



Afton Elementary Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome Back

This is going to be a great year at Afton Elementary! Here we achieve success when we do our very best. I have truly enjoyed welcoming students and staff back in and have been amazed at how smooth the transition into school has been thus far. I know this is because we have a great community of parents, students and educators who work together. Our building construction project is well underway and has gone well thus far. These eight new rooms will take all school year and next summer to complete, and will be wonderful parts of our school when they are finished. The fences and other barriers that have been put in place around the construction zones have helped and will continue to help keep students safe, and students have responded very positively to their teacher's safety procedures. I truly appreciate all our families and teachers for helping us have a great start to our year!

Take Care,
Principal Robinson

Summer Reading

Remember to bring in the summer reading calendars. These are due by September 15.

Coming Events

- Sept. 2.....No School
- Sept. 5.....Labor Day, No School
- Sept. 13.....PTO Meeting, 8:00AM
- Sept. 16.....No School
- Sept. 30.....No School



New Faces



Jen Aullman, Kindergarten Teacher - I will be teaching kindergarten this year. I just moved from Thayne Elementary, I taught kindergarten there for 20 years. My husband Nick and I have 3 girls, Willow (16), Remi (14), and Ridg (12). We love cattle ranching, farming, hunting, fishing, and just hanging out together.



LaJeannea Hietpas, Special Education Teacher 3rd Grade - My husband Tom is retired from the USAF. He spent 22 years flying jets. I have 2 adult children Jessica Boss and Brandon Hietpas and two grandkids Jacqueline and Sterling. Jessica and family live in Alexandria, VA. Brandon and Emily live in Star Valley Ranch. We moved to Star Valley from North Carolina after I retired from N.C. Public Schools. I grew up in Eastern Montana on a ranch. Winters are a lot like Star Valley in Eastern Montana. I enjoy gardening, outside activities, and handcrafts.



Jaclynn Lancaster, Special Education High Needs Teacher - I grew up in Sacramento, California. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters, and am in line second to youngest. Even though I grew up in the city, small communities have always been very enticing to me. I attended Utah State University. While studying there, and working as a paraprofessional at Logan High School, a coworker introduced me to the most amazing man I have ever met. He was from Wyoming. About two years later, we were married. We have a beautiful little girl who is almost 18 months old. In our free time, we love spending time together as a family.



Evan Call, Speech Language Pathologist - I have been a speech language pathologist for LCSD2 providing services at the secondary level. I am excited to be at Afton Elementary and look forward to working with the great students, families, and staff. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family. Our preferred recreational activity is fishing.



Brooke Carreon, Speech Language Pathologist - I am a speech language pathologist. I worked at Etna Elementary as a SPED Aide. I have a one year old daughter named Sonora with my husband Raul. I grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. I have lived in Star Valley for around 7 years.



Rick Perry, Special Education Paraprofessional - I was born and raised in Afton. I lived and worked as a teacher in Salt Lake, then moved to Las Vegas where I worked for 32 years as a teacher and administrator. I retired 4 years ago. I was tired of the hot Vegas sun and decided to come back to my beautiful home town. I live in Fairview with my beautiful Mom, Janet Perry. I have 2 beautiful dogs, Rudy and Bernie. I love the outdoors, camping, hiking, traveling, reading, diamond paintings, and hanging with family.



Andrea Dana, Special Education Paraprofessional - My husband and I have five children, four girls and one boy. We also have two grand babies. Being a grandma is so Fun! I enjoy being outdoors and camping with my family. I also enjoy playing sports.



Laura Hirschi, Cook - With my youngest in kindergarten, I decided it would be fun to help serve lunch so I could see my kids! I love spending time with my family and going camping with them.



Rubie Arnold, Cook - I have been married 23 years. We have four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. We moved here from Vanderhoof, British Columbia, Canada. It is ten hours north of Vancouver. I love sports; volleyball and basketball. In my previous employment I was a learning support worker for the 7th graders.



Jenny Colvin, Title 1 Aide - I am originally from Star Valley and moved back a little over a year ago. I have three kiddos ages 12, 9, and 6. My husband works for the hospital. I love traveling, cooking/baking, camping, fishing, gardening, and reading.



Suzanne Harden, Title 1 Aide - My Husband and I moved from Ft. Worth, TX this summer. We are originally from Colorado Springs, CO where we both grew up and raised our family. We have 3 beautiful daughters and 3 awesome son-in-laws, and 6 grandchildren. I have worked in a variety of non-profit and for-profit organizations over the past 25 years in a variety of administrative roles. I have a passion for families and love to help! I am so happy to be in Star Valley.

Learning Update

Kindergarten - Our kindergarten students are busy making new friends, learning classroom routines and rules, and navigating recess, lunch, and buses. There is so much to learn in the beginning of the new kindergarten year and students are “rocking it”! With September fast approaching, we are excited for the beginnings of our Reader’s Workshop packed full of colorful picture books, traditional poetry, and sound-letter match.

Our Writing program will begin with the Launching of the Writer’s workshop. Students will learn the rules and routines of being a “writer”.

Math will focus on numbers, counting and sorting.

Science and social studies will help us to problem-solve and think like a scientist.

We are so excited to be back-to-school. We love learning and having fun together.

