

EAGLES LANDING

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A Word from Mr. Foward

“Strong Academics + Good Behavior = A New Life Academy Student of Excellence”

Get The NEWS: Let's Read All About it

Greetings, New Life Academy of Excellence (NLAE) school family.

We are so excited to share our first edition of *Eagles Landing* with you! What a great way to generate traffic to our website, build school spirit, and have one source of information for the two schools, upcoming events and school programming that is beneficial to our families.

We have completed three quarters of the school year and our students, your sons and daughters, have done extremely well both academically and socially. We are very proud of all of them! As we start our final quarter of the school semester, the students are gearing up for CRCT testing. They have lots of help

from their teachers, but we know that you are also working very hard to ensure that they are successful. In addition to the State exam, we have lots of other activities going on at NLAE including; field experiences to extend learning and school programs (Spelling Bee, etc).

We continue to strive for excellence as we educate your students. We thank each of you for your continued support of our educational programs. Without all of you, we would not have the success that we have achieved over the years. Your partnership is invaluable and you are greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Wheeler-Fair
Educational Specialist (NLAE)



Congratulations!!!!!!

Tyler Cicero, Emmanuel King, and Morgan Taylor for earning their 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do with Karate Atlanta!

Open PTSC Board Positions

PTSC is currently accepting nominations for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Teacher Representative Elementary School and Teacher Representative Middle School. Nominations will be

accepted through April 30th. Email nominations to nlae.ptsc@gmail.com. Elections will be held on May 12th at the general PTSC meeting. **Please note, that you must be a member of PTSC in order to vote.**

It's not too late to join! Membership forms are available at each campus and on the school website at: <http://newlifeacademyga.com/ptsc-membership-form>.

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Special points of interest:

- April 16: Earth Day Kids' Fest
- April 18: Spirit Wear Day
- April 20: Annual Spelling Bee (Grades 1-3)
- April 25-29: CRCT Testing (Grades 3-6)
- April 27: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- April 29-May 6: Book 1/2 Off Sale
- May 2: CRCT Make-Up Day
- May 2-6: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week & Diabetes Awareness Week



Homework Hotline

The award winning Homework Hotline is a joint effort between metro Atlanta school districts and Public Broadcasting Atlanta's (PBA) E-Learning/Cyber Center. You are encouraged to call and ask questions about your homework problems.

Homework Hotline teachers give one-on-one assistance and easy-to-understand explanations. These teachers have

access to current textbooks and school curricula when helping students understand and solve homework problems. They won't do the work but will guide the student through the learning process.

Homework Hotline is available Monday-Thursday, 3-9 p.m. except during holiday and semester breaks. Homework Hotline is FREE. Before you call make sure

you are prepared and ready to work. You'll need to be able to provide your name, the name of your school, and grade level. Also be prepared to give the textbook title (if applicable) and description of homework assignment or problem.

For more information, contact Homework Hotline at 678-553-3029.

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My PTSC Experience – J. Wurschinger

This year, I had the pleasure of serving on the board of our school's PTSC as the middle school teacher representative.

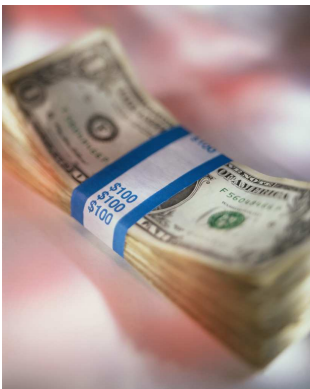
PTSC is a wonderful organization that consists of a very small, but highly dedicated group of parents that work together for one purpose: to improve

our school. Throughout the year, we meet to brainstorm and execute new and exciting ways to increase family involvement in our school and to expand our pool of resources.

As my year on the board comes to an end, I encourage the readers of this newsletter to get out there and

support the New Life Academy PTSC, the events that they put together throughout the year, as well as the very informative quarterly meetings.

Parents Needed Who Own Their Own Business



Parents, we'd like to take the opportunity to highlight those individuals who own their own business.

Due to the current economic climate, we have either been moved to establish our own streams of income or have been operating as business owners for

some time.

As you know, one of the most effective forms of marketing is word of mouth. We'd like you to provide us with information about your business if you offer products or services on your own and not through another company or employer. However, you must be an

active member of the PTSC in order to be eligible for promotion.

