



Afton Elementary Newsletter

November 2024

Hello Afton Families,

As the crisp autumn air settles in, we are seeing wonderful growth in our students, both academically and personally. One area we're especially excited about is fostering greater independence in our young learners. As you know, developing independence is a key part of a child's growth, building confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to come into school on their own, getting breakfast independently, and preparing themselves for the school day. By walking into the building and managing these small tasks, your child learns valuable lessons in responsibility and self-sufficiency. We've seen how proud they are when they accomplish these steps by themselves, and the confidence they gain is truly heartwarming. At home, you can help foster this by creating a morning routine or checklist to guide them, or by encouraging them to pack their own things for the school day. These small moments of empowerment can make a world of difference for your child.

We also know that for many parents, watching your little one become more independent can be bittersweet. It's completely natural to feel that tug in your heart. But please know that this is such an important part of their development, and we are here to support both you and your child through every step of this journey. Our school community is a place of love and encouragement, where your child will always be cared for as they grow.

Thank you for all you do to support your child and our school community. With your partnership, we can continue to help our students develop the independence that will carry them forward into a bright future.

Thanks,
Principal Danny Robinson

Coming Events

- Nov. 1.....No School
- Nov. 3.....Daylight Savings
- Nov. 5.....Election Day
- Nov. 8.....No School
- Nov. 11.....Veteran's Day
Assembly 9:30
- Nov. 11-14...Book Fair
- Nov. 12.....PTO Meeting 12:15
- Nov. 12.....Parent Teacher
Conference 3-7 PM
- Nov. 13.....Parent Teacher
Conference 3-7 PM
- Nov. 14.....Picture Retakes
- Nov. 15.....No School
- Nov. 26.....Turkey Trot
- Nov. 27.....Early Release 10:25
& 10:37
- Nov. 28.....Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 & 29...No School

Veteran's Day Assembly

November 11 is our annual Veteran's Day Assembly to show appreciation for our Veteran's. Our guest speaker will be Dave Saltzman. He previously served in the Air Force. Mr. Saltzman is currently the principal at Etna Elementary.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher Conference is coming up on Nov. 12-13. We are using [PTCFast.com](https://ptcfast.com) for parents to sign up and make an appointment. We are only accepting scheduled appointments. To sign up enter the following address into your browser window:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Afton_elementary

If you do not have internet access, please contact us via phone at 307-885-8002.

Book Fair

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! It will take place from November 11th - November 14th @ Afton Elementary Library. If you can't make it to the fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. Online shopping will be from November 11th - November 24th. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders also benefit our school.

Turkey Trot

Once again we will be having our virtual Turkey Trot. It will be on Nov. 26. It will be broadcast on SVI Media and YouTube so parents can watch. Please make sure your students have good shoes to run in and a coat that day.

Honors

We would like to congratulate the following students for earning their honors, they have worked hard to reach this goal.

Zane Rose, Addie Linford, and Liam Brinkerhoff.

Learning Update

Kindergarten - Kindergarteners have been working hard learning how to write letters the correct way based on letter stroke progression. We will continue to practice correct letter formation this month. In kindergarten, we will continue to strengthen our phonemic awareness skills using Heggerty. Heggerty is a program that uses auditory-based word play to strengthen students' understanding of the spoken language. An example of this is: say "cat", now say "cat" and change /c/ to /b/. Students substitute the beginning sound to change the word "cat" to the word "bat". This understanding of the spoken language will help students become stronger readers and writers. Kindergarteners will continue working on becoming excellent storytellers as they practice being authors and illustrators. Kindergarteners will work on adding more details to their pictures, labeling parts of their pictures, and adding more sounds to their words.

Kindergarten mathematicians are working on sorting objects into common categories. We will review numbers 6-10 and focus on number recognition, number writing, counting, comparing quantities, and playing various number games.

