

Afton Elementary Newsletter

September 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome Back, Little Chiefs! Afton Elementary is Ready for a SUPER Year!

Calling all Super Students! Grab your capes, pack your backpacks, and get ready to fly into a brand new school year at Afton Elementary! Whether you're a brand-new Kindergarten hero or a brave 3rd-grade sidekick, we are so excited to welcome you back.

At Afton, we believe every Little Chief has a superpower inside—your best effort! That's why our school motto is:

"I Achieve Success When I Do My Very Best!"

This year, we'll be using our super smarts, strong hearts, and powerful kindness to learn, grow, and help each other every single day. With our teachers as our trusty guides, our friends by our side, and our capes held high—we are ready to save the day with reading, writing, math, science, art, and more!

Get ready for adventures in learning, heroic high-fives, and a school full of smiles. We can't wait to see how you'll *soar* this year!

Let's make it a SUPER year, Little Chiefs!

Principal Robinson

Phone Messages

If you need to get a message to your child before school lets out for the day, please call **before 2:00.** Because of the busyness at the end of the day we cannot guarantee that your student will get the message after 2:00.

New Staff



Caellie Hale- Caellie is Afton's permanent sub this year. She is currently in her Junior year of her K-6 Gen Ed/ K-12 SPED program. She is from Star Valley and has lived in Utah, Idaho, and Montana in the last 4 years. She loves to be outside paddle boarding, hunting, and riding horses.



Haley Hemmert- Haley is Afton's new Kindergarten teacher. She's been teaching in Thayne the last 4 years and is so excited to be in Afton. She has 2 daughters with her husband Trayson.



Reese Fullmer- Reese is Afton's newest Kindergarten High Needs teacher. She is the daughter of Kelly and Gina Fullmer. She recently graduated with her Bachelor Eled and SPED from USU. She loves to read, hike, paddle board, and camp.



Bobbi Heap - Bobbi is Afton's newest SLP aide. She grew up on a sheep farm and worked crops of alfalfa, grass, grain etc. She loves to be outside camping. She loves to do woodworking and enjoys everything family. She loves to learn about plants and their benefits, as well as anything "alternative." She has a super husband and a fun boy.

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	P P	4 Blueberry Muffin Or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry YogurtServed With- Fresh Orange Zee Zee Dried Fruit	11 Pumpkin Bread -Or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String CheeseServed With- Mixed Fruit Cup Orange Juice	18 Donut Holes -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String CheeseServed With Pineapple Tidbits Cup Fruit Blend Juice	25 Maple Iced Little John -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String CheeseServed With Banana Fruit Blend Juice	Menus are subject to change without notice This institution is an equal opportunity provider	Manne.
Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne	2025 Breakfast	Ham & Swiss Croissant -or- Trix Cereal String CheeseServed With- Tropical Fruit Cup Orange Juice	10 Choco Chip Muffin -Or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Diced Peach Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit	17 Biscuit and Gravy Or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry YogurtServed With Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange	24 Pancake Sausage Griddle Muffin -Or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt Served With Diced Peach Cup Emoji Fries	Menus are subject to change without notice This institution is an equal opportun	
		Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With- Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins	9 French Toast Sticks -or- Trix Cereal String CheeseServed With Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Blend Juice	Vanilla Waffle Or- Trix Cereal String CheeseServed With Applesauce Cup Orange Juice	Mini Cinnis -or- Trix Cereal String CheeseServed With Mixed Fruit Cup Orange Juice	30 Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Trix Cereal String CheeseServed With Applesauce Cup Orange Juice	
Afton, Etna, (September 2025	Labor Day No School	8 Ham & Egg Bagel -Or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	15 Breakfast Pizza Or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	22 Pancake on a Stick -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	-

