



FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

April 2021

Superintendent-David Kraus Principal-Elizabeth Stutzman Activity Director-Jim Pfeiffer Counselor-Amy Hottovy



Congratulations to our new NHS members!!

The Friend National Honor Society welcomed five new members recently during the induction ceremony.

New members include: Elijah Black, JB Drake, Shelby Lawver, Kylie Weber, and Andrew Lunt. The new members will be joining current members Abby Eberspacher, Vivian Weber, Fred Hausman, Cameryn Brandt, and Christian Weber.

The National Honor Society sponsor is Paul Martin.



From the

Superintendent's Desk

Greenhouse coming to FPS!!!!

Last year, our FFA teacher, Amy Kohtz, applied and received a grant to build a greenhouse. After a year of planning and COVID derailments, we are breaking ground this week. The greenhouse will be 30" x 48" and placed west of the school by the van garage. The total cost of the project is \$135,000 in which the majority is funded through grants from the School Foundation, Friend Area Fund, and Nebraska FFA Foundation.

The greenhouse will be a K-12 facility with educational components such as growing and raising plants from seeds. The FFA students will manage the greenhouse and have many projects that enhance their hands-on learning experiences. We will also be pouring a stem wall, which will allow for projects that include bringing in livestock for live birth experiences and animal care. The possibilities with the new structure are endless, and we are excited to see all the opportunities.

The students will also use the greenhouse to grow and sell plants and produce, plus host a community greenhouse night in the spring. The revenue earned will help fund and maintain future projects while also teaching students about profit margins, inventory control, break-even analysis, marketing, plant care, and maintenance. As you can see, this is a great new addition to FPS which will benefit all students. I would like to thank all those who donated toward the project. We appreciate the support given to our students.





Stutzman's Side Notes

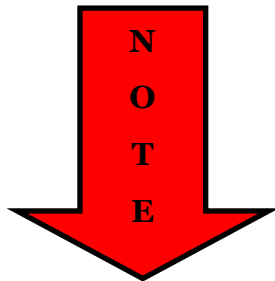
"Color Your Life With Happiness"



During our March Bulldog Buddies, we learned more about Nebraska through a trivia game and watching a short video online. Needless to say, the kids all now know what town the world's smallest police station comes from!

Springtime is a very busy time, but we are looking forward to enjoying the activities that we did not get to participate in last year due to Covid. We enjoyed our National Honor Society inductions of our five new members: Elijah, JB, Shelby L, Andrew, and Kylie- congratulations! Our musical on the American classic "The Outsiders" was wonderful! Great job to the cast and crew! Please take note of the important dates for April and May that your children will be a part of. We have many activities (including field trips) that involve our students.

Thank you once again to our families for your continued efforts to keep your child and the rest of our students and staff safe by washing masks, and water bottles, keeping your sick child at home, and making sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather.



Keep up the great work! Go Dawgs!!! Mrs. Stutzman- Principal

Pre School Round-Up

On Friday, May 14th **parents and students** who will be ENTERING the 3-year-old Pre School class are asked to come to the school at **9:00 AM**. The parents will have an information session from Mrs. Meints and also pick up paper work. The students will get to meet their teacher, see their classroom, and enjoy some recess time.

Jump Up Day

For our students who will be entering Kindergarten-7th Grade, we will have a "Jump Up Day" during school! The students will get a 30-minute session to meet their teacher for the next year and get information to help them be successful for the next school year to come. This is for students only on May 14th. (4-year-old preschoolers entering Kindergarten will meet on May 13th, students only). Mrs. Stutzman will also be meeting with the 6th graders entering Junior High at this time.

Important Dates to Mark Down for the Remainder of the Year

April- State testing

April 1: 2:00 release

April 2 and 5- NO school- Easter break

April 10- Prom

April 23- K-6th Grades "Read with a Buddy Day" 1:00

April 27- High School Honors Night 6:30 PM (new gym)

April 29- FFA Banquet at 5:30

May 4- 7th-12th Grade Music/Band Concert 7:00 (Old gym)

May 8- Class of 2021 Graduation 3:00

May 10-14- Bike to School Day (on a chosen day this week, based off of the weather)

May 11- 2:30 Jr. High Honors Ceremony (Old gym)

May 13- Elementary concert 6:30 (New gym)

May 13- Jump Up Day for 4-year old Pre School

May 14- Jump Up Day for Kindergarten-6th Grade

May 14- 3 Year Old Pre School Round- Up (incoming 3's) For Kids and Parents 9:00 AM

May 17- Kindergarten Graduation 2:15 old gym

May 20- Last day of school!! 2:00 release

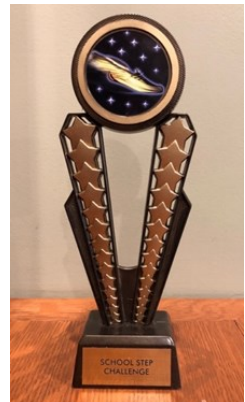


**** When coming to any school activity, please wear a mask and social distance. Thank you!**

Friend Staff WINS Steps Challenge!