1st Grade - It is hard to believe that we are almost one-fourth of the way through the school year! In November the first grade students will continue to develop reading strategies to solve hard words. Students will be working to develop reading fluency as well as comprehension skills during reading mastery and reading workshop. In math students will be developing an understanding of subtraction and then honing their addition and subtraction skills by working on their math facts. For writing students will begin the "How To" writing unit in preparation for informational writing later in the year. We are looking forward to a great month of learning, and feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with our first grade students.

2nd Grade - We are so grateful to teach your children! We enjoy working with such wonderful students. We had our first 2nd grade celebration in October where we celebrated growing readers and those kids who have started passing off their math facts. We also celebrated our first group of CLASSY students this month. We have so many kind kids in 2nd grade!

Academically, this month we will be starting our 2-digit addition unit in math. This is an important 2nd grade skill and why we encourage students to practice their math facts, even at home. The teachers are piloting some new writing programs and we look forward to seeing how our students grow as writers. We will celebrate our first honor readers this month and hopefully inspire others to keep reading at home. Find a book about gratitude or Thanksgiving to read together this month! We appreciate you and all you do!

3rd Grade - Third graders have been working hard at memorizing their math facts this month. We have introduced division and are learning how multiplication and division are related. The students started our science classes and have learned a little about forces, weather, habitats, and natural selection. We have spent time in fiction stories learning about central messages and practicing retelling a story. Now we are reading interesting articles about things like termite mounds and tardigrades as we build our nonfiction reading skills. To expand our writing skills, we are working on different areas of fiction writing. Students got to choose between writing poetry, graphic novels, adventure and fairy tales. We are learning and growing daily! Keep reading at home and practicing those math facts!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne Breakfast</h1>				
<p>4 Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins</p>	<p>5 Ham, Egg, & Cheese Quesadilla -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Tropical Fruit Cup Orange Juice</p>	<p>6 Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Orange Zee Zee Dried Fruit</p>	<p>7 Mini Apple Bites -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Cup Fruit Blend Juice</p>	<p>1 8</p>
<p>11 Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>12 Pumpkin Bread -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Cup Apple Juice</p>	<p>13 Yogurt Parfait -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup</p>	<p>14 French Toast Sticks -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Blend Juice</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>18 Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup</p>	<p>19 Vanilla Waffle -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Orange Juice</p>	<p>20 Biscuit and Gravy -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange</p>	<p>21 Donut Holes -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Cup Apple Juice</p>	<p>22 Pancake on a Stick -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit</p>
<p>25 Breakfast Burrito -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>26 Mini Cinnis -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Cup Orange Juice</p>	<p>27 Choco Chip Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Banana Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29 </p>

Afton and Thayne Lunch

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<p>4 Pork Rib Pattie Hoagie Bun Fresh Orange Steamed Broccoli Cauliflower Florettes Chewy Chocolate Cookie</p>	<p>5 Chicken Drumstick Warm Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Baby Carrots</p>	<p>6 Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans</p>	<p>7 Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas</p>	<p>1 Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders</p>
<p>11 Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Fruit Cocktail California Blend Veggies Cucumbers</p>	<p>12 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas</p>	<p>13 Ham Hoagie Tomato Soup Cherry Lemon Sidekick Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes Lettuce Tomato Slices</p>	<p>14 Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans</p>	<p>15 Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans</p>
<p>18 Vanilla Waffle Scrambled Eggs Fresh Orange Cauliflower Florettes Emoji Fries</p>	<p>19 Boneless Chicken Wings Mac & Cheese Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes</p>	<p>20 BBQ Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Warm Roll Golden Delicious Apple Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots</p>	<p>21 Bean and Cheese Burrito Red Grapes Sweet Corn Celery Sticks Black Beans</p>	<p>22 Mini Corndogs Cantaloupe Grape Tomatoes Pork and Beans Cucumber Slices</p>
<p>25 Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans</p>	<p>26 Diced Turkey Gravy Warm Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pumpkin Dessert w/Topping Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>27 Early Release No Lunch Served</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29 </p>

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