



# Afton Elementary Newsletter

May 2024

## Registration

Registration Giveaway! It is time to register students for next year. If your child is registered at Afton Elementary for the '24/'25 school year before May 23rd, they will get a fun squishy toy! They will also be entered to win one of two scooters!

## Honors

So proud of all our awesome readers!! We have a lot to celebrate, thank you for all the support from home and school.

Mrs. Merritt

**1st Honors** - Bennett Gordon, Jeffery Erickson, Avery Green, Jack Frome, Asher Jaracz, Brinley Hepworth, Kamzlin Bolinder, Challis Wilkes, Eleanor Hale, Markus Hepworth, Stella Nield, Jonas Walker, Scout Taylor, Boone Smith, Molly Hale, Kaylee Downs, Kayla Owens, Owen Oliver, Brynnli Buchanan, Kimbree Call, Mason Shorter, Remmy Plowman, Cooper Johnson, Morgan Forsythe, Kyrie Hokanson, Abbie Allred, Benjamin Swenson, Carson Lovelady, Davis Hathaway, Dawson Rich, John Leigh, Porter Rothermel, Tayla Corson, Anson Huntsman, Hyrum Hale, Makenzie McMullin, Ava Lancaster, Logan Graham, Cooper Hepworth, Sophie Valentine, Oakley Morss, Troy Elliott, Sadie Bowser, Jaxon Parsons, Teaghen Wallace, Kaybree Russell, Odin Izatt, and Addison Crook.

**2nd Honors** - Justin Dugan, Jacquelynn Johnson, Lucas Parsons, Rockwell Johnson, Lydia Spencer, Kali Mitchell, Dallin Rivard, Abe Young, and Tyler Gibbons.

**3rd Honors** - Grant Esplin, Eliza Henderson, Liam Brinkerhoff, Thomas Colvin, and Abe Young.

**4th Honors** - Aubri Clark

## Coming Events

May 10.....No School

May 14.....PTO Meeting 8 AM

May 17.....No School

May 20.....2nd Grade Play -  
Dress Rehearsal

May 21.....2nd Grade Play

May 24.....No School

May 27.....Memorial Day - No  
School

May 28.....2nd Grade  
Tautphaus Park Field Trip

May 28.....1st Grade Wyoming  
Reads

May 29.....Kindergarten Field  
Trip

May 29.....1st Grade Field Trip

May 30.....Field Day

May 31.....Last Day of School/  
Early Release

### **Math Facts**

The following students have passed off their timed math facts.

**Addition** - Kleat Bame, Tane Hepworth, Lyrika Strong, Chanley Cram, Briar Kenley, Miloh Curtis

**Subtraction** -Kleat Bame, James Beeson, Benjamin Dance, Emerson Steed,

**Mixed Addition/Subtraction** - Harlon Merritt, Anna Harris, Garner Dunlap, Ty Buxman, Raelie Shumway, Jovie Balls

**Multiplication** - Kali Mitchell, Owen Oliver

**Division** - Owen Oliver, Kali Mitchell

### **Learning Update**

**Kindergarten** - Can you believe it is the last month of the school year?! We cannot believe it!! We are so proud of our kindergarten students and all of their hard work throughout the year. This month we will continue to review and master heart words. We have moved onto our opinion unit. Kindergarteners are working to give reasons to support their opinions. We are working on editing our own writing and checking for capitals at the beginning of each sentence, letters for every sound we hear, punctuation at the end of each sentence, spaces between words, and correct spelling for known heart words. We are checking our pictures for “kindergarten coloring”, background details, and labels. Kindergarteners are continuing to work on forming letters correctly while writing and playing word games through Heggerty.

We will be wrapping up our operations unit and reviewing various math concepts and games from earlier in the year. We will be reviewing shapes, numbers within 20, comparing quantities, and more!

We look forward to celebrating another wonderful group of kindergarten students as we approach the end of the school year. We are also excited to participate in all of the festivities that come with this time of the school year! Please be on the lookout for more information. Thank you for all of your support throughout the school year!

**1st Grade** - It’s so hard to believe that it’s May already! Where has the time gone? This month is action packed with academics as well as really fun activities planned. We will start off with district and building assessments the second week of May. District assessments will take place the 2nd week of May. Make sure your student gets good rest and eats a good breakfast on those days. The first grade Wyoming Reads celebration will be on Tuesday the 28th. This will be a fun day where our students get a free book from the state and will have hands-on learning opportunities that go along with their book. Watch for updates from your student’s teacher for other fun activities! Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us! They have worked hard and will be so excited for summer! Our goal is that they will keep reading all summer long so second grade will be more successful! Have a great summer!

**2nd Grade** - The school year is winding down quickly. We are getting ready for end of year testing and lots of fun activities to close out our year. Second grade will be presenting the play Over The Bridge on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be two different times that parents will be invited to attend. Please notice the time on the invitation your child brings home for the play. In addition to this, We will be going to the zoo in Idaho Falls on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to join us on this fieldtrip but will need to provide their own transportation.

We have had a wonderful year. Your children have grown as readers and writers and they are ready for third grade. Hopefully everyone will keep reading over the summer.

