



# The Eagles Times

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a successful opening of the school year. The students are off to a great start and we are very excited about the feedback we are getting from you. We're looking forward to a successful year with your involvement and input.

Our school has a volunteer program and I would encourage your participation. We need parents to assist our teachers in the classroom and at various points in and out of the building during the school day. If you need more information about how you may volunteer, please contact our Parent Resource Coordinator, Teresa Ross @ 404-687-0001 ext. 2255.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicholas Stapleton

## Spotlight on Primary Academy

Wow! We did it. The first few weeks of school are officially over. The teachers of the Primary Academy would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the parents to a new and exciting school year. We spent most of our time learning procedures to help our school day run smoothly. We practiced how to line up quietly, how to walk down the hall, and how to eat in the lunchroom. These skills will help to ensure a smooth and enjoyable year for all. Good job Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders!

Thank you and we look forward to working with you and your child this school year!

Ms. Cherea Foreman, Primary Academy Director

## PTA Corner

### PTA Executive Committee

President: Sharon Woods

Vice President:

La-Keisha Mondezie

Secretary: Addelynn Bryant

Treasurer: Denise Deshields

### PTA Meeting Schedule

- ◆ October 11, 2006
- ◆ November 16, 2006
- ◆ December 14, 2006
- ◆ January 18, 2007
- ◆ February 15, 2007
- ◆ March 15, 2007
- ◆ April 19, 2007
- ◆ May 17, 2007



**Drew Charter School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** in the 2005-2006 school year, and will continue to raise the bar to support high academic achievement. Even with higher state standards, Drew made great progress on the spring 2006 CRCT.

- ◆ 80% of Drew students met or exceeded state standards for Reading.
- ◆ 81% of Drew students met or exceeded state standards for Social Studies.
- ◆ 78 % of Drew students met or exceeded state standards for English/Language.
- ◆ 77 % of Drew students met or exceeded state standards for Math.
- ◆ Drew students in grades 2, 6, and 8 outperformed students in Atlanta Public Schools and the state on tests for Reading with 95%, 88%, and 92%, respectively meeting or exceeding standards.

## Elementary Academy News

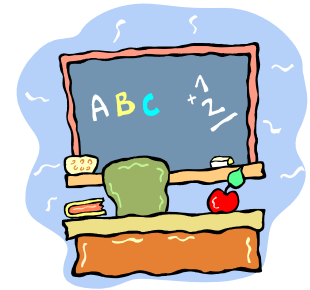
Greetings from the Elementary Academy. We have had an exciting and productive start for the 2006-2007 school year. We would like to announce that we will be holding an Open House Meeting for grades 3-5 on October 11 at 6:15 pm. Topics for the meeting include: grade level expectations, test taking information, upcoming academy programs, and more. Please plan to attend.

Our mission this year is to build a learning culture that provides a positive, personal educational experience for each child. Through the instructional program, we want to actively engage students to become problem solvers, critical thinkers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners. Finally, we realize that an essential component to our success is to establish a positive home/school connection. Attendance is critical for grades 3-5, therefore, please help us by making sure your child(ren) are here everyday and **on time**. Parents, thank you in advance for your assistance.

We'd like to congratulate Ms. McDonald on the birth of her daughter. Thank you to Mr. Slaughter for helping us to begin the school year in Ms. McDonald's stead. We would like to welcome Mrs. Cruz to our team, who will be filling in for Ms. McDonald while she is on leave. Mrs. Cruz comes to us from the Atlanta Public School system where she has been a classroom teacher for 5 years.

## WHAT IS C.R.E.W TEENS?

The mission of the Creating Responsible Educated and Working (C.R.E.W) Teens program is to provide former students of Drew Charter School and/or East Lake Community teenagers the skills and motivation necessary to complete high school and maintain a plan for continuing success in college, technical school, or a specified career. In return, each participant will be required to dedicate the necessary time and discipline to complete the goals of the CREW Teens Program. All of the program goals will be accomplished through three components: Academic Support, College Preparation, and Student Life.



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*"A Place to Prepare for a  
Lifetime of Learning and  
Success"*

## Junior Academy Information

Welcome to a new and exciting school year. I serve as the High School Placement Advisor for Drew Charter School. I am responsible for preparing middle school students for transition into high school, primarily working with our 8th graders and their families on locating the high school that best fits their needs. If you have missed the 8th Grade High School Advisement Parent Meeting and would like to schedule a one-on-one session with me to discuss high school options for your child, please contact my office for an appointment. I have included a brief description of High School Options. I look forward to working with you.

Dr. Bowen, High School Placement Advisor

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- ◆ Zone School—Students attend their Zone School based on their physical address. (There are no specific requirements)
- ◆ Magnet Programs—Specialized programs within a school. Students can attend a Magnet Program outside of their zone schools if they meet the qualifications for the specific program that they are applying for.
- ◆ The New Schools of Carver (Early College, Science and Technology, Health Science and Research, Performing Arts)
- ◆ Tech High School
- ◆ Private Day School/Boarding Schools