Afton Elementary Newsletter December 2026

Turkey Trot

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

Kindergarten Girls- 1st -Eseta Lesuma, 2nd - Kassadee Jensen 3rd - Tessa Brown.

Kindergarten Boys- 1st - Jhett Lancaster, 2nd- Keaton Rich, 3rd- Briggs Shumway.

1st Grade Girls- 1st Hallie Chipoletti, 2nd- Emma Rose, 3rd Janey Wilson.

1st Grade Boys- 1st Hayes Warren, 2nd Culter Lym, 3rd Cydon Wright.

2nd Grade Girls- 1st Lizzie Hillstead, 2nd Page Owens, 3rd Jemanie Draney.

2nd Grade Boys- 1st Jake Hale, 2nd Rhett Romrell, 3rd Nolan Dumlap.

3rd Grade Girls- 1st Naomi Henscheid, 2nd Sydney Sloan, 3rd Millie Mendenhall.

3rd Grade Boys- 1st Deacon Lorimer, 2nd Ace Clark, 3rd Cooper Mackey.

Coming Events

Dec. 11th .....No School

Dec. 17th...2nd Grade Performance @1:00

Dec. 17th ...3rd Grade Performance @2:00

Dec. 18.....No School

Dec. 21.....1st Grade Grinch Program @12:15

Dec. 22nd .....Full Day of School

Dec. 23 – Jan. 1.....Christmas Break

Jan. 4.....School Resumes



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

Kindergarten: Kassadee Jensen and Leyon Zheng.

1st Grade: Claire Wilkinson and Lane Skinner

2nd Grade: Charli Kennington and Hendrix Parson

3rd Grade: Victoria Erickson and Tanner Martin



Turkey Winners – TJ Bagley, Esperanza Nunez Crispin, Blake Shorter, and Casey Brewer.

Congratulations to all these students!











Honors

Earning their 1St honors is Thatcher Pierson, Zeke Cruz, and Alvin Andrus. They have been reading a lot and working hard, congratulations to them.

Learning Update

Kindergarten

We had so much fun giving our best effort at the Turkey Trot! The highlight was definitely watching so many teachers and staff get pied!

We are continuing to practice correct letter formation, strengthen our phonemic awareness skills, and grow as writers through our narrative writing unit. We are working on adding details to our stories through both pictures and words to help bring our stories to life! In math, we are busy comparing numbers and deciding which are greater, less, or equal. We are also reviewing numbers 0–10 through counting, number recognition, writing, number order, and fun math games. Up next… teen numbers! We will soon begin exploring numbers 11–20.

In between all our hard work, we will be making plenty of time for holiday fun! We are looking forward to Kindergarten Sing, School Sing, and lots of other festive activities.

Wishing everyone a happy and joyful holiday season!

1st Grade

T'was the days of December in the first-grade pod you'll see.
A new math unit including adding and subtracting within twenty.
But what to my wondering eyes should appear?
Students reading and reading, great readers are always near.
How-to-writing, crafting, and letters we'll share…
So much fun will be had, there won't be a care.
We practice with glee holiday songs, and the Grinch's story
to perform for our parents on December 21st, you'll see.
Our grinch's heart is so small he needs help in a flash.
Look for students bringing home acts of kindness papers to fill out in a dash.
When the papers come back, we hang them on the wall,
next to the grinch, whose heart is so small.
We watch his heart grow and grow so tall.
That is not all, oh no, that is not all...
Aside from math, reading, and writing,
We learn so much more from kindness igniting.
We love teaching your children, they bring so much delight.

The teachers can be heard singing, “Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

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 have a group of students who have been staying after school and working hard on their Young Authors stories. We appreciate Mrs. Klindt for heading that up.

We will continue to work on our multi-digit addition and subtraction, 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. We also would like the 2nd graders to be able to pass off their 5-minute addition timings by the end of December so we can focus on passing our subtraction timings before the year is out.

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 beginning of the year. We’re so proud of what our students have read so far. We have enjoyed all of the parties we’ve been able to have to celebrate those students who have made their AR goals. There are so many amazing holiday books out there, enjoy some with your child this month!

Also, since the weather has turned cold, please make sure your child is equipped to play outside no matter the conditions. Help your student become more independent and efficient at putting their snow gear on so they can enjoy all of recess. Thank you for all you do!

3rd Grade

Third grade has hit the ground running and has been busy learning this month. We are mastering our multiplication and moved right into division. We enjoyed a multiplication carnival to celebrate all we know about multiplying. We have expressed our opinion through writing, and many have agreed that we love science this month! Third Graders just keep running as they prepared for and then rocked the Turkey Trot! Third graders are awesome readers! With so many students that reached their AR goal, we did hot chocolate and a movie to get us ready for December.

In December we are looking forward to finishing even more books and reaching our AR goals again to have another party! We are also going to celebrate our hard work and good behavior with Minute-to-Win-it! They have saved up and their $1000 will be well spent. We are so proud of the leadership and integrity that these awesome kids show daily. Thank you parents for sharing such amazing kids with us! Happy Holidays!



