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Happy New Year Afton Families!

It is so good to be home. After my two year fellowship with the US Department of Education, I look forward to sharing the 2022 - 2023 school with you. I learned a great deal these past two years and I look forward to applying what I learned to increase capacity for teaching and learning at Afton with a focus on continuous school improvement and increased student growth.

As you already know, summer days fly by quickly and I am grateful to Mr. Arriaga and the custodial team who have worked tirelessly to clean and sanitize our building as we continue to adhere to health and safety standards. Mrs. Roddy and Mrs. Gilbert have worked diligently to open the building with a seamless transition and attention to detail. Throughout the summer months, teachers have been attending professional development workshops, setting up classrooms, and designing lessons for the new school year. Together the staff have linked arms to prepare for the new school year and all are eagerly awaiting the arrival of students.

Our PTO President for the 2022 - 2023 school year is Mrs. Bryson who, along with the Afton EBoard, has planned several enrichment and extracurricular activities for our students. I encourage all families to become actively involved in the Afton PTO and extend a personal invitation to attend the first PTO meeting on Wednesday, September 14, at 9:15 AM.

I look forward to greeting everyone at our Open House on August 25 (2 PM - 3 PM). Enjoy these remaining days of summer with much laughter and love. See you soon!

Take good care,
Dr. Masgai

Joseph Masgai, Ed.D.

Principal

Afton Elementary School

A 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

A 2015 & 2020 National School of Character



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 OR can be found on the Afton website 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 is posted on our Afton Website and each teacher will also share the link with their class.

CLICK HERE: [Blue Notes](#)

<i>DATES TO REMEMBER</i>	
8/25	Kdg. Meet and Greet on Kdg. Playground 1:30-2:00 pm
8/25	Open House 2:00-3:00 pm
8/29	First Day of School for <i>KINDERGARTEN ONLY</i>
8/30	First Day of School Grades 1-5
9/5	Labor Day – School Closed
9/9	Afton Family Picnic 5:00-7:00 pm
9/14	First PTO Meeting 9:00 am for new families & 9:15 am general meeting
9/14	Back-to-School Night 1&2 @ 6:30 pm
9/15	Afton Picnic Rain Date
9/20	Back-to-School Night 3,4,5 @ 6:30 pm
9/26-27	Rosh Hashanah - School Closed
10/5	Yom Kippur – School Closed

Greetings from the Afton PTO!

I must have blinked because I was sure that it was only early July, but somehow it's actually August and we are talking about going back to school. I am in the camp of people who never want summer break to end, so August is always very bittersweet for me, which is why I try to focus my energy on my enormous gratitude for Afton.

As we prepare to send our kids back to Afton, a little tanner, taller, and well rested, there is an entire school full of the most amazing staff ready to welcome our children back and love them like their own. I'm sure that they too are melancholy about seeing summer end, but their passion for what they do outweighs that and they show up, day after day, with a smile on their faces to greet our children. I am fortunate to spend a good amount of time in the school and I always leave feeling warmer and better for having the privilege of my children being a part of such an amazing place.

So as we scramble to buy all of the school supplies, dig out the school clothes, and wipe off the dirt, chlorine, sand, and sunscreen of summer, I implore you to join the PTO. It is the single biggest way that you can make an impact for not only the school and the children, but for the staff members who show up for our children everyday. You can give as much or as little of your money and time as you would like, but the most important thing you can do is to just join! Information about membership will be coming home in the back to school packet or you can join online at <https://sites.google.com/site/aftonelementarypto/paypal?authuser=0>.

Additionally, please join us on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00 for our first meeting! You can enjoy breakfast and coffee and learn more about what we do and how you can participate. In the meantime, I would love to hear from you, so please reach out with any questions or ideas!
Cheers to a great school year!

Becky Bryson, PTO President

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P.S. Save the date for one of our favorite events, our Afton Back to School Picnic! It will be held on Friday, September 9th from 5:00-7:00 PM (Rain date: September 15).



Afton PTO Newsblast Sign Up

Sign up to receive weekly, emailed Afton PTO Newsblasts for the 2022-2023 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

Check the Afton & PTO websites for other important documents for the 2022-2023 school year.

Volunteer Clearances:

Check Afton's or Pennsbury School District's website on how to present new or updated clearances. All clearances will need to be registered and upload on app-garden.com

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. If you have any questions visit our website for more information [Volunteer Clearances](#)



Important Reminders:

- ❖ **Website Reminder** - We recommend you monitor on a regular basis:
 - [Pennsbury School District website](#)
 - [Afton Elementary School website](#)
 - [Afton PTO website](#)

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

PowerSchool Information

PENNSBURY'S NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

- ★ How to Access Teacher Assignments, Transportation Information, Attendance, Report Cards, etc.

Dear Pennsbury Families,

As part of our efforts to improve Pennsbury, we are updating our student information system to a program called PowerSchool. This is a necessary update and we hope you find the new system more user-friendly.

Please be aware of several important aspects involved in this transition:

- We will no longer be using the Home Access Center (HAC).
- Parents/guardians and students will log into PowerSchool directly.
- **Parents/guardians will need to set up a new account.**
- Students can use their existing log-in information to access PowerSchool.

- This is a significant transition and we recognize there may be some minor issues related to the transition. Your patience is appreciated.

On Monday, August 8, you will receive an email from our IT department with specific instructions explaining how to set up your account. Later this summer you will use this system to access student schedules and teacher information in our new information system PowerSchool. ***This is a change in procedure from previous years.***

Please test your login information prior to the first day of school to avoid issues. If you need any assistance after you have received your PowerSchool login information, please email us at parenttechhelp@pennsburysd.org or call 215-428-4117.

Once the transition is complete, we believe that you find PowerSchool more intuitive and easier to use than our previous systems.

Sincerely,

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Below is some of the information that you were emailed on August 8th by Pennsbury School District.

★ If you have any issues logging in please email - ParentTechHelp@pennsburysd.org.

Pennsbury School District is excited to announce that we are at the point where we can provide you with access to 's current grades and attendance via PowerSchool. To access this information you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open the web browser on your computer
2. Type <https://pennsbury.powerschool.com> into the address bar
3. For Students, use your Pennsbury Google account to log in.
4. For Parents/Guardians, please select the option Create Account. You will need to enter your information and provide an active email address. Please use the email you prefer to be contacted by the school.
5. Once your information is entered, you will be prompted to enter the Access ID and Password provided. This will tie you to each student. If you have more than one student at Pennsbury School District you will need to enter an Access ID and Password for each one.

Please keep your passwords confidential so only you can access the information. Homeroom assignments and/or student schedules will be posted closer to the start of the school year. Student schedules are still being finalized and may change.

Once you have set up your PowerSchool account and login, you will have access to a variety of information.

The Grades and Attendance tab will have information on your child's classes To email the teacher a question or concern, please click the blue teacher's name link. The Teacher Comments tab is used to access current teacher comments for your student.

You will also have access to bus information as well as the ability to pay your child's yearly Chromebook fee (grades 5-12).

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