Friend Public School

April 2019

Elementary Student Council Visits People's City Mission



Elementary Student Council went on a Service Learning Fieldtrip to the People's City Mission to serve! The students got a tour of the center, served lunch to those in need, and also helped organize and sanitize the shelter's daycare center. They met some amazing people while learning some valuable lessons on giving and volunteering! Thank you to the PCM staff and volunteers for welcoming us and showing us the ropes! See more photos on page 8.



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From the Superintendent Mr. Kraus

In December, the Board of Education approved the 2019-20 school calendar. Friend Public School will continue to use early out time for Professional Development for our staff which, in the past, occurred on Wednesdays. **Next year, 2:00 early outs will occur on the last day of the week we are in session.** Typically, this will be a Friday, but occasionally this day will be moved if we are not in school on a Thursday or Friday. The calendar is attached, and all yellow highlighted days are listed as early outs. This will alleviate some confusion as to when we are having full days or early release days. The decision was also made due to sharing staff with Exeter-Milligan so calendars are more aligned to accommodate our schedules. If you have any questions in regards to the school calendar, please contact the school at 402-947-2781.

Friend Public School -- 2019-20 Calendar

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		Teacher Days
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1	10/11	45
2	12/20	46
3	3/11	48
4	5/20	46
	Total	185

August

One Flex day between Aug. 1-9

12-13 PD/Teacher Workday

- 14 12:30 Dismiss students September
- 2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- 3 Teacher Cohort Day

<u>October</u>

- 2 PT Conference
- 11 End of 1st Quarter

<u>November</u>

1 Fall Break No School Nov. 27-29

<u>December</u>

20 End Quarter 2 Holiday Break Dec 23-Jan 3 NSAA Moratorium Dec 22-26

<u>January</u>

6 Teacher In-Service

7 School Reconvenes

<u>February</u>

<u>March</u>

No School 12-13

<u>April</u>

10 and 13 No School

<u>May</u>

- 9 Graduation
- 19 Last Day of School
- 20 Teacher Work Day

Dismiss 2:00

JANUARY

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Teacher Workday/No Students No School Break Days Flex Day

/ Dismiss 12:30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JH TR—Friend Inv. 10:00	JH TR @ Exeter- Milligan meet (@ McCool Junction) 8:45 ACT test - ALL JUNIORS	JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward 8:00 Golf - Roy Horner Inv. 10:00 TR—Meridian Meet (@ Friend)			Prom Prom Preview 4:00-4:30 East Gym
		Golf—Friend Triangular 4:00	· · · ·	-5 State FFA Conv	vention—Lincoln	
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	JH TR— Hampton Meet (@ McCool) 9:30		Golf @ Milford Inv. 9:30	District Music @ Sutton TR @ Deshler	District Music @ Sutton	Electric Car @ UNL Lincoln
	BOE—Media Center 7:30		FCA lunch Meeting—Mr. Hitchcock's room			
April 7-9 S	tate FCCLA Conven	tion—Lincoln	2:00 Out 10	11	12	13
	JH TR Quad 4:00	TR—Friend Inv. 10:00	Golf @ David City Inv. 9:30		NO SCHOOL Easter Break	
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	NO SCHOOL Easter Break	Golf @ Southern 4:00 TR @ McCool 9:15	Golf @ Palmyra 8:30	FCA lunch Meeting—Mr. Hitchcock's room		Electric Car @ Hastings
Happy Easter		JH TR @ Centennial	FULL DAY	FFA Spring Banquet 5:30		TR—Pioneer Conf. Meet @ Pawnee City
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	JH TR @ Sutton 12:00 Honors Night (gr. 9-12) 7:00	TR @ Freeman Inv. 9:00			and up to dat	o to: http://
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Stutzman's Side Notes



"You Learn Something New Every Day"

Happy Spring! We have had a wonderful and busy month of March. The students in 2nd-10th Grade took their Spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests. The students were successful in improving their scores from the fall and many students met their goals that they set before taking the tests. Congratulations to our staff and students for your continued academic success! During the month of April the students in 3rd-8th Grade will take their state tests and the 11th Grade students will take their ACT as well.