During the month of February, the staff at FPS competed against other area 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 last week the staff even competed to see how many times they could get over 20,000 steps (10 miles) in a day!!! The staff members modeled for the students how important wellness is to our health.

Great job, team!



Scholarships

- Seniors are asked to let Ms. Hottovy know about scholarships they have been awarded.
- At Honors Night on April 27, all scholarships that have been awarded (by that date) will be announced. Seniors are highly encouraged to attend!
 - A complete list of scholarship recipients will be available at the graduation ceremony.
- Many thanks to our local benefactors for the numerous scholarship opportunities being given our seniors!

Next Year's Classes

- Students who will be in grades 7-12 next during the 2021-2022 school year will soon be signing up for classes.
- Ms. Hottovy will visit with each grade level to discuss options and requirements.
- All students are encouraged to get out of their "comfort zones" by taking classes that are challenging and get them thinking about new and interesting topics!
- Parents/guardians who have questions about required coursework at FPS are encouraged to reach out to the school counselor.

Parents/Guardians of Juniors

- Juniors took the ACT on March 23. Kudos to them for working so hard during the ACT-Now test prep sessions as well as the day of the test!
- ACT score reports will be available to juniors on MyACT.org. Ms. Hottovy will visit with each individual to interpret results.
- If juniors have not taken a college visit yet this school year, now is the time to get one scheduled!

Freshmen & Sophomores

- Please consider signing up to take the ACT this summer. We really prefer you NOT wait until your junior year to take it. Check out test dates and other information on www.act.org.

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.

Navigating the Challenges of Parenting

- The Child Mind Institute offers many, many resources to help parents & guardians guide children of all ages through various issues.
 - Need a little assistance knowing how to help your child deal with anxiety? Confidence? Divorce? Drugs & alcohol? Social media? Sleep? Stress? Trauma & grief? Check out the Institute's website to learn about these and many more topics: <https://childmind.org/audience/for-families/>

Spring Flowers and Safety Tips Are Blooming...

Spring is a great time for family fun and activities! A few safety tips to keep the fun times healthy...

- * Allergy season is upon us. Allergies can cause a multitude of symptoms including sniffing, sneezing, coughing, itchy or puffy eyes, post nasal drip, headaches and earaches, to name a few. Consult with your doctor about the best treatment options, and limit your time outdoors on days when the pollen or mold counts are high; you can check daily particulate counts on the Weather Channel.
- * Start thinking about sunscreen. As short sleeve weather approaches, don't forget to be prepared with sunscreen. That first seasonal sunburn is the most damaging to the skin and can surprise you even on a cool spring day. Apply sunscreen every few hours for the most effective coverage, and don't forget to protect your eyes with sunglasses or a breathable hat!
- * Make outdoor time a safe time by wearing a helmet when riding bikes, skateboards, and scooters. Knee pads and elbow pads are easy to wear and add even more protection.
- * Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac contain oil causing an allergic skin reaction that looks like swollen, itchy, red bumps and blisters wherever the oil has touched the skin. Check the areas around your home and teach your kids to recognize and avoid these plants.
- * Stinging insects will soon be back. If you are stung, remove the stinger as soon as possible with a scraping motion. Wash with soap and water and apply a cold compress. If trouble breathing, severe swelling or fainting occurs, call 911 right away.
- * Ticks can be a problem in our area...use tweezers or fingers to grasp as close to the head as possible and pull the tick away from where it is attached. Call the pediatrician for symptoms of a rash or fever following exposure.
- * Remind children not to approach an unknown animal and not to disturb a sleeping animal or any animal that is eating. If a bite occurs, wash wounds well with soap and water and call the pediatrician.
- * Remember to hydrate. Sweat and exercise deplete the body of essential fluids, so keep those water bottles filled and close by!

Spring, spring is coming soon; Grass is green and flowers bloom

Birds returning from the south; Bees are buzzing all about

Leaves are budding everywhere: Spring, spring is finally here!



