



## **ABC's of Afton**

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Welcome Afton Families !

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to school for the 2021-2022 school year! I hope that you were able to enjoy the summer months with your family and friends. This summer Hugo Arriaga and his custodial team have worked tirelessly to clean and sanitize our building as we continue to adhere to the needs of our health and safety standards this year. Mrs. Roddy and Mrs. Gilbert have also been working hard to open the building with a seamless transition. I am so thrilled to work with this incredible Afton faculty and staff to ensure an exciting and happy return to school. Our wonderful PTO President will be Mrs. Laderman. She and her team are anxious to get started to support us in any way they can. Throughout the pandemic, we all learned the value of the ability to work as a team. We need to do this together to help our students to SOAR! Personally, I am thrilled to be back home at Afton and look forward to seeing those smiling faces walk through the doors on August 30th! I know that I am surrounded by a faculty and staff of sheer excellence. I encourage you all to get involved to make this a positive and productive year for our entire Afton family!

*See you soon!*

*Maria Gregory*

*Acting Principal*

*Afton Elementary School*

*A 2019 National Blue Ribbon School*

*A 2015 & 2020 National School of Character*



How do I find out who my child's teacher is and transportation information? The Home Access Center commonly referred to as "HAC" is where you will find your child(rens) teacher assignment, transportation information, attendance and report cards. Directions on how to setup an account through the HAC system can be found on the Afton website or Pennsbury School District website by clicking on the icon on the top right corner



There you will find information on how to register, reset your password, and download a mobile app.

Please know, the HAC system does not open until Friday, August 20th. You cannot try to set up an account prior to that date nor can you access your established account until then. Incoming K and new families will need to register and set up an account.



### **BLUE NOTES TO SCHOOL NOW ONLINE:**

If you need to pick your child up early or they need to go home a different way than they normally do each day please complete the link below on the day of the change. Your child's teacher and the office will both receive the change for that day. We are going paperless and suggest that you use this form instead of paper notes or using the original blue note pad that was previously used. This link will be posted on our Afton Website and each teacher will also share the link with their class.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaYCTdJxaNzu9F-rIifujivKzREO2dFjb1aSIIdQqvkeo-aKw/viewform>

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
<b>8/20</b>	HAC Opens for Parents/Guardians
<b>8/25</b>	Kdg. Meet and Greet on Kdg. Playground 1:30-2:00 pm
<b>8/25</b>	Open House 2:00-3:00 pm (masks required)
<b>8/30</b>	First Day of School Grades 1-5 Kdg. Orientation as scheduled
<b>8/31</b>	Kdg. Group A (Group B stays home)
<b>9/1</b>	Kdg. Group B (Group A stays home)
<b>9/2</b>	All Kdg. Students
<b>9/6</b>	Labor Day – School Closed
<b>9/7-8</b>	Rosh Hashanah - School Closed
<b>9/9</b>	Back-to-School Night for 1&2

<b>9/10</b>	Afton Family Picnic
<b>9/13</b>	Back-to-School Night 3,4,5
<b>9/15</b>	First PTO Meeting 9:00 am for new families & 9:30 am general meeting
<b>9/16</b>	Yom Kippur – School Closed
<b>9/17</b>	Afton Picnic Rain Date
<b>9/20</b>	Home Access Center (HAC) Opens

## Greetings from the Afton PTO

We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year at Afton. The Afton PTO has been working on developing new ways we can support our Afton students, families, and school community. We are eager to reunite with you, meet our new families and partner with our awesome volunteers to support our school. The talents and time of our parent volunteers will be more important than ever this school year, so stay tuned for more information about how you can help.

Please join us for our first PTO Meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30 am**, in the Afton Cafeteria (new members are invited for our new family breakfast at 9:00 am). During our first meeting, the E-Board will be on hand to discuss upcoming events and answer any questions for the year ahead. We encourage everyone to attend, meet the new E-Board, and find out how you can get involved with the PTO.

For more information, including on how to join the PTO and how to sign up for our weekly Monday morning PTO News Blast, please visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/aftonelementarypto/home> Also, be sure to join our "Afton PTO" Facebook page for upcoming events, reminders and volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you at our first PTO meeting!

P.S. Save the date for one of our favorite events, our Afton Back to School Picnic! It will be held on **Friday, September 10 from 5:00-7:00 PM** (Rain date: September 17).

Allison Burke-Laderman  
PTO President  
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### Afton PTO Newsblast Sign Up

Sign up to receive weekly, emailed Afton PTO Newsblasts for the 2021-2022 school year by visiting the link on the Afton PTO homepage

<https://sites.google.com/site/aftonelementarypto/home> to sign up. It takes just a minute but it will ensure you get Newsblasts during the school year!

***PTO can also be reached at their email address: [afton.pto@yahoo.com](mailto:afton.pto@yahoo.com)***

Check the Afton & PTO websites for other important documents for the 2021-2022 school year.

***Volunteer Clearances: Check with our main office if you have new or updated clearances to present. If we have your clearances on file but are dated over 5 years you will need to present the office with new clearances. Keep in the mind that the process for receiving clearances can take time so don't wait until you are volunteering for an event and run out of time. A volunteer affirmation must be signed annually to verify there has been no changes for any valid clearances that we have on file. If you have any questions visit our website for more information.***

***Important Reminders:***



- ❖ **Website Reminder** - We recommend you monitor on a regular basis:

District homepage: <https://www.pennsburyisd.org/Schools.aspx>

Afton's homepage: [https://www.pennsburyisd.org/aftonelementary\\_home.aspx](https://www.pennsburyisd.org/aftonelementary_home.aspx)

Our PTO's homepage: <https://sites.google.com/site/aftonelementarypto/home>

- ❖ **E-Flyers Reminder** – Throughout the year, please remember to visit the E-Flyer page, which is also linked to both the District and Afton website.



# Welcome Back!

For nearly 50 years, we've provided high quality, healthy and delicious food. This year will be no different, only those meals are available at **zero cost to you.**

Your support for more meals served means more funding and resources available for your school district to help sustain your school's food service program. Together we can ensure that all kids in our community have access to the same healthy, nutritious meals!

We're so excited to welcome you back for the 2021/2022 school year! We've certainly missed your smiling faces!

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Dear Pennsbury School District Families,

We wish to inform you of food supply chain issues that are accruing nationally and may impact your child's school meal. Throughout the pandemic, food manufacturers and distributors have had to continually shift their product development, packaging, and distribution to adjust to supply shortages and the continually changing needs of individuals and industry. In addition, the food manufacturing and distributing industry is facing many of the same challenges other industries are facing, including staffing and labor shortages, and rising costs of materials and transportation.

As a result, some menu options may change on short notice, but please rest assured that we are continually doing everything we can to alleviate any of these issues.

As always, our goal is to provide high-quality, nutritious, healthy, and well-balanced meals to all students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or feedback.

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