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Lunch	S Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Red Variety Apple Green Beans Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Jeri's Chocolate Cake	12	19	Mini Corndogs Fresh Strawberries Pork and Beans Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots		nity provider notice
/ne Thursday	4 Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Pears Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips	11 Cheese Pizza Rounds Pineapple Tidbits Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans	18 Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas	Nacho Meat Nacho Cheese Sauce Tortilla Chips Diced Pears Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie	Milk Variety Served Daily: View Milk Nutritionals	This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menus are subject to change without notice
Afton and Thayne	3 Mandarin Orange Chicken Diced Peaches w/Juice Celery Sticks Steamed Carrots	10 Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Mandarin Oranges Cauliflower Florettes Baby Carrots	Pepperoni Pizza Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Red Pepper Strips Cucumbers Black Beans	24 Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Raspberry/Lemon Sidekick Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes		This institut
Tuesday	2 Wyoming Grown Beef Patty Sliced Cheese Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit Sweet Corn Broccoli Florettes	9 Fish & Star Nuggets Diced Pears Crinkle Fries Broccoli Florettes Chewy Chocolate Cookie	16 Chicken Drumstick Warm Roll Fresh Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Baby Carrots	23 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas	30 Boneless Chicken Wings Mac & Cheese Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes	
September 2025	1 Labor Day No School	8 Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Fresh Orange Power Punch Juice Hash Brown Patties	15 BBQ Pork Rib w/Sauce Hoagie Bun Watermelon Steamed Broccoli Cauliflower Florettes Sugar Cookie	22 Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit California Blend Veggies Cucumbers	Vanilla Waffle Scrambled Egs Fresh Orange Cauliflower Florettes Emoji Fries	



Josie Foster- Josie Foster is a new Title 1 Aide. She is currently getting her degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is currently in her sophomore year at the University of Wyoming. She was born and raised here in Star Valley. She enjoys hiking, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.



Emmie Erickson- Emmie is a new Title 1 Aide. She is working on her Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming. She grew up in Cokeville, Wyoming. She played basketball for 2 years at Snow College before transferring to UW. She recently got married in June to Payton Erickson.

Assignment Changes:

Michelle Heiner: Kindergarten Aide Rebecca Strgar: Early Intervention Aide

Allison Hicks: 2nd Grade Amy Klindt: 2nd Grade Ashley Lancaster: 3rd Grade



AFTON ELEMENTARY'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS



- Focus on academic, personal development, and social emotional learning
- Provide individual and group counseling
- Often have a master's degree in counseling or a related field

WE BOTH

- Support student overall mental and behavioral health, well-being, and academics
- · Support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach
- · Collaborate with teachers, parents, and other school staff to help students succeed
- Provide counseling, but school psychologists often have a more clinical approach while counselors focus more on emotional and academic concerns
- Implement school-wide programs (e.g., anti-bullying. character education)
- · Address issues such as behavior problems, social skills, and emotional challenges
- · Conduct assessments and create academic and behavioral intervention plans
- Offer specialized interventions and therapeutic support for emotional/behavioral issues
- Focus on improving student outcomes and overall school environment
- · Help with crisis prevention and response
- Support students with disabilities or special needs

SCHOOL

- PSYCHOLOGIST
 - Focus on psychological assessments, educational classifications, and treatment Provide psychological evaluations for learning disabilities, ADHD, and other issues
 - Often have a doctoral/specialis degree in psychology (Ph.D., Psy.D., or Eds)



WHAT:

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

WHEN: Thursday nights 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Six Sessions: Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct. 9th, & 16th
Free dinner and free childcare provided
Dinner will be served from 5:30-5:45; Class begins at 6 p.m.

WHERE

REGISTER

COST FREE!! Space is limited – sign up to reserve a spot

FACILITATORS: Mark & Michelle Hale

Call Cheyanne at 885-7112 or email cheyanne.woiffer@icsd2.org with the following: number of adults and children for dinner & ages of children for childcare