*Great job
2021 Musical
Cast, Crew &
Ms. Rethman*

"The Outsiders"





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Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: http://www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: friendbulldogs.org</p>				<p>2:00 out JH TR Friend Invite 10:00</p>	<p><i>Good Friday</i> NO SCHOOL</p>	
	<p>Easter Break NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>JH TR @ Exeter-Milligan Invite (at McCool) 8:45</p> <p>Golf-Friend Quad (Friend, BDS, E-M, Centennial) 4:00</p>	<p>TR-Meridian Invite (at Friend) 10:00</p> <p>Golf-Friend Invite 9:30</p> <p>JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward 8:00</p>	<p>State FFA Convention—Lincoln 7-9</p>	<p>2:00 out</p>	<p>Prom</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>TAX DAY TR @ Deshler Invite 10:00</p>	<p>2:00 out</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>JH TR @ Centennial Invite TBD</p> <p>TR - McCool Invite 9:00</p> <p>Golf Dual @ Southern (Wymore) 4:00</p>	<p>Honors Night (9-12) 6:30</p>	<p>FCA Lunch Meeting</p> <p>Golf @ Palmyra Invite 8:30</p>	<p>FFA Banquet (in Exeter) 5:30</p>	<p>2:00 out</p>	<p>30</p>

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



				<p>Chocolate Covered Mini Donuts Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL Good Friday</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>
		<p>NO SCHOOL Easter Break</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>Breakfast Burrito Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Egg Taco Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Pudding</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Breakfast Wrap Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>Egg, Bacon Pizza Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Chicken Patty/Bun Cheesy Broccoli Jell-O</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Egg Omelet Hot Turkey Sandwich Green Beans Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffins Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Cookie</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	
<p>Donuts Soft Shelled Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Breakfast Wrap Chicken Quesadilla Cooked Carrots Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Cinnamon Rolls Hamburger/Bun French Fries</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>Chocolate Covered Mini Donuts Chicken Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Cheese Flatbread Corn</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	
<p>Breakfast Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>Pancakes Spaghetti Breadsticks Shredded Cheese</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Hot Beef Sandwich Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>Cherry Strudel Subs Chips Cookie</p> <p>Fruit & Veggie Bar</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	



**Kindergarten and 4th grade celebrated
Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd.
We made a Cat in the Hat snack, as well as shared
Dr. Seuss stories with each other!**



Juniors...attend this webinar to stay on track to college!

Join our free "[College Planning for Juniors](#)" webinar to learn about the admissions process, campus visits, college costs, types of financial aid, and how to find scholarships.

Pick the date that works best for you and register today!

[Tuesday, March 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Thursday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. CT](#)

[Tuesday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Thursday, April 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Spanish Programs](#)

[Wednesday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m. CT](#)

[Wednesday, March 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT](#)

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 [student and parent loans](#) will be needed 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? 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.

April "To Do" List

Seniors

- Continue applying for [scholarships](#).
- Make your final college decision.
- Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- Attend a [College Planning for Juniors webinar](#).
 - [Register](#) by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
 - [Register](#) by May 7 for the June 12 ACT.
 - Start looking for [scholarships](#).
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For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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Your Journey to College Begins with Us



EMF FFA Members Shine at District Career Development Event Competitions

On March 2nd, the EMF FFA Chapter traveled to Centennial High School to compete in Career Development Events. There are 22 different CDE's that students can compete in over the course of the year, from milk product evaluation to floriculture. On March 2nd, the chapter competed in Ag Sales, Livestock Management, Ag Technology/Mech, Floriculture, Natural Resources, Agronomy, and Veterinary Science. We had the following results:

- Ag Sales team of Kiarra Fennel, Vivian Weber, Avery Kraus, and Kiah Songster
 - District champions out of 8 teams and qualified for state
 - Vivian placed 1st individually
 - Kiarra placed 2nd individually
- Floriculture team of Cameryn Brandt, Abby Eberspacher, Shelby Lawver, and Vivian Weber
 - 4th place out of 17 teams and qualified for state
 - Vivian placed 3rd individually
 - Shelby placed 15th individually
- Vet Science team of Zoey Borgman, Abby Eberspacher, Avery Kraus, and Shyann Smith
 - 4th place out of 18 teams and the alternate to go to state
 - Abby placed 9th individually
 - Zoey placed 11th individually
 - Shyann placed 16th individually
- Livestock Management team of Peyton Pribyl, Cade Kresak, Casey Underwood, Kole Svec, and Clint Oldehoft
 - 6th place out of 26 teams and only 2 points from qualifying for state
- Natural Resource team of Christian Weber, Jacob Weber, Fred Hausman, and Shelby Lawver
 - 6th place out of 18 teams and qualified for state
- Ag Tech/Mech team of Ben Bartu, Kole Svec, Casey Underwood, and Jacob Weber
 - 4th place out of 13 teams and qualified for state
- Agronomy team of Jackson Beethe, Jaiden Papik, Spencer Eberspacher, and Chase Svehla
 - 3rd place out of 9 teams and qualified for state
 - Jaiden placed 7th individually
 - Chase placed 10th individually
 - Spencer placed 12th individually

