



A Principal's Moment

Friend Elementary School – Friend, Nebraska

Alyson Dickinson – Elementary Principal

August 18, 2017

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,

Friend Elementary is off and running!!! What a wonderful beginning to our school year. On August 14th many elementary families participated in our annual back to school night. Many students met their new teacher and saw their new classroom. The students were greeted to our theme for the year “The **MAGIC** begins at Friend Elementary” The entire elementary décor reflects this theme. Everyone enjoyed an evening of good conversation, reacquainting themselves with friends and anticipating the first day of school on August 16th. It truly is a time to **celebrate** a new learning adventure!!

The first week of school went extremely well. On August 16th the elementary students attended a Pep Rally officially kicking off our “Magic” theme. They students reacquainted themselves with our PAWS behavior plan and what the “Bulldog Way” really means for our staff and students. We have new staff and students that were introduced. Please welcome Mrs. Stutzman (3rd grade teacher), Mrs. Clouse (kindergarten student teacher), Miss O’Brien (5th grade and resource student teacher). We are glad you are here at Friend Elementary. The students were also treated to a magic show. The pep rally concluded with a few small goodies to kick off the year. Please look for pictures/story in the upcoming issue of the Sentinel.

Please remember that on August 29th (parents only) from 6:30-7:30 will be our Elementary Curriculum Night. We will conduct **two** sessions. Session 1 will be from 6:30-7. Session 2 will be from 7:00-7:30. This will allow parents with more than one child to attend multiple rooms. I hope everyone can join us to learn more about their child’s classroom expectations and learning environment for the year. Some valuable information will be shared.

Please remember that on Monday August 21st the solar eclipse will be happening. Consent and Opt out forms were given to all families. **Students will only be allowed to go outside if they have a consent form signed by their parents and their teacher takes them out. ALL students going outside will be required to wear NASA approved glasses. Safety comes first!!! These will be provided. Those students NOT having a signed consent form and/or an Opt out form will stay inside with me in the library.**

Mark your calendars NOW!!! Grandparents Day will be on Friday September 8th at 1:30 in the new gym. We would like to celebrate these special people. I invite ALL grandparents to attend this memorable program. More information will be sent as the date gets closer.

I **welcome** all our new staff, students and families to our wonderful school and community. We are so happy to have you as member of our team. We welcome you as new **BULLDOGS!!** I cordially invite all new and former parents to stop into their child’s classroom and visit during the day. Please come and see all the wonderful happenings within our building. I am so proud to be a part of such a progressive and exciting group of staff members educating our children.

Thank you,
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Please remember the school begins at **8:10 and dismisses at 3:36**. Students are to arrive between **7:50-8:05**. Students should **not arrive or stay after that designated time frame**. **Safety** is our number one concern and we do not have proper supervision **before 7:50 and after 3:45**. I appreciate everyone helping us out with this rule.

Some important date to remember:

First Bulldog Football Game-August 25th-**A friendly reminder that elementary students need to be sitting with parents during the games and not running around.**

Elementary Curriculum Night-August 29th-6:30-7:30 (**parents only**). Session 1-6:30-7. Session 2-7-7:30.

August 31st-School Pictures

No School September 4th-Labor Day

No School September 5th-Teacher In-Service Days

DIEBELS TESTING-September 6th-8th

MAP TESTING-September 11th-22nd

Homecoming-September 25th-29th

Thank you,
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