For the March Bulldog Buddies meeting the students and staff played "Active Bingo" where they had to do physical movements. Each person also was asked to help submit a name the new quick shop in Friend. It was a fun time had by all! Picture below are the Bulldog Buddies groups of Mr. Wiese and Mrs. Stutzman.



Pre School Round Up

This year Round Up will look a bit different than in years past. On Friday, May 17, **parents and students** who will be <u>ENTERING</u> the 3 year old Pre School class are asked to come to the school at 2:30. The parents will have an information session from Mrs. Meints and also pick up paper work, and the students will get to meet their teacher and see their classroom.

Jump Up Day

For our students who will be entering Kindergarten-7th Grades we will have a "Jump Up Day" during school! Students will get a 30-minute session to meet their teacher for the next year and receive information to help them be successful for the next school year to come. This is for <u>students only</u> on May 15th. Important DatesGo Bulldogs!! Liz Stutzman- Principalto Mark Down for theRemainder of the Year

April- State testing April 2- ACT test -Juniors April 17 and 24- Full Wednesdays April 19 and 22- NO school- Easter break April 29- Honors Night (9th-12th) 7:00 PM May 7- Supper and Concert 6:00 and 7:30 (Old gym) May 9- Elementary concert 7:00 (New gym) May 11- Class of 2019 Graduation 3:00 May 14- 2:00. Jr. High Honors (Old gym) May 15- Jump Up Day for 4 year old Pre School-6th Grades May 17- 3rd Year Old Pre School Round- Up (incoming 3's) For Kids and Parents 2:30 May 20- Kindergarten Graduation 2:15 old gym May 21- Field Day

<u>School Website: www.friendbulldogs.org</u> <u>Twitter Account:</u> @FriendSchools



Scholarships

- Seniors are asked to let Ms. Hottovy know • about any scholarships they have been awarded
- At Honors Night on April 29, all scholarships • that have been awarded (by that date) will be announced. Seniors are encouraged to attend!
- A complete list of scholarship awards will be available at the graduation ceremony.
- A huge thank you goes out to our local benefactors for the many scholarship opportunities being given our seniors!

Parents/Guardians of Juniors

- Juniors will have taken the ACT on April 2. Kudos to them for working so hard during the John Baylor Test Prep sessions!
- ACT score reports are mailed 5-8 weeks • after the test has been taken, and the school will receive a report on all students as well.
- Ms. Hottovy will visit with juniors about how • to interpret their scores.
- If juniors have not taken a college visit yet • this school year, now is the time to do it while schools are still in session.

See Ms. Hottovy for help setting up a visit.

Community Service

- Businesses, organizations, churches, etc. in the Friend school district are reminded to contact the school with any community service opportunities that might be available for our high school students. Thank you to all who have already begun partnering with the school!
- All 9-12 grade students are encouraged to complete at least 5 hours of community service this school year. Please visit with your son/daughter about plans to get this accomplished.
- Incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) are encouraged to earn community service hours over the summer. Ms. Hottovy will be visiting with them about the process.

8th grade

Don't forget about our college visit to SCC Lincoln and UNL on Thursday, May 2, thanks to a grant from EducationQuest. More info to come...

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony





Current NHS members Front — Edwen Baptista, Colton Benjamin, Abigail Eberspacher, William Yokel Back — Josie Vyhnalek, Emma Niemeier, Mikayla Hausman, Kate Houlden, Caitlin Sharkey, Hannah Manalili, Sarah Casper, Danielle Klenke 5

2019 Inductees Abigail Eberspacher & Colton Benjamin



April Menu



Monday	[•] Tuesday	Wednesday	Thur	rsday	Friday
Donuts Cheese Pizza Mini Bagels Cooked Carrots <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Bacon Breakfast Toast Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter	Breakfast Bites Chicken Quesadilla Sante Fe Koos Koos Bread/Butter	Scramble Sub Chip Cooki	is DS	Chocolate Chip Muffins Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro
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Breakfast Pizza K-6 Chicken Strips 7-12 Spicy Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy	Pancakes Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots	Egg Taco Cheese Flatbreads Green Beans Pudding	Breakfast Hamburg Seasoned Frie	ger/Bun I French	Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Patty/Bun Jello Broccoli & Cheese
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<i>NO SCHOOL Easter Break</i>	Sausage-Egg- Cheese Sliders Chicken Fajitas Chicken Koos Koos	Egg Omelet Sloppy Joes Doritos Brownies	Scrambled Eggs **Senior meal** Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Chocolate Chip		Cherry Strudel Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Frosted Cake
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Book Drive

