



Afton Elementary Newsletter

February 2026

The Cereal-ously Awesome "Soup"er Bowl

Afton vs Osmond

February 2nd - 5th

Who will take home the trophy this year?

Cereal = A touch down

Pasta = A field goal

Soup and other items = A point

The PTO will fill boxes to donate to the Afton Food Pantry. Each box filled with cereal will earn that school 6 points. A box filled with pasta will earn 3 points. All other non-perishable food will be boxed together to earn that school an extra point.

***Though ramen is considered a soup, the food pantry does not have a high need for it at this time. They do, however, need cereal. So let's make this a Cereal-ously Awesome Souper Bowl!

Please keep food at home if the item's expiration date is from before 2025. Thank you

Math

The following kids have passed their math facts.

Addition: Karson Bird, Forrest Cox, Will Erickson, and Sydney Sloan.

Subtraction: Karson Bird, Will Erickson, and Sydney Sloan..

Coming Events

Feb. 2.....Groundhog Day

Feb. 2-5..."Soup"er Bowl

Feb. 3.....Pizza Hut Night

Feb. 9.....Family Engagement
Night 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Feb. 11....PTO Meeting 1:45

Feb. 12.....PROSPER Parent
Night 7:00-8:30

Feb. 13....No School

Feb. 14....Valentine Day

Feb. 16....President's Day

Feb. 20....No School

Feb. 20....Yearbook Orders Due

Feb. 27....No School

Honors

Earning their 1st honors are: Reid Teitzel, Easton Knowles, Bryce Allred, Liam Simpson, Thomas Call, Titan Worton, Jovie Balls, Capri Rich, Nolan Smith, Romona Parry, Carter Slaughter, Rex Robinson, Mac Allred, Anna Harris, Amelia Swenson, and Jaylee Plowman.

Congratulations to these students! They have worked really hard to earn this.

Learning Update

Kindergarten - This month marks the 100th day of school! We are excited to celebrate and do all things 100! Kindergarteners are continuing to learn new “heart words” and review how to read and write old heart words. We will keep adding new heart words to our word banks for the rest of the year! Kindergarteners have started a new informational writing unit. We are working towards implementing correct sentence structure into our writing. We are continuing to work on forming letters correctly while writing.

Kindergarteners have been working hard to review numbers 0-20 through games and lots of other number based activities. We are continuing to focus on number recognition, number writing, counting, number order, and playing various number games. When we are not reviewing numbers 0-20, we are working on measuring and comparing objects by various attributes. Kindergarteners are also going to be reviewing 2D shapes and learning about 3D shapes this month! Later, we will be transitioning to our operations unit as we practice combining quantities, reading and comparing data, and interpreting joining (addition) and leaving (subtraction) stories!

1st Grade - First graders are taking off as readers, writers, and mathematicians! The AIMSweb winter testing results showed just how much students have grown since the fall, and we look forward to sharing this information with you during the March conferences. The learning continues as we jump into a new month!

Reading

- Continuing our opinion reading unit
- Identifying an author’s purpose
- Exploring point of view
- Growing as thoughtful, engaged readers

Writing

- Still working on opinion writing and giving reasons to support our ideas
- Learning about types of sentences
- Using commas in dates
- Practicing correct use of articles

Phonics Focus

- ar /ar/
- or, ore /or/

- er /er/
- ir, ur /er/
- /er/: er, ir, ur, w + or
- ai, ay /ā/
- ee, ea, ey /ē/

Math

- Finishing numbers to 40
- Beginning and completing numbers to 120
- Identifying and extending number patterns
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- Identifying and extending number patterns
- Arranging numbers in order
- Understanding 10 more and 10 less
- Counting by tens
- Comparing numbers using greater than and less than

February Fun

- Celebrating Valentine's Day
- Recognizing Presidents Day and other February traditions
- Watch for more information coming soon!

February is also a wonderful time to focus on kindness and friendship. We will discuss ways to be a good friend, show appreciation for others, and spread a little extra kindness around our school.

We have lots of learning and excitement to squeeze into a month that's only 28 days, and we are ready for every minute of it!

With appreciation,
The First Grade Team

2nd Grade - We're excited for the month of love because we LOVE learning in 2nd grade! This month in math we will be working on time and money. You can help your child at home by counting by 5's. This is an important skill for both of these units. Discuss the clocks and times in your home. Use words like "quarter after" and discuss what that means. Have your child count the extra change you have in your pocket. In 2nd grade we focus on ways to make \$1. There are lots of opportunities to practice these fun skills at home.

We are super excited to go on our field trip to the elk refuge in Jackson! This will take place on February 6th. Your student will need a lunch and warm clothes that day. Please watch for more information from your student's teacher. This is a fun opportunity for our students to see and learn more about this amazing Wyoming animal. As always, please keep your child reading at home! Please watch for information from your student's teacher about how they are approaching Valentines in their classroom. We love working with your child!

3rd Grade - January has been a busy and exciting month in third grade. Our students jumped right back into learning after winter break, showing curiosity, creativity, and strong teamwork across all subject areas. We celebrated students who earned their AR goals with a fort building reading party and donuts.

Math Highlights

In math, students have been building strong problem-solving skills while exploring:

- **Area and perimeter** using hands-on models and real-world examples
- **Fractions**, including identifying parts of a whole and comparing fractions

Students are learning to explain their thinking and use math vocabulary with confidence.

Reading & Literacy

Our readers have been working hard to deepen their comprehension by:

- Identifying and analyzing **text structures** such as cause and effect, compare and contrast, and sequencing
- Reading and performing **plays** to build fluency and expression
- Exploring **poems**, focusing on rhythm, mood, and figurative language

These activities have helped students become more thoughtful and expressive readers.