Learning Update

Kindergarten - There are a lot of puns surrounding the first few months of Kindergarten. One pun is that Kindergarten in September is like herding cats, although this is usually spot on, we have some amazing "cats" this year! We will continue to work on learning all the different routines and procedures and providing a lot of support and practice! In ELA, we will begin the 26 Letters in 26 Days. This method is where we introduce a letter each day, along with the Zoo Phonic animal action/sound that represents the letters. We will work on writing our name the "kindergarten way" and build our fine motor muscles through various tasks. Writing begins with an illustration unit where the children practice drawing shapes to create simple pictures. We are forming small groups in preparation for our core reading program: Reading Mastery. In Math, we will begin with teaching simple procedures based on our math program. How to use and put away our math materials and use the math shelf. As the month progresses, ask your Kindergartener about the various math tools that they will use all year long. Numbers to 0-5 will be our first mathematical

1st Grade - We're excited to kick off a great year in first grade! Here's what's happening this month:

- **Reading:** Starting *Reading Mastery*, reviewing vowel sounds, and starting to learn digraphs (2 letters that make one sound).
- Writing: Building strong foundations—handwriting, spelling, what makes a sentence?.
- Math: Reviewing kindergarten skills, then exploring numbers to 10: counting, comparing sets, and ordering numbers.
- Special Events: Field trip to Broulim's, designing class T-shirt, and beginning-ofyear screeners.

It's going to be a wonderful school year!

2nd Grade - Welcome to 2nd grade!! We are so excited for another school year and look forward to teaching your child. We're super excited to have our new 2nd grade teachers: Allison Hicks and Amy Klindt. They are an amazing addition to our team. Some things to know about 2nd grade. In 2nd grade we work really hard on mastering our addition and subtraction math facts by the end of the year. We would like all students to pass off their addition facts by December and then we dive into mastering our subtraction facts the 2nd half of the year. Students work to earn chocolate coins and then a real \$1 coin for passing them off! Spend 5 minutes each night working on your math facts and you will have them mastered in no time! In 2nd grade we also really work on our reading skills. Please have your student read 20 minutes a night at home. This will help your student tremendously! We will work hard at teaching them reading skills during the day and would love for them to practice those skills with you at home. Starting in September we hope to spend some time at the park on Fridays learning from people in our community. We look forward to learning more about where we live and the community helpers who make this a special place to be. We will make our 2nd grade tie dyed shirts in September as well and look forward to kicking off a year of learning!

3rd Grade - We are excited to share some updates from 3rd grade! Our class has begun a new math unit on multiplication, and students are already working hard to build their skills and strategies. In writing, we are focusing on personal narratives, giving students the chance to share their own stories in creative and meaningful ways. We have also started our first Accelerated Reader (AR) goal period, and we are encouraging students to read daily to reach their goals. Finally, we are thrilled to welcome **Ms. Ashley Lancaster** to our 3rd grade team—she is a wonderful addition, and we are glad to have her with us!

Afton Elementary Super School Magnet

Keep all the important school info right at your fingertips! By now, your child should have brought home a refrigerator magnet that looks like the picture below. This magnet is designed to make it easy for parents to stay connected throughout the school year. Simply scan the QR codes to quickly access:

- Menus Stay updated on breakfast and lunch choices.
- **Bus Info** Find routes, schedules, and transportation updates.
- District Calendar Never miss a no-school day.
- Bell Schedule Know exactly when the school day starts and ends.
- Specials Schedule Keep track of PE, art, music, and more.
- **Newsletters** Stay informed with school announcements and updates.

With this magnet on your fridge, you'll always have the latest Afton Elementary information just one scan away!



We are excited to welcome award-winning author and illustrator, Shawn Harris to Afton Elementary on Monday, October 6th. Shawn loves to write and illustrate books for children. His book, Have You Ever Seen A Flower, received a Caldecott Honor, while The Eyes and the Impossible, a #1 New York Times bestseller, written by Dave Eggers and illustrated by Shawn, was awarded the John Newbery Medal. Shawn also creates The New York Times bestselling The First Cat In Space graphic novel series with his friend, Mac Barnett. We will be sending home a pre-order book form with your child if you would like to purchase a book to be signed by the author during his visit to our school. All book orders must be returned to the library on or before, **Thursday**, **September 18th**.

