



Afton Elementary Newsletter

April 2026

Application for Classroom Placement

The time for preparations for next school year are approaching! While submitting input is completely optional, any parent wishing to do so must **complete the official form online no later than May 4th (no exceptions)**. The form will open on April 6th and can only be completed electronically.

There is not a paper version of the form. To access the application form, please go to <https://bit.ly/AESclassplacement26>, the school website afton.lcsd2.org, or scan the QR Code.



Once again, filling out the teacher input form is **not required**. Please note that phone calls, emails, notes, or conversations with teachers about class placement will not substitute for completing the form. As always, please feel free to give me a call at 307-885-8002 if you have any questions.

-Danny Robinson

2026-2027 Teaching Assignments

The teaching assignments at Afton for next school year will be as follows:

Kindergarten

Jennifer Aullman
Shelly Bagley
Angela Burton
Morgan Call
Haylee Hemmert
Saydi Nichols

Special Education

Stacey Watson

1st Grade

Karlie Galloway
Sydney Guild
Kellie Harris
Ericka Putnam
Kim Theriault

Special Education

TBA

2nd Grade

Britani Erickson
Jennifer Frome
Shane Harris
Allison Hicks
Rebecca Hunsaker
Amy Klindt

Special Education

Cortney Delgado

3rd Grade

Jason Cazier
Mark Hale
Kirk Hoopes
Ashley Lancaster
Tami Nielsen
Ali Mackey/ Michelle Van Slyke

Special Education

LaJeannea Hietpas

Coming Events

March 30- April 3.....Spring Break

April 6.....Schools resumes

April 6.....Online Registration
Opens for next Year

April 7.....Enrichment Express
Registration Opens at 7PM

April 7.....Student Placement
Consideration Form

April 9.....Spring Pictures

April 10.....Enrichment Express
Registration Closes at 5PM

April 8.....PTO Meeting 1:45

April 14.....Enrichment Express
Starts for 2nd Grade
& 3rd Grade Sports

April 15.....Enrichment Express
Starts for 3rd Grade

April 17.....No School

April 21.....WYTOPP 3rd
Grade

April 28WYTOPP 3rd
Grade

April 24.....No School

April 28.....Kindergarten
Registration 5-7

Honors

Earning their 1st honors are: Carver Major, Tanner Martin, Waverly Corson, Porter Hinton, Pepper Jacobson, Tydell Buxman, Chansy Barnes, Phoebe Rivard, Tane Hepworth, Victoria Erickson, Gable Gardner, Lincoln Ritchie, Lander Stevens, Archer McKeown, Mackenzie Klien, Everly Hill, Jaxon Moffat, Kamry Olivas, Lincoln Bagley, James Bailey, and Jaren Worton, Waverly Erickson, Deacon Lorimer, and Zach Ware.

2nd Honors are: Reese Hokanson, Garner Dunlop, Nolan Smith, Bryce Allred, Liam Simpson, Rowan Nielson, and Titan Worton.

3rd Honors are: Dane Hathaway.

Learning Update

Kindergarten - We are so excited to jump back in and finish the school year strong, there is so much fun learning ahead!

In literacy, our kindergarteners are becoming heart word experts! We'll continue learning new "heart words" while reviewing familiar ones, and our word banks are growing bigger every day. We are also kicking off our Opinion Writing unit, where students will share their ideas, favorites, and feelings get ready for some adorable and thoughtful writing!

As we write, we are focusing on building strong sentences, using correct conventions, and forming letters the right way. During Reading Workshop and Reading Mastery, students are working hard to read their heart words and sight words in a snap!

You can help at home by practicing these reading "superpowers":

- Pointer Power: tracking words with a finger
- Reread Power: going back to make reading smooth and fluent
- Sound Power: stretching out and noticing each sound in a word

In math, we are deep into our operations unit and becoming problem-solving pros! Students are looking at pictures and story problems to decide if something is joining (addition) or leaving (subtraction). They are using hands-on tools, drawings, numbers,

April in First Grade

Wow! It is hard to believe that it is already April! Our first graders are working so hard and continuing to grow as readers, writers, and mathematicians. We are proud of the progress they are making each day as they build important skills for second grade.

Reading

- Continuing to strengthen decoding and comprehension skills
- Learning about compound sentences
- Building skills and strategies to prepare for second-grade reading

Writing

- Working on informational writing
- Continuing to strengthen handwriting
- Practicing correct punctuation

Phonics Focus

- ou, ow /ow/
- kn /n/, wr /r/, mb
- -s, -es endings
- -er, -est endings
- -ly endings
- un- prefix
- Double rule with -ed, -ing
- Double rule with -er, -es

Math

- Telling time to the hour and half hour
- Exploring graphing and data
- Adding and subtracting within 100
- Adding and subtracting tens

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. It truly makes a difference.

We are excited to keep learning, growing, and finishing the year strong.

