



Afton Elementary Newsletter

April 2022

Registration

It is time again to register your students for next year. You will be able to do this on Infinite Campus starting April 18th. New kindergarten students may also be registered at this time.

May 4 will be Kindergarten Registration night. New kindergarten students should receive a letter in the mail giving them information and inviting them to come.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is very full! Please stop at the school and check it to see if anything belongs to your

State Testing

After Spring Break, testing will begin for 3rd graders. The window will be from April 18 - May 6. Please make sure your student gets plenty of sleep, a good breakfast and attends daily during this time.

Math

The following students have passed off their math facts.

Addition: Hesston Barnes, Maddox Clinger, Lizzie Erickson, Jaxon Knowles, Oakley Leavitt, Jaycie Neuenschwander, Tyce Romrell, and Katelyn Twiss.

Subtraction: Brityn Linford, Eden Wilkes, Myla Lancaster, Hesston Barnes, Maddox Clinger, Lizzie Erickson, Jaxon Knowles, Oakley Leavitt, Jaycie Neuenschwander, Tyce Romrell, and Katelyn Twiss.

Honors Readers

The following students have earned their 1st honors:

Alenteja Rothermel, Wyatt Johnson, Evelyn Kleeman, Oskar Cazier, Kason Hokanson, Kaylee Merritt, Brooklyn Andrus, Nate Baird, Graham Wheeler, Brooke Taylor, Torrie Hollingsworth, Preston Jorgensen, Mason Bagley, Sadie Rivard, Ranon Fildes, Hailey Engen, Daxton Bagley, Daevin Nelson, Seth Colvin, Dayton Dockstader, Drew Linford, and Anna Christiansen.

Earning their 2nd honors are:

Sid Clark, Chase Allred, and Orrin Dugan.

Coming Events

April 1.....No School

April 7.....Spring Pictures

April 8.....No School

April 11-15..Spring Break

April 29.....No School

May 2.....Teacher Requests
Due

Learning Update

Kindergarten - We are excited that spring is here! The days are getting warm, and the sun is melting the snow. We are finally able to get out and play more on the playground!!

Kindergarten is starting a fun writing unit that involves students stating and writing their opinions and then giving reasons to support their ideas and feelings. We begin with simple opinions about what colors students prefer and end with opinions about what would be helpful new ideas for our school. For example, students love to write our Principal Danny Robinson about the importance of more swings on the kindergarten playground. This usually sparks lots of letter and poster writing! Readers in kindergarten are working on fluency with decodable books. Students are also working on moving from (B) level readers to level (C) books. Students are needing to rely more on reading skills and less on patterns within the books. Kindergarten classes are also involving students in engaging reading workshop activities.

The focus in math is addition and subtraction using manipulatives within 5. Graphing and recording data is also introduced this month.

On Thursday, March 31st, we had our kindergarten school sing and awards assembly! The following are students earning citizenship awards in March: **Bucket Fillers** are Ryleigh Brayton, Davis Hathaway, Grace Voss, Dawsyn Decora, Tycleigh Tingey, Eleanor Hale, and Bryndle Wolfley. **Super Helper Award** was earned by Emery Laycock, Cooper Johnson, Peter Baird, Hans Ayres, Lilly Reamsbottom, and Max England. **Hard Worker Award** was given to Logan Jensen, Kleat Bame, Johnathan Paige, Abby Johnson, West Lorimer, and Carson Lovelady. **Tidy Luncher** was earned by Millie Graham, Emma Booth, Austyn Roberts, and Zane Eddins, Byron Stott, and Tucker Hale. **Best Friend Award** was earned by Dresdyn Major, Claire Robinson, Sadie Bowser, Weslee Jensen, Weston Humbert, and Kannon Edwards.

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. We are excited for our field trip to the East Idaho Aquarium the third week of April. Thank you to parents/guardians for all of your hard work and dedication to your child's education. Have a fantastic day!

2nd Grade - Second grade is a blast! Our field trip to the National Elk Refuge was fun and enlightening. The students learned about elk and why we feed them in the winter. In Writing we are working on opinion writing. Reading, the year is winding down, yet we have a bunch of very good readers. They are all progressing and becoming better. In AR each class is setting new goals and many are now getting their Honors as they read chapter and non-fiction books. In Math we are still working on passing off our addition and subtraction facts. This month we will be working with Geometry, shapes and solids. Fractions and then begin reviewing the whole year. So much to learn and so little time to teach it.

3rd Grade - March has come and gone. We've survived daylight savings, St. Patrick's Day, and the first day of Spring. We are looking forward to warmer weather and Spring Break! We have been working hard on how to write an Information Essay. We have also been making comparisons and contrasts in texts. During the month of March, we wrapped up our fractions unit and began work on graphing and geometry. We have learned to read and create picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots. We've also learned a lot about quadrilaterals and how to classify them. If you don't know what a quadrilateral is, ask your 3rd grader, they can tell you. We are now beginning to review all we've learned in Math this year. Our WyTopp testing begins right after Spring Break, and we are getting ready! As WyTopp approaches, there are a couple things families can do to help ensure your students have the best chance for success. First is to make sure they are getting good sleep during the month of April. The other is to make sure your students eat breakfast either at home or at school. It's hard to concentrate on doing your best if you are tired or hungry. We will also do our very best at school to make sure students feel like WyTopp test days are great days! Let's keep up that momentum and finish April strong!

