



Afton Elementary Newsletter

April 2023

2023-2024

Application for Classroom Placement

The process for suggesting classroom placement for 2023-2024 is as follows:

Parent input on student placement will need to be submitted using an application form that is available in the office and on our website under "Classroom Placement Application" at afton.lcsd2.org. All requests can be either faxed to 307-885-8010, scanned and emailed to jejenkins@lcsd2.org, or dropped off at the school. Phone calls, emails, notes, or conversations with teachers about placement will not substitute for completing the form.

When making a recommendation, please consider the following:

- Every classroom in each grade level offers the same exposure to the curriculum. Students are frequently "leveled" based on performance and are with teachers other than their primary teacher.
- The process for making classroom assignments for the following year is time-intensive and very complex; ensuring students are considered individually for how they will succeed based on teaching style, learning style, interaction with peers in the classroom, student strengths, and teacher strengths. **Most importantly building balanced classes and working with special learning needs is a higher priority than parent requests.**
- We cannot consider more than one request per student.
- Parent input is *one* determining factor and not *the* determining factor in placement. While we work hard to consider parent input, placement from parent input is not guaranteed. Teachers, along with myself, take the above listed factors into account when it comes to placing all students in classrooms.
- Application forms that are incomplete will not be honored.

Parent input is due to the office by the end of the school day on April 27th. Any requests received after that date, including requests made once the class lists have been posted, will not be considered.

Thank you for helping make this a great year at Afton Elementary. We appreciate your support and all you do to make this a good experience for your child. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call Mr. Robinson at 307-885-8002.

Coming Events

April 5....Spring Pictures

April 5.... Community Night with Dr. Desautels 6-7:30

April 7....No School

April 9....Easter

April 11...PTO Meeting 8AM

April 14....No School

April 22...Earth Day

April 27...Last Day Teacher Requests

April 28....No School

May 3.....Kindergarten Registration

Classroom teachers for 2023-2024

Kindergarten: Angela Burton, Lisa Garner, Saydi Nichols, Jennifer Aullman, Shelly Bagley (new teacher), Morgan Call (new teacher)

1st Grade: Kim Theriault, Kellie Harris, Ericka Putnam, Barbara Bagley, Karli Galloway

2nd Grade: Becky Hunsaker, Shane Harris, Joyce Kennington, Jennifer Frome, Britani Erickson, Ashley Lancaster (new teacher)

3rd Grade: Allison Hicks, Tami Nielsen, Jason Cazier, Kirk Hoopes, Amy Klindt, Mark Hale

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration night for next fall's Kindergarteners will be Wednesday, May 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will be sending out more information to those of you that have incoming kindergarteners.

Honors Students

The following students have received their:

1st Honors: Lucas Parsons, Cooper Hepworth, Hendrix Barrett, Lydia Wilkinson, Bennett Gordon, Eliza Henderson, Rockwell Johnson, Aizly Wolfley, Kya Chavez, Mataya Hodges, Connor Pluhar, Hunter Warren, Weston Graham, Kylee Bird, Hailey Engen, Kitt Plowman, Hesston Barnes, Jaycie Neuenschwander, Myla Lancaster, Ariana Quezada, Everly Cunningham, Tyce Perry, Heather Draney, Maggie Simmons, Cody Rogers, Joslynn Baker, and Dixon Parry.

2nd Honors: Emma Shields, Yukon Hathaway, Adam Harris, Collin Mackey, and Emilee Hirschi.

4th Honors: Taysom Rose

5th Honors: Taysom Rose

Congratulations to all of these students! They worked really hard to achieve this.

Math Facts

Congratulations to the following students for passing off their Math Facts.

Addition: Dace Darlington, Jendre Hebdon, Dallin Rivard, Ella Grisamer

Subtraction: Jendre Hebdon, Lydia Wilkinson, Dallin Rivard,

Learning Update

Kindergarten - April showers bring May flowers, but in Kindergarten we are already bloomin'! Wowzee! Watch out for these Kindergarten math brains! We will continue to work on representing addition and subtraction problems through drawings, using manipulatives, and number bonds. Using number bonds, we will figure out all the ways to make numbers 2-10.