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENSUS

The Early Childhood Census is open December 1 thru January 27 — and your participation is so important!
We ask all families to take a few minutes to complete the census for each child from birth to 5 years old who is ***not*** yet in kindergarten. This helps our district:

- Plan for future school needs
- Communicate important information with you the year before your child starts kindergarten

You can easily complete the census by visiting www.lcsd2.org, using the QR code below or using this direct link: https://forms.gle/PLpb2HcD2FVMYas49

In January, a census worker will contact families who haven't filled out the census online.
Thank you for helping us prepare for our youngest learners' bright futures!
For questions or help accessing the census, please contact: Emily Isaacson at 307-885-7129

El Censo de la Primera Infancia estará abierto del 1 de diciembre al 27 de enero, ¡y su participación es muy importante! Les pedimos a todas las familias que dediquen unos minutos a completar el censo por cada niño de entre 0 y 5 años que aún no esté en kínder. Esto ayuda a nuestro distrito a:

- Planificar las necesidades escolares futuras
- Comunicarles información importante el año anterior al inicio del kínder de su hijo/a

Pueden completar el censo fácilmente visitando www.lcsd2.org, usando el código QR a continuación o mediante este enlace directo: https://forms.gle/PLpb2HcD2FVMYas49

En enero, un trabajador del censo se pondrá en contacto con las familias que no hayan completado el censo en línea.

¡Gracias por ayudarnos a preparar un futuro prometedor para nuestros alumnos más pequeños!Si tiene preguntas o necesita ayuda para acceder al censo, comuníquese con Emily Isaacson al 307-885-7129.


BUCKLE UP!
DO THE TRICK, MAKE IT CLICK!
CHECK THE CLICK!
Make sure it 'clicks' every time!
SNUG & SAFE!
Belt is tight and across your shoulder & hips.
WINTER WARMTH
Take off thick coats so the belt works right!
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT!


SUPER KIDS HAVE SUPER HYGIENE!
1. WASH HANDS OFTEN!
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Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
2. BRUSH TEETH DAILY!
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Brush in the morning and before bed.
3. TAKE REGULAR SHOWERS!
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Keep your body clean and fresh.
4. COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES!
Use a tissue or your elbow, not your hands!
5. WEAR CLEAN CLOTHES!
Fresh clothes help keep germs away.
6. KEEP NAILS TRIMMED!
Short nails hold less dirt and germs.
STAY HEALTHY, HAVE FUN!
FROM NURSE AMANDA

Breakfast

December 2026

Afton, Etna, Osmond, Thayne

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 French Toast Sticks Sausage Link, Chicken -or- Trix Cereal Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Fresh Mandarins Fruit Punch	2 Hash Brown Casserole -or- Campfire Smore's Bar Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Zee Zee Dried Fruit	3 Pumpkin Bread Diced Egg Cup -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Grape Juice	Berry Parfait -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Fresh Orange Very Berry Juice
7 Pancake Sausage Wrap -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Cherry Craisins	8 Mini Cinnis Cottage Cheese 2% -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Cup Apple Juice	9 Pancake Sausage Griddle Muffin -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Peach Cup Emoji Fries	10 Maple Iced Little John Cheesy Scrambled Eggs -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Diced Cinnamon Apples Very Berry Juice	11 
14 Big Daddy Biscuit & Gravy -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Cherry Craisins	15 Berry Parfait -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch	16 Vanilla Waffle Sausage Link, Chicken -or- Bug Bite Grahams Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Zee Zee Dried Fruit Fresh Orange	17 Breakfast Egg Roll -or- Cinnamon Chex Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Fresh Strawberries Grape Juice	18 
21 Mini Strawberry Bagel Cottage Cheese 2% -or- Cocoa Cherry Bar Strawberry Yogurt --Served With-- Diced Pear Cup Cherry Craisins	22 Egg & Cheese Muffin -or- Trix Cereal Mozzarella Cheese Stick --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Fruit Punch	23 	24 	25 
28 Christmas Break!	29 Christmas Break!	30 Christmas Break!	31 Christmas Break!	

Fruits and Veggie Carbs

Milk Variety Served Daily:

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Lunch

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Afton and Thayne

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Boneless Chicken Wings Cheesy Rotini --Served With-- Applesauce Cup Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Grape Tomatoes	2 BBQ Pork Rib w/Sauce Hoagie Bun --Served With-- Cantaloupe Green Beans Cauliflower Florettes Brownie	3 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat Spaghetti Pasta --Served With-- Diced Peaches w/Juice Celery Sticks Black Beans Green Peas	4 Corndog --Served With-- Fresh Strawberries Pork and Beans Baby Carrots Steamed Broccoli
7 Pepperoni Pizza --Served With-- Pineapple Tidbits Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Black Beans Banana Creamie Jr	8 Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Warm Roll --Served With-- Kiwi Baby Carrots Broccoli Florettes	9 Chili Cinnamon Roll --Served With-- Fresh Orange Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Shredded Cheese	10 Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders Emoji Fries --Served With-- Diced Peaches w/Juice Steamed Green Peas Red Pepper Strips	11 No School
14 Hamburger, SV Block-Osmond Hamburger Bun Sliced Cheese --Served With-- Mixed Fruit Sweet Corn Baby Carrots	15 Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice --Served With-- Fresh Mandarins Celery Sticks Steamed Broccoli	16 Pepperoni Ripper --Served With-- Fresh Strawberries Romaine/Green Leaf Salad Tomatoes Cucumbers Black Beans Jeri's Chocolate Cake	17 Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup Warm Breadstick --Served With-- Diced Pears Cauliflower Florettes Red Pepper Strips	18 No School
21 Golden Crispy Chicken Fillet Hamburger Bun --Served With-- Mixed Fruit California Blend Veggies Cucumbers	22 Ham Steak Scalloped Potatoes Warm Roll --Served With-- Strawberry Cup Baby Carrots Soft Gingersnap Cookie **Holiday Dinner**	23 Christmas Break!	24 	25 
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Salad Dressing:

- Italian
- Ranch

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