We are very proud of all of our members' accomplishments at these events and for working and studying consistently to prepare for this event. Teams that are qualified will be competing virtually this year at the end of March and through the beginning of April. Additionally, Abby Eberspacher submitted a Specialty Crop Proficiency Award at the district level and won districts. Her application was forwarded to the state level, and she is 1 of 3 students who will interview at state in this category. Proficiency Awards are based on a student's SAE and give students the opportunities to write/share about skills learned, challenges of their SAE, production financial analysis and pictures of them working on their SAE. Additionally, in February, Jaiden Papik submitted her application for her State FFA Degree. This is one of the highest honors that an FFA member can receive and is based on a student's SAE and their ability to keep financial records, work hours, log community service hours, and show over 500 points in leadership development. Jaiden interviewed and passed her record book evaluation and her interview. She will receive her degree in April and be honored during the State Degree Ceremony virtually in April. The chapter is looking forward to hosting their chapter banquet on April 29th at Exeter High School to celebrate a year of accomplishments and to salute our graduating seniors. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up to date information and announcements.



**READING
FUN
FOR
ALL!**



After reading the short story "Dragon Dragon" by John Gardner, sixth grade students wrote their own dragon stories and created an accompanying dragon. As a culminating activity, first and second grade students listened to their older peers read to them. The younger students were asked questions throughout the stories, and in the end, learned a lesson from each dragon tale. Fun was had by young and old!





It's Krispy Kreme Doughnut time again! The sophomore class is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts from March 29th through April 16th. Each dozen purchased costs \$10. If you would like to purchase a dozen (or two, or three, ...), they can be purchased from your favorite sophomore, or order forms (with instructions) will be going home with elementary students.

Orders will not be placed if payment has not been received by Friday, April 16th.



Krispy Kreme Doughnut orders must be picked up after school on Friday, April 23, between 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the southwest entrance (by the kindergarten room). They will arrive at the school midday and will need to be organized, so orders may not be picked up prior to 2:00 P.M.

It is that easy to order delicious Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!

If you have further questions, please contact Mary Niemeier @ mary.niemeier@friendschool.org.

***Thank you for supporting the sophomore class!
It is much appreciated!***

Student Council Food Drive 2021

Results of the Student Council food drive are in!!

1st Place - Juniors - 190 cans total with an average of 19 cans per person.

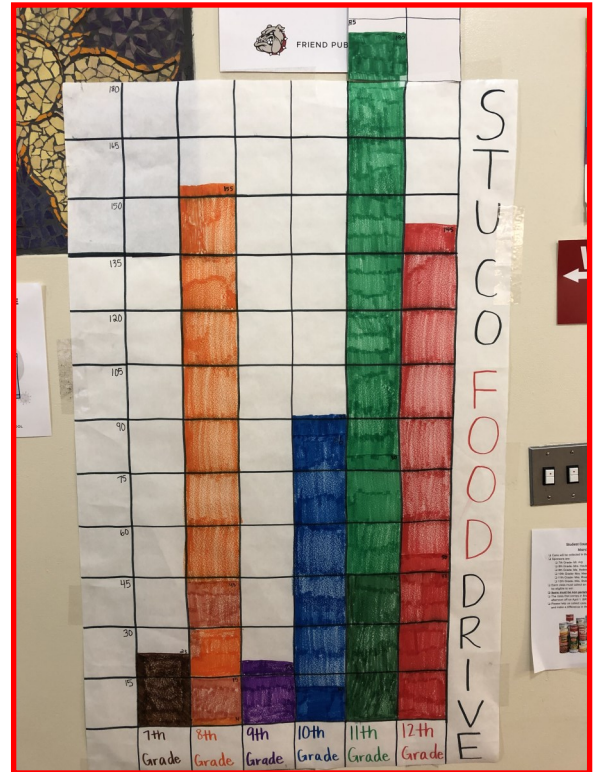
2nd Place - Seniors - 145 cans total with an average of 12 cans per person.

3rd Place- 8th Grade - 155 cans total with an average of 10 cans per person.

Total of 628 cans!!!

Thank you to all the kids who donated!

Congrats to the Junior class!!

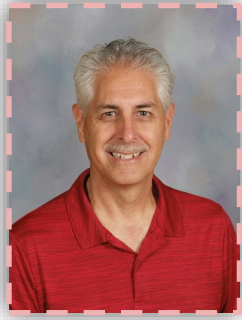


Friend Community
EASTER EGG HUNT
Children 0-9 Years Old Welcome
Saturday, April 3 • 1:30 p.m.
Friend City Park
Sponsored by the EMF FFA

*In case of inclement weather,
it will be held at the
Friend High School old gym.*



Bulldogs of the Month



Paul Martin
Social Sciences



Christian Weber
Junior

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