With appreciation,
The First Grade Team

2nd Grade

We can hardly believe we only have two months of school left!! We will begin to practice for our 2nd grade play "Over the Bridge". We will be having tryouts for the main parts and then assigning a part to all 2nd graders. A lot of time and effort goes into learning the songs and parts for the play. We are excited to begin working on it so we can show off our skills at the end of May. Please encourage your child to practice their part at home. This month in math we will be learning about fractions and geometry. These are skills that are easily supported and enhanced at home in fun and engaging ways. We only have 1 1/2 more reading periods left of the school year! Please keep your child reading! Almost every 2nd grader should be able to read a book at home and come to school to take an AR test on it. This is a habit and skill we want students to be able to do. If your child has their sights on their honors, encourage them to finish getting the rest of their 100 points - time is running out. Also encourage your student's math fact practice. We want them to be fluent in addition and subtraction facts before they head off to 3rd grade and begin to learn multiplication. We love working with your children! They are a joy to teach!

3rd Grade

🌟 Third Grade Newsletter 🌟

March Update

Dear Families,

We had a busy and exciting time in third grade! Here's a look at what we learned and experienced:

Field Trip to the Aquarium

We were thrilled about our field trip to the aquarium! It was a wonderful opportunity for students to explore marine life and connect our classroom learning to the real world.

Math: Data & Geometry

In math, students worked on:

- Collecting and interpreting data
- Creating graphs and charts
- Exploring geometry concepts like shapes, angles, and area

Reading & Writing Focus

We focused on research and informational writing. Students:

- Conducted research on topics of interest
- Wrote informational pieces using clear facts and details
- Learned about different **text structures** (such as cause/effect and compare/contrast)
- Made connections between **text and illustrations** in both fiction and nonfiction

Play Visit

We attended a high school play! This was a great opportunity for students to experience live theater and see storytelling come to life

State Testing Preparation

We began preparing for upcoming state assessments. In class, we practiced important skills and worked on building confidence.

Consistent attendance played an important role in student success. Being at school each day helped students stay on track and feel prepared.

Reminders

- Reading at home continued to support student growth
- Checking folders helped families stay informed

Thank you for your continued support! We loved working with your amazing students and were proud of their hard work.

Warmly,

STAY SAFE THIS SPRING SAFETY TIPS

BE SUN SMART

Wear sunscreen and protective clothing - including sunglasses - to protect against UV rays. And don't forget a hat!



Avoid staying in the sun for extended periods.

Seek shade under a tree or umbrella.



STAY HYDRATED

Drink water throughout the day to replace fluid lost to sweat & heat. Don't wait for extreme thirst to drink.



TAKE A FRIEND

Always swim or hike with at least one friend - never go alone. Wear a life jacket if swimming.



ASTHMA?

Make sure you bring you bring your inhaler & spacer on trips or to sports practices.



April 2026

Monday

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

Tuesday

Breakfast

Friday

Milk Variety Served Daily:
View Milk Nutritionals

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 6 | Apple Frudel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup | Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch | Maple Iced Little John -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Grape Juice |
| 7 | | Mini Strawberry Bagel -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Mandarin Orange Cup | Breakfast Burrito -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Diced Peach Cup |
| 13 | Banana Bread -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Watermelon Craisins | Ham & Swiss Croissant -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Apple Juice | 17 |
| 14 | | Blueberry Muffin -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Zee Zee Dried Fruit | 16 |
| 15 | | Choco Chip Muffin -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit | 23 |
| 20 | Ham & Egg Bagel -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Applesauce Cup | French Toast Sticks -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Mandarin Orange Cup Fruit Punch | 24 |
| 21 | | Yogurt Parfait -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch | 22 |
| 27 | Big Daddy Biscuit & Gravy -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Watermelon Craisins Diced Pear Cup | Vanilla Waffle -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange | 30 |
| 28 | | Fluffy Golden Pancake -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Fresh Strawberries Grape Juice | 29 |

Spring Break!

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Lunch

Afton and Thayne

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Spring Break!

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| 6 | Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit California Blend Veggies Crinkle Fries | 7 | Oven Baked Cheese Tomato Soup Raspberry/Lemon Sidekick Baby Carrots Green Peas | 8 | Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta Warm Breadstick Diced Peaches w/Juice Broccoli Florettes Cauliflower Florettes | 9 | Nacho Meat Tortilla Chips Nacho Cheese Sauce Diced Pears Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Chewy Chocolate Cookie | 10 | Corndog Strawberry Cup Pork and Beans Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots | |
| 13 | Vanilla Waffle Scrambled Eggs Fresh Orange Cauliflower Florettes Emoji Fries | 14 | Boneless Chicken Wings Cheesy Rotini Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes | 15 | BBQ Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Warm Roll Golden Delicious Apple Broccoli Florettes Baby Carrots | 16 | Cheese Quesadilla Diced Peaches w/Juice Sweet Corn Celery Sticks Black Beans | 17 | | |
| 20 | Egg Patty Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Fresh Orange Power Punch Juice Emoji Fries | 21 | Chicken Zoo Nuggets Diced Peaches w/Juice Crinkle Fries Broccoli Florettes Grape Tomatoes Cucumbers | 22 | Beefy Rotini Bake Warm Breadstick Diced Pears Cauliflower Florettes Baby Carrots | 23 | Cheese Pizza Rounds Red Variety Apple Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie | 24 | | |
| 27 | Beef Patty Sliced Cheese Hamburger Bun Mixed Fruit Sweet Corn Baby Carrots | 28 | Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Fresh Mandarins Celery Sticks Steamed Broccoli | 29 | Pepperoni Ripper Strawberry Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans Jeri's Chocolate Cake | 30 | Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick Diced Pears Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips | |  | |

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