Read, read, and read some more is what we are working on for this month. We are reading longer stories in Reading Mastery, decoding trickier words in our lessons, and recognizing words we have learned in Reading Mastery in other books. We will continue to incorporate reading in various ways through reading other types of decodable and literature-based books.

"What is your opinion?" is our next focus in Writer's Workshop. We will learn what an opinion is and how to express our opinion through pictures and words. Be prepared for your Kindergartener to begin practicing and giving you his/her opinion a little bit more this month.

1st Grade - Wow! It is hard to believe that it is already April! Our First grade students are working so hard, and are continuing to develop important life skills. Throughout the month of April in math first grade students will be working on two digit addition and subtraction. In writing students will be working on persuasive writing, while continuing to sharpen their handwriting and punctuation skills. In reading students will continue to work on decoding and comprehension skills and tools to prepare for second grade. Thank you to parents/guardians for all of your hard work and dedication to your child's education.

2nd Grade - Welcome back from Spring Break! In second grade we are hoping to experience some of that warm weather and sunshine soon! As the school year starts drawing to a close, we have lots of things to look forward to. In math we will be studying measurement, geometry and fractions, and counting money. We will be getting ready for end of year testing and we are excited to see how much we have grown! Our month will also be filled with Shar Perry who will be teaching us about plants and some classes will be hatching baby chicks. It is going to be fun!

3rd Grade - We started March off by finishing up parent teacher conferences. Thank you so much for making the time to come talk to us about your students. We appreciate the support that we get from our parents here at Afton Elementary. We had a handful of students choose to enter Young Author stories into the competition a few months ago. They finished their stories and got to share them with their parents during March. They worked hard and did a great job! We loved attending the high school musical, Cinderella. It was amazing. Mrs. Nielsen does a great job directing those musicals. In math, we have now finished teaching all the third grade material. We'll spend the rest of the year reviewing and working to help students become solid in their knowledge of multiplication, division, fractions, data, geometry, and area/perimeter. We are working on our nonfiction knowledge during reading time by comparing and contrasting different articles and paragraphs. In writing, we are in our information unit. We are learning how to research and then take that information and write essays in our own words. We hope you all have a great Spring Break!! Come back rested and ready to finish the year strong. We will be doing WY-TOPP testing in April on the 11, 18, and 25. Please, please make sure that your student is at school on those days. WY-TOPP is our state mandated test, and it is extremely hard to make this test up. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NIGHT WITH DR. DESAUTELS

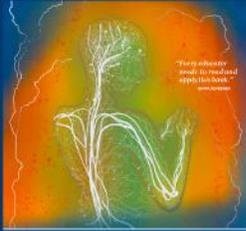
COME AND JOIN US!
 APRIL 5TH 6:00PM - 7:30PM
 AFTON ELEMENTARY

BABYSITTING AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

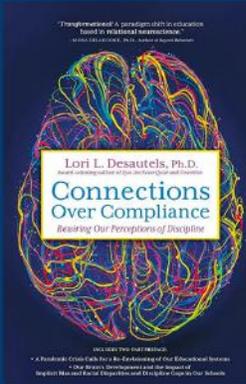
CONTACT CHEYANNE WOLFLEY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:
 (307) 885-7112
 CHEYANNE.WOLFLEY@LCSD2.ORG

TOPICS SHE WILL ADDRESS INCLUDE

- What is Trauma?
- How does it affect your child's brain and body?
- Provide tools to support behavior at home and at school

Lori L. Desautels, Ph.D.
 Intentional Neuroplasticity: Moving Our Nervous Systems and Educational System Toward 21st Century Learning



Lori L. Desautels, Ph.D.
 Connections Over Compliance: Reshaping Our Perceptions of Discipline

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The four types of distractions are **Visual** – looking at something other than the road. **Auditory** – hearing something not related to driving. **Manual** – manipulating something other than the steering wheel. And **Cognitive** – thinking about something other than driving.



