## Afton Elementary Newsletter

November 2025

#### **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 Tyson Call, who is a member of the National Guard

#### **Parent Teacher Conference**

Parent Teacher Conference is coming up on Nov. 11-12. We are using <u>PTCFast.com</u> 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.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

November 10th - November 13th

M,T,W,TH 7:30-10:00 and 2:30-3:30

Tuesday & Wednesday evening 3:00-7:00
On-line Shopping Link
<a href="https://www.scholastic.com/bf/">https://www.scholastic.com/bf/</a>
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All proceeds go to support Afton Elementary School.

#### **Coming Events**

Nov. 4.....Election Day

Nov. 7.....No School

Nov. 11.....Veteran's Day Assembly

Nov. 11.....PTO Meeting 12:15

Nov. 11-12.....Parent Teacher
Conference

Nov. 10-13......Book Fair

Nov. 14.....No School

Nov. 19.....Picture Retakes

Nov. 25..... Turkey Trot

Nov. 26.....Early Release 10:25

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Nov. 27.....Thanksgiving - No

School

Nov. 28.....No School

#### **Turkey Trot**

Once again we will be having our virtual Turkey Trot. It will be on Nov. 25. 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.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that our school will be implementing a program called the House System this year. This system was created by the Ron Clark Academy (RCA), and it has a proven track record of creating a positive school climate and culture that is embraced by students, staff, and families. We want all of our students to look forward to coming to school each day, and schools around the world that have implemented the program have reported many positive outcomes, such as a decrease in discipline referrals, more positive relationships among peers and staff, better school attendance, and improvements in academic performance. This is because the system encourages students to take ownership of their learning and behavior while working together to achieve common goals.

A key element of the House System is the way that it increases students' motivation to succeed in school by fostering a sense of belonging among all students and staff, and parents often report feeling more connected to the school community as well. To achieve this, each student will be a part of one of four houses and will have the opportunity to participate in house-specific events and activities throughout the year. By being a part of a house, every child has a smaller group within the larger school community. In other words, every student will have "a crew and a cause." Additionally, older students will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles within their houses, such as serving as heads of house, heads of committees, or organizers of house events.

Throughout the school year, students will have the opportunity to receive points for their houses. Points are awarded for going above and beyond expectations in areas such as academic achievement, character, school spirit, and uplifting others. While points are not the primary purpose of this program, when students work together to earn points for their houses, they celebrate, support, and encourage one another to achieve excellence. The house who earns the most points at the end of the year will be named the House Champions!

We are confident that the RCA House System will be a valuable addition to our school community, and we look orward to seeing its positive impact on our students. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to see the effect this system will have on our students.

Sincerely, Danny Robinson, Principal

#### **Learning Update**

**Kindergarten -** We've almost explored *all 26 letters* of the alphabet! As we wrap up, we'll circle back to practice writing our letters the just right way—following special letter stroke patterns (not the ABC order). We've also started Heggerty, a fun, brain-boosting "warm-up" that helps us listen for sounds in words and build strong reading muscles.

We're continuing to practice writing our names with the perfect mix of uppercase and lowercase letters. Our little writers are turning into *amazing illustrators* and *imaginative storytellers*—their ideas are really coming to life on paper!

In Math, we're working hard on writing our numbers up to 10! We'll be counting, comparing, creating number sets, and showing numbers in lots of different ways. Best of all—we'll be learning through hands-on activities and playful math games that make numbers come alive!

**1st Grade -** November is here, and our first graders are shining brighter every day! As we move into this season of gratitude, we're excited to share all the wonderful learning happening in our classrooms this month:

#### **Reading:**

- Continuing to build strong reading strategies for solving tricky words
- Working on fluency—reading smoothly, accurately, and with expression
- Developing comprehension skills during Reading Mastery and Reading Workshop
- Learning about **Vowel-Consonant-e** (**VCe**) **syllables** when you have a vowel, followed by a consonant, and then an *e*. The *e* jumps over the consonant to make the vowel say its long sound (its name).