1st Grade - We are so excited to get this year started! Reading: To begin our year we will be working on building good habits as readers. We will drop our bad habits, and work on creating good habits. This means we check the picture, look at all the parts of the word, and do a double check. We will also be starting Reading Mastery and working on our decoding skills. Writing: Our first writing unit will be Personal Narratives. Our students love to tell stories, and

we love to hear them. They will write small moments and learn to use their voice in these narratives. We will also be working hard on spelling and grammar. As we work on our writing skills, we will also be working hard on our handwriting to form our letters correctly. Math: The first math unit we will be working on is numbers to 10. The goals of this chapter are to lead students to more efficient counting strategies with one-to-one correspondence, to read and write numbers in numerals and words, to compare the number of objects in two or more sets as well as to order numbers in ascending and descending orders.

2nd Grade - School is off to a great start this year in Second Grade! We have a new staff member named Mr. Perry. He is helping with all things second grade. The kids love working with him and he brings years of experience as both a teacher and an administrator to our group. He is already a favorite with the kids. This month, along with all our reading, writing, and math, we will be having some fall fun. To begin with, we will be learning how to play some of the "big kid" games like Four Square, Hopscotch, Jump Rope, and "500" . Then, on September 23rd we will have some community members join us in the afternoon to help us explore nature and the community we live in.

3rd Grade - Third grade is off to a great start. We've learned all the rules, we know how to navigate the construction zone on the playground, and we are working on learning everyone's name. We are now jumping into curriculum. We start the year off with multiplication. When you find yourself in the car, or on a walk, or just sitting in the backyard, start skip-counting with your third grader. It's a great way to practice multiplication skills. We are also writing personal narratives. The kids always have fun writing about their summer adventures. Keep reading with your students at home. Third graders should be reading 20-30 minutes at home every day. It is going to be a great year!



PARENT/EARLY EDUCATOR NIGHT

DR. LORI DESAUTELS
IS COMING TO STAR VALLEY!!

TOPICS SHE WILL ADDRESS INCLUDE:

1. WHAT IS TRAUMA?
2. HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN?
3. TOOLS TO SUPPORT BEHAVIOR AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.

6 - 7:30 PM | OCTOBER 13 |
THAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SNACKS AND BABYSITTING
WILL BE PROVIDED (LIMITED
AVAILABILITY)
CONTACT CHEYANNE WOLFLEY
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Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

September

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Breakfast

Meal Prices:

Elementary Student Breakfast-\$2.00

Elementary Student Lunch-\$3.00

Adult Breakfast-\$2.75

Adult Lunch-\$4.50

5	Labor Day No School	6	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Pineapple Tidbits	7	Vanilla Waffle -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Tropical Fruit Cup	8	Biscuit and Gravy -or- Chewy Maple Granola Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Dried Cranberries	9	Donut Holes -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Mixed Fruit Cup		
12	Breakfast Burrito -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Pear Cup	13	Mini Cinnis -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Orange Smiles	14	Chocolate Chip Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Applesauce Cup	15	Sausage Pancake Wrap -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Peach Cup	16		23	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Tropical Fruit Cup
19	Apple Frudel -or- Chewy Maple Granola Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Mandarin Orange Cup	20	Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Dried Cranberries	21	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Strawberry Applesauce Cup	22	Yogurt Parfait -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Pineapple Tidbits	29	Blueberry Muffin -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Peach Cup	30	
26	Banana Bread -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Pear Cup	27	Ham & Egg Quesadilla -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Applesauce Cup	28	Mini Apple Bites -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Orange Smiles						

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Milk Variety Served Daily:
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Meal Prices:
 Elementary Student
 Breakfast-\$2.00
 Elementary Student
 Lunch-\$3.00
 Adult Breakfast-\$2.75
 Adult Lunch-\$4.50

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne September 2022 Lunch

5	Labor Day No School	6 Beef Steak Burger on a Bun Orange Smiles Seasoned Waffle Fries Fresh Cauliflower Lettuce	7 Mac & Cheese Whole Grain Roll Mandarin Oranges Grape Tomatoes Green Salad	8 Chili Diced Peas Baby Carrots Celery Sticks Cinnamon Roll	9 Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Apple Slices Pork and Beans Baby Carrots
12	Breaded Chicken Drumstick Whole Grain Roll Diced Peaches Scalloped Potatoes Fresh Broccoli	13 Pork Rib on a Bun Cantaloupe Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumber Sticks Black Beans	14 Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Peas Fresh Cauliflower Sweet Red Pepper Strips	15 Pepperoni Pizza Ripper Pineapple Tidbits Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Jer's Chocolate Cake	16
19	French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Sausage Patty Orange Smiles Hash Brown Wedges Power Punch Juice	20 Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Diced Peas Fresh Cauliflower Baby Carrots	21 Baked Chicken Chimichanga Strawberries Sweet Yellow Corn Fresh Broccoli	22 Cheese Pizza Watermelon Wedge Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumber Sticks Chocolate Chip Cookies	23 Pig-in-Blanket Diced Peaches Pork and Beans Baby Carrots Celery Sticks
26	Pork Chop Whole Grain Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli	27 Homestyle Chicken Strips Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas Chewy Chocolate Cookie	28 Debra's Sloppy Joe on a Bun Fresh Grapes Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower	29 Primo Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumber Sticks Black Beans	30

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