FIVE FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE TEXTING AND DRIVING

1. You're at a huge risk

Text messaging increases the risk of crash or near-crash by 23 times.

2. Teens are at a huge risk

The fatal crash rate for teens is 3 times greater than for drivers age 20 and over

3. Teens are not better at texting

Driver distraction is responsible for more than 58% of teen crashes.

4. Most people are hazards

Over 80% of drivers admit to blatantly hazardous behavior while driving, such as changing clothes, steering with a foot, painting nails, or even shaving.

5. 5 seconds is a long time

Sending or reading a text message takes your eyes off the road for about 5 seconds, long enough to cover a football field while driving at 55 mph.

Each day in the United States, approximately **nine** people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.

WHY DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH IS IMPORTANT

1. TEXTING AND SWERVING- People who text and drive, statistically spend 10% of their time on the road, outside their lane. Yikes!

2. IT'S ILLEGAL- 43 of America's 50 states have laws prohibiting texting and driving. South Dakota, New Mexico, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri have laws regulating it. Arizona just extended their reckless driving laws to cover texting.

3. TEXTING IS WORSE THAN DRUNK DRIVING- Texters are six times more likely to wreck their car than drivers over the legal drinking limit. How horrifying is that? Answer: Very.

PLEASE REMEMBER to **drive responsibly** and wait to make that phone call or text until after you have finished driving. You could unintentionally seriously hurt or kill someone else or even yourself!

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Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday			
3	Banana Bread -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Dried Cranberries	4	Ham & Egg Quesadilla -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Applesauce Cup	5	Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Apple Slices Watermelon Raisels	6	Mini Apple Bites -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Orange Smiles	7			
10	Ham & Egg On Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Dried Cranberries	11	Pumpkin Bread -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Pear Cup	12	Yogurt Parfait -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Apple Slices Watermelon Raisels	13	French Toast Sticks -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Strawberry Applesauce Cup	14			
17	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Dried Cranberries	18	Vanilla Waffle -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Tropical Fruit Cup	19	Biscuit and Gravy -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Apple Slices Watermelon Raisels	20	Donut Holes -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Mixed Fruit Cup	21	Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Dried Cranberries		
24	Breakfast Burrito -or- Smore's Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Dried Cranberries	25	Mini Cinnis -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Orange Smiles	26	Chocolate Chip Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Apple Slices Watermelon Raisels	27	Sausage Pancake Wrap -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Peach Cup	28			

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Lunch

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
3	Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas Chewy Chocolate Cookie	4	Pork Steak Whole Grain Roll Diced Peaches Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Baby Carrots	5	Debra's Sloppy Joe on a Bun Fresh Grapes Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower	6	Primo Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Pineapple Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumber Sticks Black Beans	7		
10	Crispy Chicken on a Bun Fruit Cocktail California Blend Vegetables Cucumber Sticks	11	Beef Nachos Strawberries Refried Beans Green Salad Grape Tomatoes	12	Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Frozen Juice Cup Fresh Broccoli Fresh Cauliflower	13	Spaghetti Sauce With Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches Baby Carrots Green Peas	14		
17	Beef Steak Burger on a Bun Orange Smiles Seasoned Waffle Fries Fresh Cauliflower Lettuce	18	Mac & Cheese Whole Grain Roll Strawberries Green Salad Grape Tomatoes	19	Chili Diced Peas Baby Carrots Celery Sticks Cinnamon Roll	20	Golden Chicken Boneless Wings Fresh Apple Slices Crinkle Cut Fries Mixed Vegetables	21	Pig-in-Blanket Mandarin Oranges Pork and Beans Cucumber Sticks	
24	Breaded Chicken Drumstick Whole Grain Roll Diced Peaches Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Fresh Broccoli	25	Pork Rib on a Bun Pineapple Tidbits Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots	26	Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Peas Fresh Cauliflower Sweet Red Pepper Strips	27	Pepperoni Pizza Ripper Fresh Grapes Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumber Sticks Black Beans Jerl's Chocolate Cake	28		

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