During this event, the EMF FFA members collected books for the Books for Bulldogs donation event that took place on February 11th to the 21st. The students from the Friend High School, the Tobias school that recently closed down, and the Friend library had donated gently used children's books towards the Books for Bulldogs Book Drive. For Friend Public School, the students had a competition against each high school class. Each class, 7-12, had individual boxes that were collected on the 21st. The winning class received a prize at the end of this event. The Friend Library graciously donated many books toward this event. The Tobias school also donated their books to us after the school was about to close down. These books were recycled into the event, and all of the books will be used. Once all the books are sorted, they will be distributed to the elementary students at Friend Public School

Welding Contest

On the February 27th, Slater Wells, Ben Bartu, and Colton Benjamin of the EMF Chapter went to Lincoln, NE, to compete at the FFA District 5 Welding Contest. The overall team score was 6th place. In Arc Welding, Colton Benjamin got 5th place. In MIG Welding, Ben Bartu got 6th place. In TIG Welding, Slater Wells got 3rd place. In O/A Welding, Slater Wells got 14th place.

CDE's

(Career Development Events) On March 5th, the EMF FFA Chapter went to SCC Campus in Beatrice to compete in District CDE's. The Veterinary Science team placed 11th. The Floral Culture team placed 10th. The Livestock Management placed 14th. The Natural Resource team placed 18th. The Meats Judging team placed 5th. The Agriculture Mechanics team placed 4th. The Bio Tech team placed 3rd. The Livestock Management team placed 14th but placed first in Poultry and will be going to State Convention. The Food Science team placed 8th.

Upcoming Events

<u>April 3-5</u> Nebraska State FFA Convention

<u>April 20</u> Easter Egg Hunt

April 25 Chapter Banquet



Bulldogs of the Month



Student Blaze Miller Senior



Staff Clayton Moore Life Skills/Resource Wrestling Coach





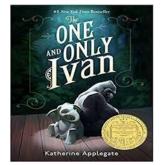
A program called "One School One Book" was introduced to the Friend elementary students in March. This family literacy program is a joint effort of the Media Center and FCCLA Chapter. Thanks to the collection of Boxtops for Education, the FCCLA Chapter was able to purchase a special book given to each family in the Friend Elementary School. Books were purchased for 78 families. Throughout the year, elementary students donated labels which helped fund the project. The FCCLA Chapter will continue to collect labels which can be dropped off at school or Johnson's Pharmacy.

FCCLA members started the project by visiting each classroom to read the first chapter. The goal is to encourage reading aloud by family members during this project.

The book, *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate is a story about a gorilla and an elephant.

Optional afterschool activities were scheduled with several students participating. FCCLA members also helped with the activity. At the events, students were able to create crafts and make snack items relating to the book.

Mrs. Beckler and Mrs. Houlden



Elementary StuCo Service project





Students are (clockwise from top left); Keila Riecenbaw, Avery Tuttle, Mason Vossler, Taeven Ziegler, Hunter Svehla, Taylin Schluter, Meredith Paulsen, Andrew Fennell, Will Vyhnalek, Danika Smith



EDUCATIONQUEST FOUNDATION COLLEGE PLANNING BULLETIN

A MONTHLY COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE FOR NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SENIORS...IT'S DECISION TIME!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in <u>student and parent loans</u> will you need to borrow to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

Juniors... these questions will help you narrow your college choices

By picking your top colleges now, you'll be better prepared to apply for financial aid and college admission early next fall. Start by answering these questions:

What do you want to study?

Explore your <u>career interests</u> and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like <u>College Profiles</u> at **EducationQuest.org**.

