

Class of 2033



Kindergarten
ROCKS

FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN 2020-21

Front row (left to right): Boone Payne, Lainey Stutzman,
Kayzlye Kirchhoff, Neely Stutzman

Back row (left to right): Marri-lyn Nichelson, Atley Bruntz, Ember Cook, Kane Graves,
Laney Ellison, Mordekai Krause, Abel Lloyd, Grayson Kraus, Sloan Milton

Not pictured: Ezra Woodbeck

From the Superintendent Mr. Kraus



Greetings:

It has been a great start to a new school year, and it is so nice to have everyone together back in person. I know our teachers are glad to be back in their classrooms working with their students. Our kids have been fantastic with all the new protocols, and this is a direct reflection of such supportive parents and amazing teachers.

We continually are evaluating our risk exposure and making accommodations that correlate with our given situation. We have remained healthy at FPS but know that could change in any given day. An activity protocol is included in this newsletter, and we will receive plans from other schools when visiting their facilities. We will try to post those on our website and social media so you know what to expect. Each plan is a little different given the size and layout of each school.

Some of the main points when attending our activities are to try and social distance, sit in smaller groups, and have your children sit and remain with you during the entire activity. If you do not feel well, please stay home. We will try to STRIV all indoor activities.

Budget: In September, the board of education will approve the budget. Our valuations remained steady with a slight decrease. Our budget for the upcoming year mirrors the previous budget, so our tax asking and levies will remain very similar. We are always diligent with our expenditures and continue to build a healthy savings.

Technology: Our school has made significant improvements with our infrastructure and has new equipment for our teachers and students. Much of the technology is discounted through our ERATE funds and several grants. It is always nice to have funds outside of our general fund to help offset those costs. We are looking at implementing a 1 to 1 program for our 7-12 students. More information will come once we receive all our equipment, which has been backordered.

Facilities: Our school building continues to be in great shape, and no major projects took place this summer. One area we will focus our attention on is our roof to make sure it is safe, secure and dry. We will be putting together a plan for repairs and replacement to ensure we take care of everything underneath. Roofs can be extremely expensive to fix, and we do not want to be unprepared when the day comes.


Lastly, we will have our school accreditation visit this fall. A team of educators will review and evaluate our school improvement goal and provide feedback to us. This is always exciting to showcase what we are currently doing and get information on how we can improve. This visit is through the NDE and is required every 5 years. Due to COVID, we were not able to host this last spring, so we are anxious for them to come.

David Kraus- Superintendent



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		VB vs. Aquinas 6:00/7:00 SB @ Southern Valley 4:30/6:00	<i>NHS Induction Ceremony 7:00</i> <i>Media Center</i>	SB vs. Southern (In Geneva) 5:00/6:30	2:00 out FB @ East Butler (in Dwight) 7:00	SB @ Fairbury Invite 9:00
		1	2	3	4	5
	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	NO SCHOOL Teacher Cohort JH FB vs. Diller-Odell (in Friend) 4:00 JV FB @ BDS (in Bruning) 6:00 JH VB vs. Diller-Odell 4:00 VB vs. Lawrence-Nelson 6:00/7:00	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i> 	SB vs. Freeman/Wilber-Clatonia (In Geneva) 4:30/7:30 VB @ Parkview Christian 6:00 (no JV)	2:00 out FB @ Shelby-RC (in Shelby) 7:00	SB @ Cozad Invite 9:00 VB—Friend Invite 9:00
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EMF FFA Chapter Meeting in Exeter 5:30	JV FB @ Diller-Odell (in Diller) 6:00 BOE—Media Center 7:30	JH VB @ Freeman 5:00 SB @ Central City 5:00/6:30 VB @ Cedar Bluffs 5:30-7:00		SB vs. Polk County/Hastings St. Cecilia (in Geneva) 4:30/7:30 VB vs. Dorchester 6:00/7:00	2:00 out FB vs Tri County (in Milligan) 7:00	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	JH & JV FB vs. Thayer Central (in Milligan) 4:30/6:15 JH VB vs. Sterling 4:00 SB @ St. Paul 4:30/6:00 FCCLA FLC @ Kearney	VB @ Exeter-Milligan 5:30/6:30 SB @ York JV only	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	VB vs. East Butler/Aquinas 5:00/6:00 JH VB @ Dorchester 2:00	2:00 out FB @ Thayer Central (in Hebron) 7:00 EMF FFA Officer Meeting in Friend (Ag Room) 2:30	SB—SNC Tournament TBD JH VB Friend Invite 9:00
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	JH & JV FB @ Meridian 5:00/6:30 VB @ Tri-County 6:00/7:00 SB @ Adams Central (Hastings) 5:00/6:30	VB @ Osceola 6:00/7:00 SB vs. Milford (in Geneva) 5:00/6:30		For the most current and up to date information, please go to: http://www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend		
27	28	29	30			
	Homecoming Week Sept. 28—Oct. 2					



Stutzman's Side Notes



"Color Your Life With Happiness"

Our much anticipated 2020-2021 school year has gotten off to an amazing start! The staff has spent extra time teaching and modeling their expectations, routines, and procedures. They are now moving into their curriculum. All of the students are happy to be back at school (they really missed each other), and they are enjoying the normalcy that school brings. The kids and staff have adjusted well to any changes and updates with a positive attitude. We are very proud! Go bulldogs!

