



# Afton Elementary Newsletter

December 2024

## Turkey Trot

Our annual Turkey Trot was a huge success. Students had a lot of fun! Winners of the races were:

**Kindergarten Girls** - 1st Kenzlee Jensen, 2nd Lizzie Hillstead, 3rd Nova Balls.

**Kindergarten Boys** - 1st Jacob Hale, 2nd Pierce Hokanson, 3rd Teyson Hall.

**1st Grade Girls** - 1st Millie Mendenhall, 2nd Naomi Henscheid, 3rd Nayvee Oliver

**1st Grade Boys** - 1st Deacon Lorimer, 2nd Cooper Mackey, 3rd Oke Johnson.

**2nd Grade Girls** - 1st Kambri Trauntvein, 2nd Steely Jacobson, 3rd Chanley Cram.

**2nd Grade Boys** - 1st Titan Worton, 2nd Garner Dunlap, 3rd Aiden Rich

**3rd Grade Girls** - 1st Kali Mitchell, 2nd Nessa Anderson, 3rd Reese Button.

**3rd Grade Boys** - 1st Challis Wilkes, 2nd Max England, 3rd Tripp Clark.

**Good Gobbler Awards** - This award is given to students who are kind to others and are good citizens.

Kindergarten: Gunner Clark & Rachel Hale

1st Grade: Thatcher Pierson & Arria Mendenhall

2nd Grade: Krimzon Bolinder & Emerson Steed

3rd Grade: Spencer Carroll & Ryker Dowling

**Turkey Winners** - Tayo Bond, Lilah Pedroza, Jaxon Moffat, and Lillyann Reamsbottom

Congratulations to all these students!

## Coming Events

Dec. 2-6.....Coin Wars

Dec. 6.....Fun Friday

Dec. 10.....PTO Meeting 12:15

Dec. 12.....1st Grade  
Christmas/Grinch Performance  
@SVHS Auditorium 1:00

Dec. 13.....No School

Dec. 20.....No School

Dec. 23-Jan. 2.....Christmas  
Break

Dec. 25.....Christmas

Jan. 2.....School Resumes



## Honors

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

**1st Honors** - Kali Mitchell, Sadie Bowser, Odin Izatt, Jack Frome, and Nessa Anderson.

**2nd Honors** - Zane Rose

## Learning Update

**Kindergarten** - We had so much fun trying our best for the Turkey Trot! The best part was watching lots of teachers and staff get pied! Kindergarteners will continue working on writing letters correctly and strengthening our phonemic awareness skills. Kindergarteners have begun a new writing unit called Show and Tell. During this unit we will work on paying close attention to details in illustrations to help “show” our readers something on each page. We are also working on adding more words to “tell” our readers about what is on each page.

Our mathematicians are working on comparing numbers by identifying which numbers are greater, less, or equal. We are continuing to review numbers 0-10 with a focus on number recognition, number writing, counting, number order, and playing various number games. Soon, we will move on to teen numbers and add numbers 11-20 to these activities. Between all of this hard work, we will manage to find time to spread some Holiday Cheer by attending Kindergarten Sing, School Sing, and various other Holiday activities. Happy Holidays!!

**1st Grade** - T'was the days of December in the first grade pod you'll see

A new math unit including adding and subtracting within twenty.

But what to my wondering eyes should appear?

Students reading and reading, non-fiction time is near!

How-to-writing, crafting, and letters to Santa we'll share...

The town mailbox is waiting for us to leave them safely there.

We practice with glee holiday songs and the grinch's story

To perform for our parents on a date tbd you'll see.

Our grinch's heart is so small he needs help in a flash.

Look for student's bringing home acts of kindness papers to fill out in a dash.

When the papers come back we hang them on the wall

next to the grinch, who's heart is so small.

We watch his heart grow and grow so tall.

That is not all, oh no, that is not all...

Aside from math, reading, and writing,

We learn so much more from kindness igniting.

The teachers will be heard singing, “Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

**2nd Grade** - Can you believe the holidays are here? The school year is flying by. We're going to work hard and see how much learning we can get done before we're off for Christmas break. We do have some fun things in store. We will write letters to Santa Claus and then take our 2nd grade traditional walk to Santa's mailbox to mail them ourselves. We will be working on our double digit subtraction this month so practice some subtraction math facts with them at home. This can be simple and done in fun ways such as with dice or game cards. But don't completely abandon addition since we would like the 2nd graders to be able to pass off their 5 minute addition timings by the end of December. We will be doing our winter oral reading fluency benchmark in December and hope all our students have grown in their reading skills from the beginning of the year. There are so many amazing holiday books out there, enjoy some with your child this month!

