



Alpharetta Elementary Eagle Wings



Soaring with Alpharetta Attitude - Ready, Respectful, Responsible

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What a wonderful week at Alpharetta Elementary! I hope all of you felt as loved this past Valentine's Day and Teacher Appreciation Week as our teachers did! How thoughtful of you to generously donate so many much needed supplies for the classrooms! In addition, the entire staff enjoyed and appreciated a Monday morning Bagel Boy breakfast and boxed lunches from Jimmy John's on Wednesday and delicious homemade desserts on Friday. A special thank you goes to Shannon Wagar, Jennifer Mesaros, and Erika Kenn for heading up this *teacher appreciation* campaign.

On Valentine's Day under the direction of our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Williams' 5th grade class took a walking field trip to Dogwood Forest Assisted Living on Main Street. After the students sang *Forever Friends*, the residents taught the children *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. An exciting game of *HEART Bingo* was enjoyed by one and all. What a memorable, warm fuzzy experience for these students!

To celebrate Arbor Day, K-2nd students at Alpharetta Elementary School enjoyed Tim Womack and The Trail of Trees Program sponsored by the Georgia Forestry Commission. The entire school also participated in the Making the Shade Program sponsored by the Georgian Forestry Commission, Alpharetta PTA (with a special thanks to Kim MacKenzie), Big Creek Landscape, and Dunkin' Donuts.

Tonight is THE NIGHT for the *Alpharetta Idol Talent Show* thanks to the efforts of Ms. Haight, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Stromayer, and Mrs. Morris. We have so much talent to showcase at our school, this show is sure to be spectacular! Congratulations to all of the participants - Amelia Anbild, Carson Augello, Payton Aussin, Athena Barron, Alex Bicknell, Gracie Boggus, Ashley Bond, Sydney Browning, Calvin Butson, Courtney Canouse, Holden Canouse, Denver Chu, George Coyle, Maggie Coyle, Mary Grace Coyle, Haley Crawford, Priyansha Das, Jillian Dimarco, Max Farnham, Natalie Fedel, Samantha Fedel, Lauren Foster, Baye Hampton, Leah Heit, Sophie Heit, Julia Hunt, Sunny Jin, Erin Johnson, McKenna Johnston, Janelle Kellison, Spencer Lingle, Allie Maloney, Dylan Matela, Garrett Mathis, Cara Meitin, Ashley Meyer, Emma O'Connor, Wesley O'Hara, Halee Ousley-Wray, Jaime Regan, Joseph Sander, Matt Sander, Grayson Shank, Isha Singhal, Rachel Stackpole, Jasmin Verges, Rachel Walser, Jake Walter, Gracie Waylock, and Max Woodcock.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for the many kind words and messages that I have received from you after I announced my retirement. Your understanding and excitement for me is truly appreciated. Enjoy a wonderful long President's Day Weekend and we will look forward to seeing the students bright and early on Tuesday morning!



**AES Business
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Monday, February 21st is President's Day and a Student Holiday

Mark Your Calendar for AES Events

Feb 21	President's Day Holiday—Teacher Workday—Student Holiday
Feb 22	Katie Reeves Community Meeting—Alpharetta HS—7-9:30pm
Mar 2	PK Registration—8:00-2:00
Mar 3	Writing Assessment for 5th Grade Read Across America Day Dream Dinners
Mar 7-11	Exceptional Children's Week National School Breakfast Week School Board Appreciation Week
Mar 8	PTA Executive Board Meeting—Conference Room—9:15-10:30 Exceptional Children's Show #1—9:00-10:15—café
Mar 9	Exceptional Children's Show #2—9:00-10:15—café I Can Ceremony and Reception—10:15-11:15—Media Center
Mar 11	Weather Make-up Day for Teachers and Students
Mar 13	Day Light Savings Time Begins
Mar 15	Katie Reeves Community Meetings—New Prospect—8:30 PTA Meeting—Media Center—9:30-11:30 Pizza Vito—5:00-10:00
Mar 18	5th grade Book Club during lunch 4th grade to Wahsega
Mar 21-31	Writing Assessment Window for 3rd grade
Mar 25	AES LSAC Meeting—Conference Room—8:00-9:30 am Spring Carnival—4:30-8:00pm
Mar 31	Ms. Vickye's Spring Break Picnic—1, 3, & 5 during lunch
Apr 1	Ms. Vickye's Spring Break Picnic—PK, K, 2 & 4 during lunch
Apr 4-8	SPRING BREAK

ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY 2011-2012 PRE-K REGISTRATION Wednesday, March 2—8:00 – 2:00

Priority is given to children in the AES school district.

All items must be presented at time of registration.



Items needed:

- Immunization form 3231
- Eye, Ear & Dental form 3300
- Certified copy of the Birth Certificate
- Copy of the Social Security Card or waiver
- Affidavit of Residence (in packet)
- Bright From the Start Registration form (yellow-in packet)
- 2 Proofs of Residence (utility bill, lease, contract, etc.)