What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-of-state or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the <u>Midwest Student Exchange Program</u> which may provide discounted tuition.

What can you afford?

Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses. (See "<u>About Nebraska Colleges</u>" for costs.) Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate <u>the loan debt</u> you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education. For more details, see <u>Selecting a College</u> at **Education-Quest.org**

College fairs coming up in South Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha

Talk to representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during upcoming college fairs.

<u>Tri-State Area College Fair</u> (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 7, 1-3 p.m., Delta Hotel Center <u>Omaha Area College Fair</u> – Sunday, April 14, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska at Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse

Lincoln Area College Fair – Sunday, April 28, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street

Before you attend, get a barcode at <u>NebraskaCollegeFairs.org</u>. Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair so college reps can scan it.

April "To Do" List

Seniors

- Continue applying for <u>scholarships</u>.
- ____ Make your final college decision.
- ____ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- ___ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- ____ Attend a <u>college fair</u> in your area.
- ____ Schedule <u>campus visits</u> while colleges are still in session.
- ____ Register by April 5 for the May 4 SAT.
- <u>Register</u> by May 3 for the June 8 ACT.

___ Start looking for <u>scholarships</u>.

For free help with college planning, contact Education-Quest Foundation:

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff			
402-391-4033 ext. 6654	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	800-303-3745			
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721				
EducationQuest.org						

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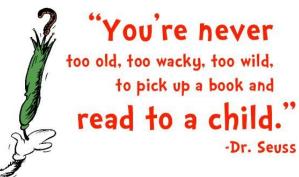
Your Journey to College Begins with Us







On Friday, March 1st, Friend Public School was a busy place! To promote reading, each elementary student was asked to invite a "Reading Buddy" to readwith them to celebrate Read Across America. The students chose a place in the school to read with their buddy. When reading time was over, the elementary students got to choose a book to take home and keep that was donated from the 7th-12th grade students! Books were also donated by community members and the Gilbert Library. Thank you to everybody who was able to come and read with our students and celebrate with us; it was a wonderful time!

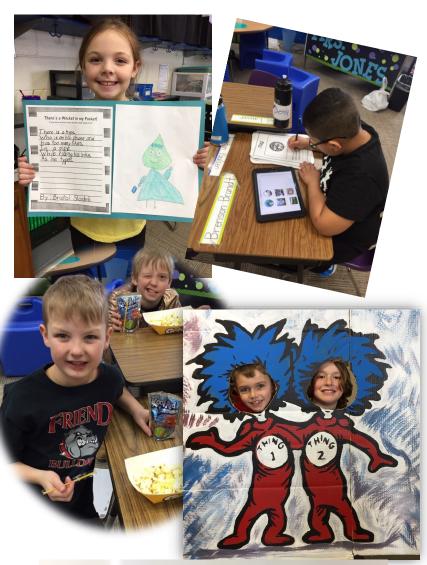




2nd Grade News

The month of March has been a busy one for the 2nd Grade class. They kicked off the month celebrating Nebraska's birthday by learning facts about our state and of course enjoying a few snacks made in Nebraska: Kool Aid and Popcorn! They also celebrated **Dr. Seuss's** birthday by participating in dress up days: Hat Day, Thing One & Thing Two, and Wacky Wednesday. They also read a lot of Dr. Seuss books and made their own "Wocket in My Pocket" stories. Stop by and read their crazy stories that are up outside of their classroom!

They are so lucky they got to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by reading the book <u>How To</u> <u>Catch A Leprechaun</u> and made their own Leprechaun traps. To their surprise, they did not catch one! But the Leprechaun left the students a few surprises for the week! They completed a treasure hunt for "Gold", used a rainbow of Skittles for a science experiment, and tried their luck in math with a Leprechaun subtracting worksheets, as well as wrote about "Who was worth more than gold to them!"







Friend Staff named Steps Challenge Winners!

During the month of February, the staff at FPS competed against other areas schools to see who could average the most steps every day. Friend won every week of the challenge and then was named the overall winner, averaging over 12,000 steps a day! Many staff members were a part of this success. The staff members modeled for the students how important wellness is to our health. Great job, team!





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