Writing

In writing, third graders became authors with opinions! Students:

- Planned and wrote opinion pieces.
- Learned how to clearly state their opinion and support it with strong reasons
- Students shared their writing in a writing celebration at the end of the month.
We are proud of how students are learning to share their voices respectfully and clearly.

Ron Clark Academy Houses

We are continuing our work with the **Ron Clark Academy House System**, helping students build leadership, teamwork, and school pride. Through house meetings and daily activities, students practice collaboration, responsibility, and encouragement while earning points for positive choices.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2026, ALL DAY!

Afton Elementary is hosting our very first **Pizza Hut Family Night Fundraiser**, and we'd love your support!

There are so many easy ways to participate. You can dine in or carry out (just be sure to show the flyer, even a photo on your phone works!). Ordering online? Use code **7C**, and your purchase will count toward our fundraiser.

If you choose to dine in, you might even get a fun surprise; some of your favorite Afton teachers and staff will be helping serve that night!

Skip the cooking, enjoy a great meal, and help support our local elementary school. We can't wait to see you there!





**EAT PIZZA. RAISE DOUGH.
IT'S JUST THAT CHEESY.**

**IT'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT
AND PIZZA HUT IS
PROUD TO SUPPORT
Afton Elementary PTO**

Dine in, carryout or have it delivered from
our Afton location at 338 Washington Street
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 ALL DAY

*In order for your purchase to count towards fundraiser you must present Team Member with flyer or show digital picture. Supporters ordering on-line must use coupon code 7C at checkout to qualify.




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IS PROUD
TO SUPPORT**

Dine in, carryout or have it
delivered from

**Present this flyer and we will donate up to
20% of your purchase back to your group.**

The donation amount is before tax and tip. Good on dine in, carryout and delivery orders. In order for your purchase to count towards fundraiser you must present Team Member with flyer or show digital picture. Supporters ordering on-line must use coupon code 7C at checkout to qualify.



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Afton Elementary 2025-2026 Yearbook

Go online to PurchaseYearbook.com

Use code [AftonYB26](#)

Cost \$15

Due February 20, 2026

Healthy Habits for kids

Eat fruits and vegetables



Try new colorful fruits and vegetables for a healthy and balanced diet.

Drink plenty of water



Water is the best choice for your body.

Get enough sleep



Get enough sleep for your overall health and well-being.

Get active every day



Stay active and make physical activity part of your daily routines.

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Protecting Our Kids: A Community Conversation

Empowering Parents to Prevent Suicide, Strengthen Connection, and Support Youth Wellbeing

Details

Date

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time

7:00–8:30 PM

Location

Star Valley High School
445 Swift Creek Lane
Afton, WY 83110

More Information



A Community Conversation on:

- Suicide as a social—not just mental health issue
- Warning signs and when to act
- The role of technology, isolation, bullying, and substance use
- Fostering connection and resilience at home
- How to talk with your child about tough topics
- Key resources, including 988 and school-based support

About PROSPER

PROSPER is a nationally recognized model of community care centered on compassion, empowering, local, and practical solutions. This session invites parents into an honest, hopeful conversation about keeping our children safe.

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Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

Breakfast

[Milk Variety Served Daily:](#)
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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
2	Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	3	French Toast Sticks -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Punch	4	Choco Chip Muffin -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit	5	Pumpkin Bread -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Grape Juice	6	Maple Iced Little John -or- Trix Cereal Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Orange Zee Zee Dried Fruit
9	Breakfast Pizza -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	10	Vanilla Waffle -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch	11	Big Daddy Biscuit & Gravy -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange	12	Fluffy Golden Pancake -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Fresh Strawberries Grape Juice	13	
16	Pancake Wrap -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup	17	Mini Cinnis -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Apple Juice	18	Pancake Sausage Griddle Muffin -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Emoji Fries	19	Maple Iced Little John -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Very Berry Juice	20	
23	Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup	24	Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch	25	Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Mandarin Orange Cup	26	Maple Iced Little John -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Grape Juice	27	

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Lunch

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Afton and Thayne

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
2	Beef Patty Sliced Cheese Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit Sweet Corn Broccoli Florettes	3	Pepperoni Ripper Fresh Orange Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans	4	Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Peas Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips	5	Sloppy Joe Hamburger Bun Red Variety Apple Green Beans Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Jeri's Chocolate Cake	6	Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Diced Peaches w/Juice Celery Sticks Steamed Carrots
9	Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Fresh Orange Power Punch Juice Hash Brown Patties	10	Fish & Star Nuggets Diced Peas Crinkle Fries Broccoli Florettes Cucumbers	11	Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Drained Mandarin Oranges Cauliflower Florettes Baby Carrots	12	Cheese Pizza Rounds Strawberry Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Valentines Sugar Cookie	13	
16	BBQ Pork Rib w/Sauce Hoagie Bun Cantaloupe Steamed Broccoli Cauliflower Florettes Brownie	17	Chicken Drumstick Warm Roll Kiwi Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Baby Carrots Broccoli Florettes	18	Pepperoni Pizza Diced Peaches w/Juice Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Banana Creamie Jr	19	Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Applesauce Cup Emoji Fries Steamed Green Peas Red Pepper Strips	20	
23	Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit California Blend Veggies Cucumbers	24	Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Baby Carrots Green Peas	25	Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Raspberry/Lemon Sidekick Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes	26	Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Peas Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie	27	

Milk Variety Served

Daily:

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