For further information: Bright From the Start website www.dec.state.ga.us



**A note from Judy Reddick, RN
Milton Cluster Nurse
Student Health Services
Fulton County Board of Education**



As you know, we have had some cases of head lice reported here at Alpharetta Elementary, and we are trying to control their transmission. This condition is not a cause for alarm, but to control its spread we must be diligent with our efforts. Signs and symptoms of head lice include:

- **Tickling feeling of something moving in the hair.**
- **Itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the bites of the head louse.**
- **Irritability and difficulty sleeping (head lice are most active in the dark)**
- **Sores on the head caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected with bacteria found on the person's skin.**

If you suspect your child has head lice, please contact or see a health provider and notify the school's health clinic. Head lice can easily be confused with other health conditions and a formal diagnosis is preferred before treatment is administered. If the school suspects your child has head lice, you will be notified and will be asked to seek treatment for your student before he/she can return to school.

Additional resources are available at: www.cdc.gov/lice/head/ or www.headlice.org.



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>

Help our AES Students Soar with the Eagles!

With the new school year quickly approaching, it brings many opportunities for you to be involved in our AES PTA. Some committees are in need of volunteers, and without your help, our programs will suffer and may not continue. Just an hour a week is what most of these positions require. Please take a look at these fun committee descriptions and let your PTA Executive Committee know what you are interested in. Thank you for helping our students SOAR with the EAGLES!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

WEBSITE COORDINATOR- This committee chair will update content on the PTA website. The website is created with the Word Press content management system and all of the related plug-ins are freeware. Limited knowledge of FTP and altering graphics would be helpful. Outgoing chair will train new chair and be available for technical help throughout the year. Forms and committee pages are normally updated before the beginning of school. Homepage is normally updated weekly based on need. Commitment averages about 1 hour per week.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION- This Committee Chairperson will identify potential (existing and new) partners in the community to provide resources (human, in-kind, or fiscal) for promoting student achievement. Meet with the contact person from each business partner, explore mutual needs and resources and present the PIE business partner form contract and sign. Provide visibility and recognition for partners in Eagles Wings, PTA newsletter, and local media while supplying copies to those partners. Work as a liaison between the PTA Chair for a particular activity and the partner who is helping to sponsor that activity. Help PTA committee chairperson write a thank you note to the partner. Work with Directory Chair, Movie Night and Bingo Night Chairs to place complimentary ads in the directory and promote these companies during the events. Notebook is up to date and outgoing chair is available for training and assistance.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

FIFTH GRADE PROJECTS- This committee will work with the fifth grade teachers to plan and implement all 5th grade activities such as a 5th grade trip, movie night, bake sales and a class legacy project to benefit the school and community. This person is responsible for the sale of 5th grade t-shirts by class in the fall and ongoing for new students throughout the year.

OPEN HOUSE- This committee plans an Open House, occurring prior to the beginning of the school year. Duties include calling other PTA chair people to set up displays, organizing food sales (pretzels/water etc.) and coordinating transportation table with bus information.

FOURTH GRADE TRIP- This committee will work with the 4th grade teachers to plan and implement a 4th grade trip. This person will be the liaison to organize chaperones, collect paperwork, coordinate buses and snacks for students and chaperones.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT:

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT- Junior Achievement is a national, non-profit organization that provides entrepreneurship, personal financial literacy, and workforce readiness programs to students. The programs are aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards in social studies, reading, math and writing. The Junior Achievement Coordinator will act as a liaison between AES and Junior Achievement and be responsible for gathering classroom demographics, ordering JA supplies and preparing communication emails to assist in the recruitment of parent volunteers. The coordinator will schedule and manage the required JA volunteer training, gather required volunteer paperwork and report program completion results to JA.

ROOM REPS- The chairperson for this committee oversees the Curriculum and Social Room Representatives from each class room. These representatives recruit and organize parent volunteers from each classroom for social related PTA projects like the Carnival & Teacher Appreciation, as well as special curriculum related projects including assisting with Eagle Reader tests and Computer Lab. They will also be called upon to assist teachers in a wide variety of activities such as processing book club orders, as well as gathering and setting up materials for specific lessons.

WAYS AND MEANS:

SOFT FUNDRAISING- Soft fundraising is those programs that earn money for AES PTA while people make normal purchases or sign up for certain programs. These programs do not require participation of the student population and are not "pledge" or "door-to-door sales" based.

1. **Amazon Associates** ("School Rewards") – this program is already set up and in place. Committee chair will market use of this program to the AES parent base. Optionally, this chair will provide new banners and artwork to the Website committee for publishing on the website.
2. **Georgia Natural Gas/True Blue Schools** – this program provides funds quarterly to our school based on how many customers are registered in the program. Incentives are given based on families who decide to become GNG customers and then sign up for the program. Again, committee chair will market this program and try to increase participation.

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- 3. Scrip Gift Cards** – this program has been offered for the past two years during the holiday season (Nov-Dec time frame). Committee chair will organize and promote the sales of gift cards. The Chair will manage the receipts and ordering and distribution of gift cards.
- 4. Artome Custom Framing Day** – Committee chair will schedule the Artome Framing Day (done traditionally at the beginning of December), market the event and serve as the primary interface with this business partner. More than one framing day may be held depending on what the chair wants to do.

Thank you for supporting our AES PTA, your child's teachers and our school. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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