



Afton Elementary Newsletter

December 2025

Turkey Trot

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

Kindergarten Girls - 1st Kate Harris, 2nd- Hallie Johnson, 3rd- Presley Downs.

Kindergarten Boys - 1st Hayes Warren, 2nd Cutler Lym, 3rd Kaison Walker.

1st Grade Girls - 1st Jema Draney, 2nd Eve Olson, 3rd Nova Balls.

1st Grade Boys - 1st Rhett Romrell, 2nd Pierce Hokanson, 3rd Hunter Smith.

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

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

3rd Grade Girls - 1st Kambri Trauntvein , 2nd Anna Harris, 3rd Waverly Corson.

3rd Grade Boys - 1st Garner Dunlap, 2nd Titan Worton, 3rd Lincoln Bagley.

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

Kindergarten: Dean Julson and Noelia Allred

1st Grade: Rhett Romrell and Paisley Atkins

2nd Grade: James Bailey and Kiera Rogers

3rd Grade: Liam Jorgensen and Jaylee Plowman

Turkey Winners - Gwen Smallwood, Porter Gardner, Beatriz Tiozol, and Niko Doulgerakis.

Congratulations to all these students!

Coming Events

Dec. 12.....No School

Dec. 19.....1st Grade Grinch Program

Dec. 22.....3rd Grade Christmas Program 1:45

De. 23.....Early Release

Dec. 24-Jan. 2...Christmas Break

Jan. 5.....School Resumes





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 - Down in First Grade-ville, the students you'll see,
Are working quite hard as December draws near!
Their math brains are buzzing, oh, the numbers they know!
Adding and subtracting within twenty, they're starting to glow!
And then in phonics, why, they're learning so many things!
There's -es, -ed, -ing, flying in on quick wings!
With open and closed syllables, clever and bright,
Their reading grows stronger by day and by night.

The writing is "How-To," with steps clear and neat,
And crafting that fills all their days with a treat.
But the most wondrous sight you'll soon surely see
Is the Grinch show they'll perform on December 18th
Oh my! Oh me!

Now the Grinch's small heart (as you surely recall)
Needs help growing bigger, three sizes in all!
So kindness is spreading from student to student,
For growing a heart makes December more prudent.
They'll bring papers home, acts of kindness to track
And when they return, we'll hang each one back.

And down in the houses, oh, what a sight!
Altruismo's in the lead, shining bold, shining bright!
But Rêveur, Amistad, and Isibindi aren't far behind
They're working so hard, being helpful and kind!
Each point helps the Grinch's heart grow day by day,
As kindness and teamwork lead the way!

With glitter in their who-hair and exhaustion in sight,
The teacher's Grinch-chuckle: "Merry Christmas to all, and a nap sounds just right!"

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

3rd Grade - We appreciate all of the families that came to parent teacher conferences. This month we celebrated Veterans by joining in a school wide celebration in the gym. We have been working on multiplication and division in math. Students are also solving two step word problems using all four operations. Working with 2 step word problems can be challenging and we have been impressed with the students' work ethic and grit. We have just finished our "choice" writing unit where students had a choice if they wanted to write; poetry, fantasy, fairy tale, realistic fiction or historical fiction. Students worked diligently and produced some great pieces. We celebrated the end of our writing unit by sharing our writing in the POD. We are working on non-fiction reading strategies of the main idea and supporting details. Please remind your students to use text features to help them while they are reading their non fiction

texts. Thank you for all your support. The students showed off their multiplication skills while participating in our “multiplication carnival”. Coach Taylor had the kids create goals for themselves for the turkey trot, and each student strived to meet their individual goals. Please continue to encourage your students to read at home at work on their multiplication and division facts.

Honors

Earning their 1st honors are: Dane Hathaway and Bear Morss. They have been reading a lot of books and working hard. Congratulations to them!

Early Childhood Census

Parents, our annual Early Childhood Census is now happening! We ask that you go to 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 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>



Breakfast

December 2025

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

[Milk Variety Served Daily:](#)
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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Pancake Wrap -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	2	Mini Cinnis -or- Trix Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Very Berry Juice	3	Pancake Sausage Griddle Muffin -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Banana Emoji Fries	4	Maple Iced Little John -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Apple Juice	5	Breakfast Burrito -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit
8	Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Mandarin Orange Cup	9	Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Trix Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch	10	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Pear Cup	11	Maple Iced Little John -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Grape Juice	12	
15	Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Watermelon Craisins	16	Ham & Swiss Croissant -or- Trix Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Apple Juice	17	Blueberry Muffin -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Zee Zee Dried Fruit	18	Mini Apple Bites -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Fresh Orange Very Berry Juice	19	Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup
22	French Toast Sticks -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit	23	Pumpkin Bread -or- Trix Cereal String Cheese --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Punch	24		25		26	
29		30		31		Menus are subject to change without notice			

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Afton and Thayne Lunch

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit California Blend Veggies	2	Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas	3	Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Raspberry/Lemon Sidekick Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes	4	Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie	5	Mini Corndogs Strawberry Cup Pork and Beans Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots
8	Vanilla Waffle Scrambled Eggs Fresh Orange Cauliflower Florettes Emoji Fries	9	Boneless Chicken Wings Cheesy Rotini Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes	10	BBQ Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Warm Roll Golden Delicious Apple Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots	11	Cheese Quesadilla Kiwi Sweet Corn Celery Sticks Black Beans	12	
15	Wyoming Grown Beef Patty Sliced Cheese Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit Broccoli Florettes Grape Tomatoes	16	Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Diced Peaches w/Juice Celery Sticks Steamed Carrots	17	Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Peas Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips	18	Beef Taco Fresh Orange Shredded Lettuce Tomatoes Refried Beans	19	Ham Steak Warm Roll Strawberry Cup Scalloped Potatoes Baby Carrots Soft Gingersnap Cookie
22	Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Red Variety Apple Crinkle Fries Green Beans Black Beans	23	Early Release No Lunch Served	24		25		26	
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