

# FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

May 2022

Superintendent-Derek Anderson Principal-Elizabeth Stutzman Activity Director-Jim Pfeiffer Counselor-Amy Hottovy



## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022!!



**Graduation**

**Saturday, May 14th**

**3:00 pm**





*From the*

## *Superintendent's Desk*

### District Strategic Plan

As temperatures (kind of!) change and spring emerges, many of us look forward to the upcoming summer days.

Right now the district is looking forward as well, but to future work on our strategic planning and what that will look like. The Board of Education and I are in the process of formulating a new strategic plan with the help of the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB). This process involves getting input from students, staff, administration, board members, and parents. To get your input, a survey will be sent out to parents via email on May 4th. Please keep an eye out for it and spend five minutes helping us with this valuable information!

The information you provide will be used to help formulate a strategic plan for the district. A Strategic plan is a 5 year plan to help the district focus on certain objectives to help improve our district.

As a new Superintendent, I have been happy with many different aspects of this district and what has been accomplished. However, I am also aware of areas where we can improve. As an educator and professional, I am always striving to do more and be better. I look forward to reading your thoughts and responses to the survey so that Friend Public School can move forward in the most beneficial way possible for OUR students.

Derek Anderson, Superintendent



**End of the year means  
field trip time!!**

Fourth Grade

Homestead  
National Monument!!



# Stutzman's Side Notes



*"You Learn Something New Every Day"*

For our April Bulldog Buddies, we enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt around the school with our groups and then doing an active movement before moving to the next clue!! Each senior had a clue, which added to the excitement.

During the month of April, we also celebrated our staff. The amount of teamwork our staff puts together daily to ensure our students' success is outstanding and amazing to witness! I am so proud of our staff and students, and I'm happy that everyday our students not only have amazing people educating them but also caring for them as well.

We also have almost finished wrapping up our state and spring testing. The students did a fantastic job! All of the students' and staff hard work all year has paid off; we are seeing so much growth everyday.

For the last month of school, we have many important dates. Please keep communication lines open and check your child's backpack or check the bulletin in PowerSchool so you are aware of upcoming events, dates, and information. Thank you for your support.

Go Dawgs!!! Mrs. Stutzman- Principal

## Pre School Round-Up

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> **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, and the students will get to meet their teacher and classmates, see their classroom, and enjoy some recess time.

## Jump Up Day

For our students who will be entering 4 year old Preschool - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, we will have a "Jump Up Day" during school! The students will attend 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stutzman will be meeting during this time with the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering Junior High.

## Important Dates to Mark Down for the Remainder of the Year

**May 5- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Music/Band Concert 7:00 (New gym)**

**May 9-13- Elementary Bike to School Day (on a chosen day this week, based off of the weather)**

**May 9- 2:30 Jr. High Honors Ceremony (Old gym)**

**May 10- Elementary Concert 6:30 (New gym)**

**May 12- Baccalaureate Service 6:30 (Old Gym)**

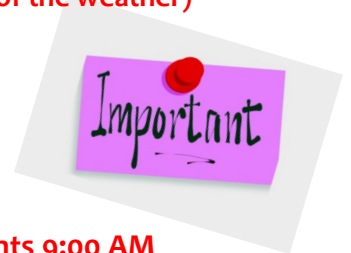
**May 13- 3 Year Old Pre School Round- Up (incoming 3's) For Kids and Parents 9:00 AM**