If you meet this criteria and would like to advertise your business, please contact PTSC at nlae.ptsc@gmail.com.



Who Do You Good Search For?

You can now search the web while raising money for our school. It's easy ... every time you search the Internet at GoodSearch.com, our school earns money and the more you search, the more we make.

Add up the money generated from all your searches and those done by our family and friends and together we can make a real difference!

Book Sale Success

Thank you so much for your support of our first NLAE Community Book Sale. We collected 18 crates of books and had a great sale earning \$89.78. NLAE families stocked up on summer reading, teachers got a great deal on books for their classroom libraries, and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Ms. Surrency, Kindergarten teacher at the Nor-

cross campus and Mrs. Blanton of Barefoot Books for sharing their storytelling gifts. We are already planning next year's book sale, so start collecting your books!

As you can see, our fundraising efforts are a work in progress. The funds that you contribute to our fundraising efforts (Chick-fil-A Sprit Night, Book sales Box Tops, Holiday Shop, etc.) have been

very beneficial providing much needed supplies and funding programs at our school, such as our Chinese Program, social studies books, kindergarten chairs, playground equipment, and science lab supplies to name a few.

Please continue to support our fundraising efforts, as you can see a dollar goes a long way.

Snow Ball



The winter dance for our 4th-6th Graders was held in January and the word from the students is that the Snow Ball was a huge success!

If you missed the photos, the link to the photographer's website is: www.aephotography.me. Click on "NLAE Dance" and the password is "nlaedance".

For prices and photo options, click on "Buy" and "This Photo".



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION monthly sweepstakes - Enter daily on the BTFE website for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for our school.

Spread the word! The more people who enter, the greater our school's chance of winning.

PTSC will award a FREE gas card to any winner on behalf of NLAE!

My PTSC Experience – J. Surrency

I've always believed that in order to provide children a true education, it requires not only the teacher or the school, but also the parents and student's input and determination.

Through working closely with this year's PTSC board, I can honestly say that NLAE's students are well thought of, provided

for, and will continue to be with a village like THIS behind them! The PTSC has been such a great way to gain perspective of how to better meet needs at home and in school for our students and families. The Board really tries its best to hear everyone out and find the best way to compromise.

The PTSC is such a won-

derful way to integrate everyone's best interest for a brighter and meaningful educational experience. As the elementary teacher representative, I am extremely proud of everything attempted and accomplished this year by our Board. I look forward to the future and hope our community only grows in togetherness!



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Did you know?

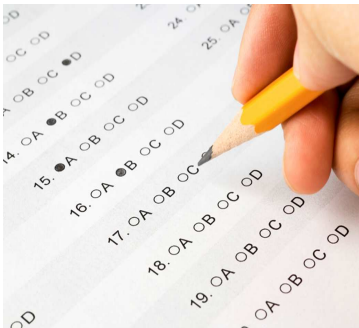
That sandwiches have nothing to do with sand, although there is still a slight connection with island life.

A long time ago, the Hawaiian Islands were once called the "Sandwich Islands". They were named after the same person for whom the sandwich that we eat was named, John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich. Montague was well known for his love of gambling and would refuse to take breaks even for meals. So he would be uninterrupted in his gambling games, he would ask the waiter to bring him meat and bread which he would eat without stopping the game.

The name "sandwich" is credited to Earl Sandwich; however, I am sure people have been tucking meat and cheese between bread long before his time!



Teacher's Corner: CRCT Test-Taking Tips



As it comes closer to our yearly CRCT assessments, it is a good time to refresh and renew some small routines that can make a big difference. By getting into an established routine now, students will be mentally and physically prepared to exceed standards on the test!

- **Get Enough Rest**
Our children need 9-10 hours of sleep per evening to function at 100%.
- **Eat Breakfast**
Students should eat breakfast before leaving home for the day. This gives the body enough time to digest the food and start pumping those nutrients to the brain before the academic day begins.
- **Study**
If possible, purchase a CRCT practice book and work through it for 15-20 minutes per day. There are also some online preparatory tests. If you have trouble, ask your teacher to set aside a little time to help you out. If your teacher allows you to email for homework help, take advantage of it.
- **Take Breaks**
Between homework and practicing for the test, this time of the year can be stressful! Make sure you stop at least every 30 minutes for a break.