Examples: cake, bike, home, cube

#### Math:

- Focusing on **subtraction** and solving **word problems**
- Using pictures, number lines, and equations to show our thinking
- Building fluency and confidence with both addition and subtraction facts

### Writing:

- Continue and wrap up Narrative Writing
- Holiday Writing

#### **November Focus:**

- Celebrating growth and gratitude in our classroom
- District Assessment

Thank You! We are so thankful for your continued support at home. It's a joy to learn and grow alongside your children every day!

**2nd Grade -** The month of gratitude! We are so grateful to teach your children! We have now sorted all our students into one of the four houses: Amistad, Isibindi, Reveur, and Altruismo. If you have not heard about the AES house system many of the classes are being a part of, ask your student or teacher to find out more. It's an exciting way to unite our school!

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. In writing we have wrapped up our personal narrative writing unit. The students have written wonderful stories! We will begin learning about how to write letters. This will prepare us to write our letters to Santa which is always a highlight of the unit. In science we'll be learning about changes in earth. As always, keep reading at home! Find a book on gratitude this month and know we are grateful for all YOU do as parents and caregivers!

**3rd Grade** - Third grade has been working hard! We have introduced the Ron Clark House system grade wide and we have loved seeing how excited all of our students have been. We had a third grade "house sorting" party, where the "house" chose each student. We then participated in a larger sorting party. We have four houses; Amistad, Altruismo, Reveur, and Isibindi! Ask your student about their house and their house symbols and cheer. Each student has the opportunity to earn house points throughout the day by showing exceptional character, determination, grit, and other things where they have gone above and beyond the expectations. We will be having our Winn Dixie Celebration to celebrate students earning the AR goals for this goal period. We had a great time celebrating Halloween, Home-coming, and learning about fire safety. We also completed our first round of science rotations for the year, and had our narrative writing celebrations. We are always amazed at how respectful and hardworking our students are. Thank you to all families for the support you provide at home, and ensuring that your students are ready to learn.

#### **Math Facts**

The following students have passed of their math facts.

Addition: Zeke Cruz

Subtraction: Zeke Cruz, Rylee Klein, Thomas Call

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	November 2025	a Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	10 Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry VogurtServed With Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins	17 Ham & Egg Bagel -Or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry YogurtServed With Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt Strawberry Yogurt Strawberry Yogurt Strawberry Popurt Strawberry Popurt Strawberry Yogurt Yogu	וווא ווואנומנוטוו וא מוו בא

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November 2025 Afton and Thayne Tuesday Thursday	<ul> <li>6 Cheese Quesadilla         Fresh Strawberries         Sweet Corn         Celery Sticks         Black Beans     </li> </ul>	Ja Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Red Variety Apple Green Beans Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Jeri's Chocolate Cake	20 Cheese Pizza Rounds Pineapple Tidbits Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans	<sup>27</sup> Thanksgiving Day!
	s BBQ Chicken Terjyaki Brown Rice Warm Roll Golden Delicious Apple Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots	12 Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Pears Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips	19 Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Drained Mandarin Oranges Cauliflower Florettes Baby Carrots	Early Release No Lunch Served
	4 Boneless Chicken Wings Mac & Cheese Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes	Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Diced Peaches W/Juice Celery Sticks Steamed Carrots	18 Fish & Star Nuggets Diced Pears Crinkle Fries Broccoli Florettes	25 Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Red Pepper Strips Cucumbers Black Beans Banana Creamie Jr
	3 Vanilla Waffle Scrambled Eggs Fresh Orange Cauliflower Florettes Emoji Fries	Myoming Grown Beef Patty Sliced Cheese Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit Sweet Corn Broccoli Florettes	5 Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Fresh Orange Power Punch Juice Hash Brown Patties	24 Crispy Chicken Tenders Warm Roll Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas

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