**3rd Grade** - April was a big month for us. We finished taking all the WY-TOPP tests. EVERY student gave their best effort even though it was a long, hard test. We are so proud of them. We spent three weeks learning how to write different fiction genres. Students got to choose between poetry, graphic novels, fantasy/adventure, and fairy tales. They had fun using their imagination to create some awesome writing pieces. Keep practicing math facts and reading at home! We are looking forward to all of our end of the year activities and the warm weather that comes with them. We can't believe your students are almost 4th graders!



## Welcome to the beautiful month of May!

It's time to think about getting outdoors and enjoying the warm sunshine!

We would like to share some info to help protect you and your family.

With tick season quickly approaching, the Wyoming Department of Health says simple steps can help state residents protect themselves and their family members from potentially serious tick-borne illnesses. Remember, a tick is very tiny – about about the size of a poppyseed.

Courtney Tillman, an epidemiologist with WDH, said past records show people typically start seeking medical help due to tick bites in May. Diseases sometimes spread by infected ticks in Wyoming include tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) and Colorado tick fever (CTF).

Tularemia symptoms include fever, swollen and painful lymph glands, inflamed eyes, sore throat, mouth sores, skin ulcers and diarrhea. If the bacteria are inhaled, symptoms can include sudden onset of fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, joint pain, dry cough, progressive weakness and pneumonia. Initial RMSF symptoms may include fever, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain, lack of appetite and severe headache. Later signs and symptoms may include rash, abdominal pain, joint pain and diarrhea. CTF usually causes fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and, occasionally, a rash.

“If you have symptoms of tick-borne illness, it’s important to let your healthcare provider know if you have been in a tick area, have handled live or dead animals, or have traveled out of state,” Tillman said.  
([health.wyo.gov](http://health.wyo.gov))

### TICKS: PREVENT - CHECK - REMOVE

The best way to protect yourself and your family from ticks is to **PREVENT** them from being on your body by:

- Tucking long pants into socks
- Having long sleeves
- Staying to the center of paths when walking or hiking
- To kill ticks on dry clothing, tumble dry on high heat for 10 minutes after being in tick areas. If clothes require washing, use hot water.



- Apply insect repellents registered with the [Environmental Protection Agency](#), such as those containing 20 percent or more DEET and/or picaridin.
- Treat outdoor clothing and gear with products containing 0.5 percent permethrin.

After you come indoors **CHECK** your body, your child, your pets and clothing for ticks. **REMOVE** any tick you find. If you find a tick on your body, your children, or your pets it is important to remove it immediately. Use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. (CDC.gov)

1. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you cannot remove the mouth easily with tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. For more information visit [health.wyo.gov](http://health.wyo.gov) and [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov)

# May 2024

## Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

### Breakfast

**Milk Variety Served Daily:**  
**View Milk Nutritionals**

6	Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins	7	Ham, Egg, & Cheese Quesadilla -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Tropical Fruit Cup Orange Juice	1	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Mandarin Orange Cup	2	Yogurt Parfait -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Apple Juice	3	Maple Iced Little John -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Cherry Mixed Fruit Cup
13	Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	14	Pumpkin Bread -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Cup Apple Juice	8	Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Orange Zee Zee Dried Fruit	9	Mini Apple Bites -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Cup Fruit Blend Juice	10	
20	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	21	Vanilla Waffle -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Orange Juice	15	Yogurt Parfait -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup	16	French Toast Sticks -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Blend Juice	17	
27	 Memorial Day	28	Cooks Choice Breakfast -or- Cooks Choice Breakfast Basket --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	22	Biscuit and Gravy -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange	23	Donut Holes -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Cup Apple Juice	24	
		29	Cooks Choice Breakfast -or- Cooks Choice Breakfast Basket --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Orange Juice	29	Cooks Choice Breakfast -or- Cooks Choice Breakfast Basket --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Orange Juice	30	Cooks Choice Breakfast -or- Cooks Choice Breakfast Basket --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup	31	Cooks Choice Breakfast -or- Cooks Choice Breakfast Basket --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Blend Juice

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Monday

# Afton and Thayne

Wednesday

# Lunch

Friday

Thursday

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6	Pork Rib Pattie Hoagie Bun Fresh Orange Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cauliflower	7	Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas Chewy Chocolate Cookie	8	Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans	9	Chicken Drumstick Warm Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Baby Carrots	10	
13	Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Fruit Cocktail California Blend Veggies Cucumbers	14	Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas	15	Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Kiwi Strawberry Sidekick Fresh Broccoli Fresh Cauliflower	16	Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans	17	
20	Beef Patty Hamburger Bun Fresh Orange Seasoned Waffle Fries Fresh Cauliflower Lettuce	21	Crispy Chicken Nugget Mac & Cheese Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes	22	BBQ Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Warm Roll Golden Delicious Apple Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots	23	Bean and Cheese Burrito Kiwi Sweet Corn Celery Sticks Black Beans	24	
27	 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	28	Beef Patty Warm Roll Diced Peaches w/Juice Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Romaine/Cabbage Salad Grape Tomatoes	29	Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Pineapple Tidbits Pork and Beans Baby Carrots	30	Pepperoni Ripper Mandarin Oranges California Blend Veggies Celery Sticks Jerri's Chocolate Cake	31	Early Release No Lunch Served



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