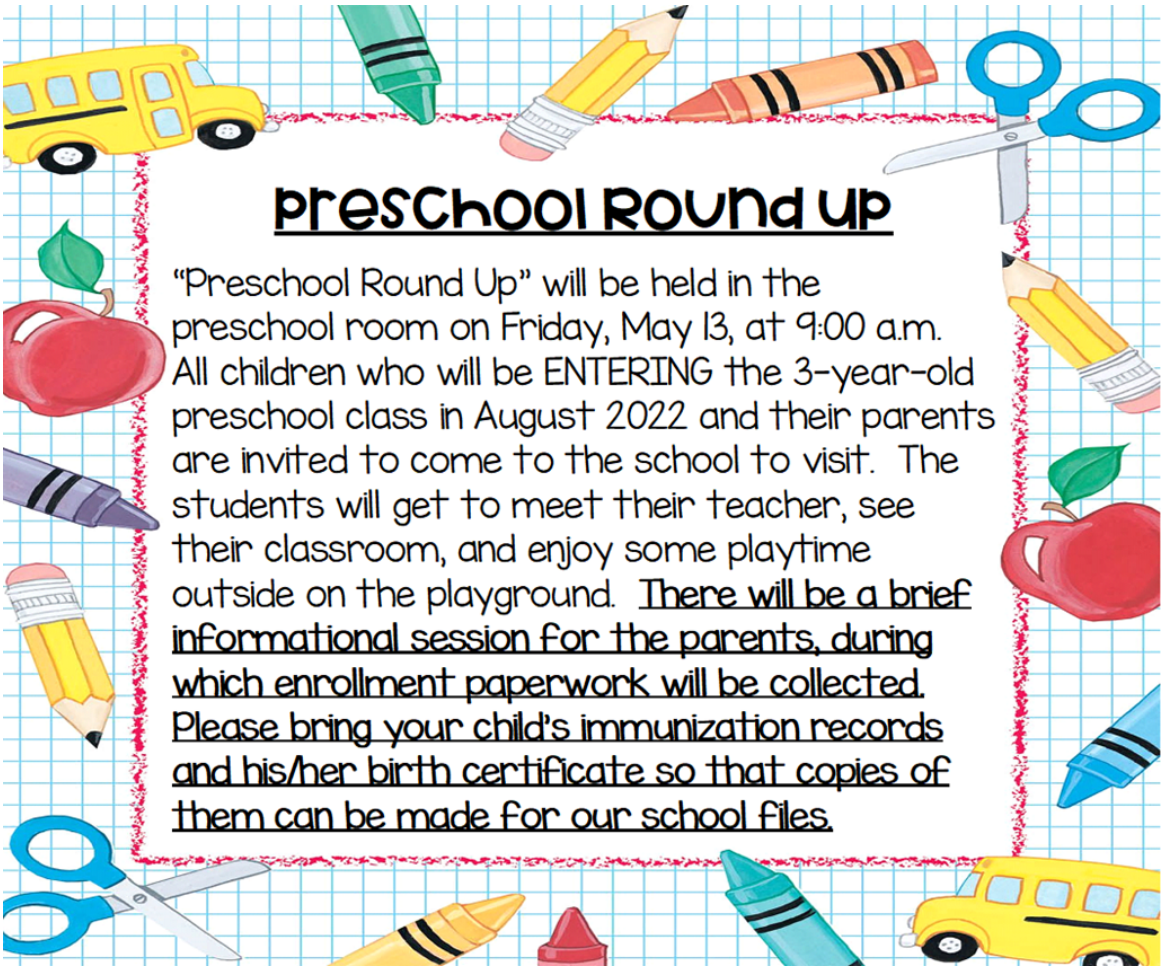
**May 14- Class of 2022 Graduation 3:00**

**May 16- Class of 2034 Kindergarten Graduation 2:15 old gym**

**May 17- Jump Up Day for 4-year old Pre School- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**May 19- Last day of school!! 12:30 release**





## Preschool Round Up

“Preschool Round Up” will be held in the preschool room on Friday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. All children who will be ENTERING the 3-year-old preschool class in August 2022 and their parents are invited to come to the school to visit. The students will get to meet their teacher, see their classroom, and enjoy some playtime outside on the playground. There will be a brief informational session for the parents, during which enrollment paperwork will be collected. Please bring your child’s immunization records and his/her birth certificate so that copies of them can be made for our school files.

# PROM 2022



Queen~  
Vivian Weber

King~  
Christian Weber

## Scholarships

- Individual scholarship recipients were announced at Awards Night the last week in April. Congratulations to our seniors whose hard work paid off!
- Please note that individual scholarship recipients will not be announced during the graduation ceremony (although a list will be available on graduation day for all in attendance).
- A huge thank you goes out to our local and area benefactors for the many opportunities being given our seniors! Our seniors are very blessed to have such generous community members, businesses, and organizations.

## Looking at Next Year

- Upcoming 7-12 grade students will receive their class schedules for the 2022-2023 school year in August along with their back to school information.
- After receiving their schedules, students who wish to drop and/or add classes are welcome to stop by the school the week of August 8-12 between 8:30 and 3:30.