Application for Classroom Placement

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, emailed to jejenkins@lcsd2.org, mailed to the school at 333 E. 1st Ave. Afton, Wyoming 83110 or dropped off at the school. Phone calls, emails, notes, or conversations with teacher 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.
- 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.
- 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 May 2. 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 give me a call at 307-885-8002.

Classrooms for next year –

3rd Grade - Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Cazier, Mr. Hoopes, and Mrs. Klindt.

2nd Grade - Mrs. Hunsaker, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Kennington, Mr. Keeley, Mrs. Frome, and Mrs. Erickson.

1st Grade - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Galloway, and Mrs. Theriault.

Kindergarten - Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Aullman, and Ms. Andersen.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

A six session parenting program designed by the Love and Logic Institute

When: Wednesday nights 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Six sessions: April 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Free dinner and free childcare provided
Dinner will be served from 5:30-5:45, Class begins at 6 p.m.

Where: Afton Elementary

Cost: **FREE!!** Space is limited - sign up to reserve a spot

Facilitators: Mark and Michelle Hale

Register: Call Cheyanne at 885-7112 or email
cheyanne.wolfley@lcsd2.org with the following: number of
adults and children for dinner & ages of children for childcare.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately. Facilitators of the curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

These classes are sponsored by Lincoln County School District #2

Nurses Corner



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

- 6. TEXTING AND SWERVING** - People who text and drive, statistically spend 10% of their time on the road, outside their lane. Yikes!
- 1. 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.
- 5. 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.

Drive responsibly and wait to make that phone call or text until after you have finished driving. You could unintentionally kill someone else or even yourself!

Have a Great Spring Break! Remember to Buckle Up and be safe!

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

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Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
<p><i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menus are subject to change without notice</i></p>										
4	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Chewy Maple Granola Bar Yogurt --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Dried Cranberries	5	Yogurt Parfait -or- Campfire S'mores Bar String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Tropical Fruit	6	Mini Cinnis -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Strawberry Applesauce	7	Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Pears	8	No School	
11		12 Spring Break Week! No School		13	14 		15	15 		
18	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Peaches	19	Sausage Pancake Wrap -or- Trix Cereal Bar Yogurt ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Applesauce	20	Ham & Egg On Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Yogurt ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Mandarin Oranges	21	Donut Holes -or- Mateys Cereal String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Mixed Fruit Cup	22	22 Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bar Yogurt ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Pineapple Tidbits	
25	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Chewy Maple Granola Bar Yogurt ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Dried Cranberries	26	Yogurt Parfait -or- Campfire S'mores Bar String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Tropical Fruit	27	Mini Cinnis -or- Cinnamon Toasters Cereal String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Strawberry Applesauce	28	Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar String Cheese ----- --Served With-- 100% Juice Variety Diced Pears	29	No School	



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Lunch

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Menu changes subject to change without notice

1				No School
<p align="center"><u>Milk Variety Served Daily:</u> <u>View Milk Nutritionals</u></p>				
4	4	5	6	8
<p>Chicken Bites Fresh Apple Slices Seasoned Waffle Fries Fresh Broccoli</p>	<p>Beef Steak Burger on a Bun Orange Smiles Fresh Cauliflower Green Peas Lettuce Tomato</p>	<p>Chili Diced Pears Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Cinnamon Roll</p>	<p>SW Chicken Flatbread Fresh Pineapple Black Beans Green Salad Grape Tomatoes</p>	No School
11	12	13	14	15
	<p align="center">Spring Break Week! No School</p>			
18	19	20	21	22
<p>Golden Popcorn Chicken Diced Peaches French Fries Steamed Carrots Chewy Chocolate Cookie</p>	<p>Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Mandarin Oranges Hash Brown Wedges Fruit Power Punch Juice</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza Applesauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cauliflower</p>	<p>Debra's Sloppy Joe on a Bun Fresh Grapes Green Beans Cucumber Sticks</p>	<p>Baked Chicken Chimichanga Fresh Strawberries Refried Beans Green Salad Grape Tomatoes</p>
25	26	27	28	29
<p>Breaded Chicken Drumstick Whole Grain Roll Diced Pears Scalloped Potatoes Celery Sticks</p>	<p>Beef Nacho's Frozen Juice Cup Mixed Vegetables Black Beans Baby Carrots</p>	<p>Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches Fresh Broccoli Cucumber Sticks</p>	<p>Pepperoni Pizza Ripper Pineapple Tidbits Green Salad Grape Tomatoes Jeri's Chocolate Cake</p>	No School

