@fultonschools.org).



**AES Business  
Partner of the Week**



**The 5 Finger Rule for Choosing Books from the Second Grade Team**

Many parents ask, "How do I help my child choose an appropriate book?" One way we help students here at school choose a book is by using the 5 Finger Rule. Try it at your local library or at the bookstore with your child.

1. Open the book to a middle page full of words.
2. Read the page aloud (or whisper read).
3. Put one finger up for every word you do not know.
4. If you get up to 5 fingers, the book is too hard to read by yourself. Choose a new one!
5. If you have 0 or 1 finger up, the book is too easy. Try another one!
6. If you have 2 or 3 fingers up, the book is probably just right for you!

## Mark Your Calendar for AES Events

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| Dec. 6-7        | Box Top Collection  |
| Dec. 7          | PTA Executive Board Meeting—Conference Room—9:15-10:30 am<br>Chick-fil-A Family Night & Holiday Sing-a-long<br>Teacher Times:<br>4:30-5:30—Burns Updegraff, Holbrook, Hadid<br>5:30-6:30—Andolino; McInnish, Morris<br>6:30-7:30—Ryan—Menzies, McFarlin, Witt |
| Dec. 8          | McCarthy and Summers 3rd grade to Log Cabin   |
| Dec. 9          | Urquhart and Morgan 3rd grade to Log Cabin<br>Holiday Dream Dinners—10:00-11:30am or 5:30-7:00pm  |
| Dec. 10         | Green and Dibble 3rd grade to Log Cabin   |
| Dec. 14         | Special Friends Holiday Caroling  |
| Dec. 13-16      | Holiday Toy Drive for NFC   |
| Dec. 16         | Special Friends Holiday Sing-a-long<br>8:15—PK, K, 2 & 4<br>9:15—1,3 & 5<br>Katie Reeves' Community Meeting—Webb Bridge MS—9:30-11:00   |
| Dec. 21         | PK, K 1 & 2 Holiday Parties   |
| Dec. 22         | 3, 4 & 5 Holiday Parties<br>Holiday Sing-a-long with Ms. Lawrence<br>8:15—1, 3 & 5<br>9:15—Pk, K, 2 & 4   |
| Dec. 23 – Jan 4 | Winter Holidays   |
| Jan 5           | 1st day of Second Semester  |

Now that winter is here and all of our students are wearing coats and jackets, please make sure that your child's name is in his/her jacket/coat. If your child is missing a jacket or coat, please check the Lost and Found cabinet in the cafeteria. Any items left after 3 weeks will be taken to North Fulton Charities.



### Spirit Wear is still for sale!

Order now in time for the holidays. We can find a way to get the items to you so that your children don't see them.

Email [mdossan@yahoo.com](mailto:mdossan@yahoo.com) with questions or your order. You can always go to the AES website and download an order form and send that in with your child.



**Chick-fil-A Holiday Sing-A-Long**  
**Tuesday, December 7th at 4:30pm**

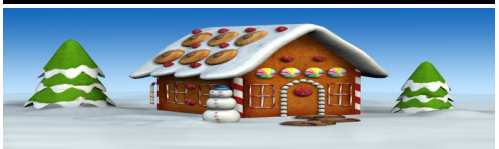
Please join us for this month's Chick-fil-A family night on Tuesday, December 7th at 4:30. Mrs. Lawrence will be leading us in a Holiday Sing-A-Long from 5:00-6:00 and Mr. Witt will be leading from 6:00-7:00. Come out and celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice and all other Winter Holidays! Remember, the class with the most students in attendance will receive a Nugget Meal Party and will get to keep the CFA cow in the class room for one week.

Mrs. Peagler's 1st grade class enjoyed their party last month.



### Shopping at Amazon.com

During the holidays, don't forget to start your Amazon.com shopping from the Amazon search engine on the PTA web-site sidebar, and AES earns up to 7% of your purchase. [www.AlpharettaElementaryPTA.org](http://www.AlpharettaElementaryPTA.org). The more you spend, the more we earn!



### AES Scrip Gift Cards !!!

The gift giving season is quickly approaching!! Don't wait until the last minute.....

- December 1 – December 10

Download a [Gift Card Order Form](#) now!!

View the [Master Gift Card List](#). Write retailer and dollar amount on blank line of above order form.

Purchase store gift cards **at face value** from AES PTA and AES earns a percentage of the purchase. Called "scrip", the program allows AES families to purchase cards as gifts or where you commonly shop. AES earns a percentage of the card at no expense to you! Hundreds of store cards available: AMC Theaters, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Starbucks, ToysRUs, Claire's, Lowe's, and many more...

Final orders are due by Friday, December 10th for delivery to you by December 17th. Orders can be placed weekly based on volume of orders and desired delivery date. If you need your gift cards by a certain date, please annotate on the order form. Questions? Contact [Stacey DiMarco](#).



**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 PTA website at <http://alpharettaelementarypta.org>**



## Holiday Dream Dinners – December 9th. Evening and Daytime Options!



DREAM DINNERS™



The holidays are upon us. Let Dream Dinners make your holidays easy. Enjoy the best holiday breakfast with our Raspberry Stuffed French Toast. Then serve the most divine dinner with our Holiday Prime Rib!

Entertain with ease this holiday as many of our scrumptious dinners also make great appetizers for your holiday parties. Also, don't forget our celebrity partner this month, Jessica Seinfeld. She brings a kid friendly, delicious Meatloaf recipe from her new cook book, tailored for Dream Dinners guests! Other delicious dinners include Fruit Stuffed Pork Roast, Sonoma Grill Steaks, Creamy Chicken Chipotle Ravioli, Coconut Shrimp and many more.

Click here to download [Dream Dinners Menu and Order Form](#).

### Placing Your Order

- 1. Select your meal(s) from this order form
- 2. Email your order or fax this completed order form to Dream Dinners (see email and fax information below).

#### o Please include the following with your email:

- ✦ AES in the subject line
- ✦ Your name
- ✦ Your email address
- ✦ Your phone number
- ✦ Indicate whether you are assembling the meals yourself or picking up pre-assembled meals (with pick up time)
- ✦ Selected meals
- ✦ Meal size (3 or 6 servings)
- ✦ Select Your Assembly Option

#### o Self Assembly on December 9th

- ✦ (1) Drop in any time between 10:00 and 11:30 AM or
- ✦ (2) Drop in any time between 5:30 and 7:00 PM to assemble your own meals on December 9

Pre-assembled Meals - Pick up at Dream Dinners between 5:30 and 7:00 PM on December 9. Please contact Dream Dinners for pick up options on other days.