**3rd Grade** - We are into our third reading period now. We have some great, hard-working readers in third grade! We have studied both nonfiction and fiction texts. We are getting better at stopping to notice things as we read. Ask your students questions about what they are reading. They love to talk about the stories they read and the things they are learning. We have taught a couple science units. By the end of the year, each class will have rotated around to all the teachers for a total of five science units. In writing, we finished our fiction unit where students got to choose between writing graphic novels, poetry, adventure, or fairy tales. We are now working on our opinion writing. We are sure that in a few short weeks, your students will be able to convince you of almost anything! We wrapped up our unit on multiplication and division this month. Please keep skip-counting and practicing math facts at home. Students need a lot of repetition in order to transfer the knowledge to long term memory. We'll start addition and subtraction in December. Thanks for all your help and support!



Parents, our annual Early Childhood Census is now happening! We ask that you go to [www.lscd2.org](http://www.lscd2.org) and click on the link provided or use this QR Code or direct link to access the census and fill it out for any of your children who are **birth to 5 years old** and **not** enrolled in kindergarten yet. The district uses this information to plan for future needs of our schools and to get important information to you the year before your child will enter kindergarten. In January, there will be a census worker in your area that will contact you if you have not filled out the census online. The census will be open now through January 25. Thank you for taking the time to complete this census! If you have any questions about the census or have trouble accessing it, please contact Emily Isaacson 307-885-7129. <https://forms.gle/PLpb2HcD2FVMYas49>



**Padres, ¡ya está en marcha nuestro censo anual de la primera infancia! Le pedimos que vaya a [www.lscd2.org](http://www.lscd2.org) y haga clic en el enlace proporcionado o utilice este código QR o enlace directo para acceder al censo y rellenarlo para cualquiera de sus hijos que tengan entre 0 y 5 años y que aún no estén matriculados en el jardín de infancia. El distrito utiliza esta información para planificar las necesidades futuras de nuestras escuelas y para hacerle llegar información importante el año antes de que su hijo entre en el jardín de infancia. En enero, habrá un trabajador del censo en su zona que se pondrá en contacto con usted si no ha rellenado el censo en línea. El censo estará abierto desde ahora hasta el 25 de enero. ¡Gracias por tomarse el tiempo de completar este censo! Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el censo o tiene problemas para acceder a él, póngase en contacto con Emily Isaacson 307-885-7129. <https://forms.gle/PLpb2HcD2FVMYas49>**





# Meet the Nurse



Mom of  
Five

I have a dog  
named  
Maverick

## Nurse Amanda

### About Me

I am so excited to be the new school nurse at Afton Elementary! I have been a nurse for 18 years. I like spending time with my husband, Blake, and my kids, Gabe, Shae, Landon, Ryan, and Scarlett.

### Fun Facts

- \* I grew up in Soda Springs ID
- \* I teach a fitness class.
- \* I like listening to audiobooks.

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Try singing the ABC song or Happy Birthday song while you wash your hands to get all the germs off!





# December 2024 Afton and Thayne Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Fresh Orange Power Punch Juice Hash Brown Patties	3 Fish & Star Nuggets Diced Peas Creamy Coleslaw Crinkle Fries Chocolate Chip Cookie	4 Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Mandarin Oranges Cauliflower Florettes Baby Carrots	5 Cheese Pizza Rounds Pineapple Tidbits Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers	6 Pigs in a Blanket Red Variety Apple Baby Carrots Pork and Beans
9 Pork Rib Pattie Hoagie Bun Strawberry Cup Steamed Broccoli Cauliflower Florettes Chewy Chocolate Cookie	10 Chicken Drumstick Warm Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Baby Carrots	11 Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans	12 Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas	13
16 Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Fruit Cocktail California Blend Veggies Cucumbers	17 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas Black Beans	18 Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Kiwi Strawberry Sidekick Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes	19 Ham Slice Warm Roll Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Scalloped Potatoes Gingerbread Whipped Topping <b>Holiday Lunch</b>	20
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# DECEMBER

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

Breakfast

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Apple Fudgel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Pineapple Tidbits Cup	3 Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Orange Juice	4 Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt Zee Zee Dried Fruit Mandarin Orange Cup	5 Yogurt Parfait -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Apple Juice	6 Maple Iced Little John -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar String Cheese --Served With-- Red Variety Apple Zee Zee Dried Fruit
9 Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins	10 Ham, Egg, & Cheese Quesadilla -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Tropical Fruit Cup Orange Juice	11 Blueberry Muffin -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Orange Zee Zee Dried Fruit	12 Mini Apple Bites -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Cup Fruit Blend Juice	13 
16 Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	17 French Toast Sticks -or- Cinnamon Toaster Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Blend Juice	18 Yogurt Parfait -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Cherry Vanilla Yogurt Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup	19 Pumpkin Bread -or- Matey's Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Cherry Mixed Fruit Cup Apple Juice	20
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