We are continuing to keep the positive vibes going this year with our theme "Color Your Life With Happiness", Pawsitive Referrals, and Fun Fridays in the lunch room. We are already filling up the Pawsitive Referral Wall! WOW!

Communication is the key to success! Some things that might help you to be successful. **All:** Sign up for our Blackboard messages (contact the office if you need to do this) Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you need anything or have any questions. **In the 7th-12th Grade:** Make sure you check your Power School account and that your child checks it, as well as their school Gmail account. **Elementary:** Be sure to sign up for your classroom teachers "Remind" App, and be on the lookout for your child's weekly newsletter with information. Also, check out our school website, Facebook, and Twitter pages to see what is going on in our school.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend via Zoom "Get to Know Your Classroom Night" in PreSchool -6th Grade. This night gives parents a chance to learn the ins and outs of their child's classroom to help everybody succeed this year. It always takes three parties for all students to succeed: the parents, the students, and the staff. Thank you for your help in ensuring your child's success!

We will begin MAPS testing after Labor Day for our students. The kids are tested in Math, Reading, Language Arts, and Science. We use this data to see growth from year to year and also to see where our students' areas of growth are.

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

Important Dates to Mark Down this Month

September 7th and 8th: No School for Students.

September 10: Jostens Salesperson to speak to 10th-12th Graders

September 28-October 2nd: Homecoming Week!

October 7th: 12: 30 Release and Parent-Teacher Conferences for all students.

October 9th: No school

October 19-23rd: Red Ribbon Week

October 30th: Halloween Parties, costumes can be worn in PreK-6th Grade during the parties 12: 30-2: 00 PM. 2: 00 Release today.

School Website: www.friendbulldogs.org

Twitter Account: @FriendSchools



PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS...PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

All juniors and seniors will be attending a virtual Education Quest college planning and financial aid session on October 1. An informational letter will be sent home with students the middle of September.

These students have been encouraged to create an account on EducationQuest.org and start exploring all this organization has to offer, including information about careers and colleges.

Typically, students are scheduling college visits at this time. Due to Covid, each student should check to see if colleges are allowing visits and tours. If they are....

- o Juniors are allowed *one* excused absence for a college visit. It's never too early to start looking!
 - o Seniors are allowed *two* excused absences for college visits. I highly encouraged them to get one in ASAP since they'll be taking part in Apply2College Day on October 1.
- Parent permission forms for college visits are due BEFORE the student is gone from school or the absence will *not* be considered excused. Forms are available in the office.

EducationQuest is offering a *virtual college fair* from September 27-30. Visit this link for more information: [EQ Virtual College Fair](#).

Reminder: Seniors will be taking the ACT (originally scheduled for this spring) on September 22. It is critical students are not absent or late that day! Juniors are scheduled to take the ACT on March 23, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTES

Did your business, organization, or family provide a scholarship to last year's graduating seniors at Friend Public School? If so, please let Amy Hottovy know if you would like to make any changes to the application form or process. You may reach her via email (amy.hottovy@friendschool.org) or phone (402.947.2781 extension 212). Thank you for your generosity and support!

Any business, organization, or family interested in creating a scholarship opportunity for this year's graduating seniors is encouraged to contact Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

We are excited to continue the opportunity for our students to serve their communities! Thanks to those organizations and businesses that have already contacted us as willing partners in the program. We are still looking for more to add to our list so students can see a variety of experiences from which to choose. If you are interested in offering and supervising community service, please contact Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience (amy.hottovy@friendschool.org; 402.947.2781 extension 212).

ELEMENTARY NOTES

Lessons with Ms. Hottovy will begin soon for our Kindergarten through 6th grade students! I'm excited to help promote their social emotional development, safety, and well-being through our Second Step program. I hope you'll ask your child (ren) about the skills we practice that help them be ready to learn, be safe, and be a good friend, student & person.


PARENTING RESOURCES

Being a parent is not easy! If you are looking for assistance on how to best handle behavioral issues, parent/child conflict, aggression or arguing, or even just everyday problems that can arise, consider calling the Nebraska Family Helpline.

The Helpline is supervised by licensed mental health professionals and can assist you by assessing immediate safety needs, making recommendations or referrals to appropriate resources, and identifying the level of a behavioral/mental health crisis. It is a great way for parents to have easy access to necessary services to safely resolve challenges that families can face.



Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast Burrito Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Egg Taco Hamburger/Bun Chips Baked Beans <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Strawberry Pop-tart Hot Turkey Sandwich Corn Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Biscuits & Gravy Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Frosted Cake <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>
	1	2	3	4
NO SCHOOL  Labor Day	NO SCHOOL Teacher Cohort	Breakfast Bites Chicken Strips French Fries Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Breakfast Burrito Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Chocolate Covered Mini Donuts Cheese Flatbread Green Beans Pudding <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>
7	8	9	10	11
Breakfast Pizza Taco Salad Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Sausage, Egg, Cheese Sliders Chicken Fajita Chicken Koos Koos Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Cinnamon Rolls Hamburger/Bun Green Beans Pudding <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Egg Omelet Chicken Quesadilla Corn Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Cherry Strudel Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>
14	15	16	17	18
Donuts Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Cooked Carrots Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Sausage Breakfast Rounds Spaghetti Bread Sticks Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Choc. Chip Oatmeal Bars Subs Chips Cookies <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Scrambled Eggs Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Cheesy Broccoli Jell-O <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Choc. Choc. Chip Muffins Mini Corn Dog Tator Tots <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>
21	22	23	24	25
Breakfast Pizza Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Pancakes Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Apple Cinnamon Breakfast Bars Chicken Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i>	Breakfast.....\$1.85 Grades K-6 lunch.....\$2.80 Grades 7-12 lunch.....\$3.05 Extra lunch entrée.....\$1.00 Milk (extra or snack time) \$.35 Adult Breakfast.....\$2.30 Adult Lunch.....\$3.85 A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.	
28	29	30		

Backpack Donations Welcome!



Friend Elementary Backpack Program is currently accepting donations for NEW backpacks. Gender neutral colors/designs are preferred. FPS appreciates all the past and present support our Bulldog community, local churches, and organizations have shown over the years to help facilitate this wonderful program!

Backpack donations can be dropped off in the school's front office. Thank you!

***Thank You to the Friend Co-op for donating to Striv.
Your generous donation will allow us to
continue to stream our events!!***



FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL offers online payments for your convenience!

When your child's lunch balance is getting low, you can also receive an e-mail alerting you of the low balance along with an option to replenish.

Our partnership with **e~Funds for Schools (EFS)** will allow you to pay for your student's meals from your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Fund your child's lunch account at any time and from anywhere!

Parents can access the **e~Funds for Schools** system and make one payment for one or all of their children, all during a single visit!

To get started, visit:

<https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56376>

Or email: michele.clouse@friendschool.org



Friend Public School Protocols

APPLIES TO ALL ACTIVITIES

Masks are recommended but not required. Please social distance as much as possible while attending FPS activities.

Students are to sit with parents during entire contest.

Admission is **FREE** for all spectators.

Programs will be available via QR code. No paper copies.

Parents and fans are asked to leave the facility at the conclusion of the contest. Please do not go on the court/field at the end of the contest or congregate in the upper level of the gym facility.

JV and HS Volleyball

Fans

Visitor Seating located on the south side of the gym. Please enter through the east old building entrance.

Home Seating located on the north side of the court. Please enter through the north entrance.

Phase 3 seating capacity 50% - 550 rated capacity 1100

Phase 4 seating capacity 75% - 800 rated capacity 1100

We ask that everyone please do their best to social distance and/or wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

Based on Directed Health Measures, seating in groups should not exceed 8 spectators.

Restrooms

There is one set of men's and women's restrooms available. Mask wearing is recommended while using the restrooms.

Concessions

We do not have the ability to offer separate concession stands and thus recommend social distancing while in line and recommend the use of masks while at the concession stand.

Concessions will be limited to prepackaged items.

Teams

Locker rooms will be provided for teams if requested, but we encourage your team to come dressed.

Teams will not change benches between sets. No high fives or handshakes.

Bench seating

Visitors to the west of the score table

Home to the east of the score table

No Fan seating in the 3 rows behind the team seating

Visitor bookkeeper should plan on sitting with the visiting team bench

Warm up balls should be brought with

Game balls will be periodically changed and sanitized during the contest

We respectfully request teams to not bring school cheerleaders



Football (played in Friend)

Fans

Visitor Seating located in the south half of the bleachers or standing on the east side of the game field.

Home seating located in the north half of the bleachers or standing on the west side of the football field.

Please maintain social distancing guidelines and/or wear a mask if you are unable to socially distance. Group sizes should be limited to 8 or less per DHM guidelines.

Restrooms

Men’s and women’s restrooms are located in the concession stand building on the west side of the facility and are limited.

Concessions

We do not have the ability to offer separate concession stands and thus recommend social distancing while in line and recommend the use of masks while at the concession stand.

Concessions will be limited to prepackaged items and will not be available at JH contests.

Teams

Locker rooms will be provided at the high school. Please enter the school though the west entrance off Elm Street. You will be met by FPS personnel and directed to the locker rooms assigned to you.

JH/JV teams should come dressed for the games and go directly to the field south of Burley Park.

Press Box

Space is available for a camera person and a coach, but social distancing is not possible in the press box. We respectfully request that your personnel in the box wear a mask.

Staff Honored for Years of Service



**Friend Public School staff members
were honored for their
years of service in education
(not necessarily all at Friend).**

Receiving awards were:

- David Kraus — 26 years**
- Dawn Schluter — 21 years**
- Crystal Gerdes — 20 years**



Bulldogs of the Month

Custodial Staff:

*Justin Kirchhoff, Deb Hulse, Stacey Marsh,
Cortney Kenney, Will Yokel*

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