## Community Service

- Businesses, organizations, churches, etc. in the Friend school district are reminded to contact Ms. Amy Hottovy or Mrs. Liz Stutzman with any community service opportunities that might be available for our high school students over the summer. Thank you to all who have already begun partnering with the school!
- Students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2022-2023 school year are encouraged to earn community service hours this summer. Check out the Google Doc for multiple opportunities.

**End of the year means  
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Left pic:

Third Grade -  
Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo

Right pic:

First Grade -  
National Forest Service  
National History Museum



# Nurse Notes

We are quickly approaching the end of another school year! Summer break offers so many fun activities, lazy days, and warm nights that encourage cookouts and time with friends. Summer break is also the perfect time to get a jumpstart on another successful school year! A few “to-do” items before school resumes in the fall:

- ⇒ Children entering kindergarten will need to have a physical examination **with** a visual acuity exam completed, *with documentation turned into school health office no later than the first day of school*. These exams must be completed no more than 6 months prior to enrollment.
- ⇒ ALL current 6th grade students will need a physical examination (dated on or after June 1, 2022) completed by physician before entering 7th grade this fall. Please, make your appointments soon as we will need these on file *no later than the first day of school* to avoid exclusion. This physical will also serve as a sports physical for 7th grade students only for the 2022/2023 school year.
- ⇒ ALL current 6th grade students are required by Nebraska State Law to receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster) before entering 7th grade. This vaccine must be obtained and documentation provided to school, *no later than the first day of school to avoid exclusion*.
- ⇒ Any student wishing to participate in any sport will need a Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (sports physical) before he/she will be allowed to participate in chosen sport(s). All sports physicals must be dated on or after June 1, 2022, to count toward athletics of the 2022/2023 school year.
- ⇒ If your student has asthma or allergies, please remember to have a treating physician complete a current Asthma/Allergy Action Plan during his/her physical or before the school year starts. This form is available in the school nurse’s office or on the Friend Public School website (<https://www.friendbulldogs.org/>). **This form must be updated every school year**. Also, if your student uses an Epi-Pen, please be sure to supply one to the school nurse upon first day of classes to avoid any lapse in treatment.
- ⇒ Various other health forms have been added to Friend Public School’s website for your convenience; forms available include Diabetic Management, Medication Consent Forms, Dietary Restrictions, and Seizure Action Plans. Should your student have a history of any of these conditions, please complete the appropriate forms and return to the school nurse by the end of the first day of the 2022/2023 school year.
- ⇒ Please take a moment to review the immunization schedule for your student’s age/grade at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Immunization/School-Summary-RR-English.pdf>

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer,

Nurse Buol





# MAY



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

	JH TR @ Sutton Invite 12:30	Golf @ Sutton Invite 9:00		Cinco De Mayo  TR @ Cross County Invite 10:00  7-12 Spring Concert 7:00	<b>2:00 out</b>	JH TR Pioneer Invite @ Tri-County 9:00
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Mother's Day	Golf Dual Fillmore Central Dual @ FCC 4:00  JH Honors Assembly 2:30  BOE-Media Center 7:30	Elementary Spring Concert 6:30  Golf @ Franklin	District Track TBD  Golf @ Thayer Central Invite 9:30	Baccalaureate Service 6:30	<b>2:00 out</b>  3 year-old Pre- School Round-Up 9:00 (Incoming 3's – parents/kids only)	Graduation 3:00
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	Golf Districts TBD  Kindergarten Graduation 2:15	Golf Districts TBD  Pre-4-6th Jump Up Day Elementary Field Day	Preschool Last Day of School	Last Day of School <b>12:30 out</b>	State Track-Omaha  Teacher Work Day	State Track-Omaha
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		State Golf	State Golf			
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Memorial Day				For the most current and up to date information, please go to: <a href="http://www.pioneerconference.org">http://            www.pioneerconference.org</a> and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: <a href="http://friendbulldogs.org">friendbulldogs.org</a>	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# MAY Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Pancakes</b> Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Bites</b> Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Bars</b> Chicken Quesadilla Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Cherry Strudel</b> Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>2:00 out</b> <b>6</b></p>
<p><b>Donuts</b> Sloppy Joes Doritos Brownies</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Egg Cheese Omelet</b> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Carrots Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Chocolate Chip Muffins</b> Subs Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Green Beans Pudding</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>2:00 out</b> <b>13</b></p>
<p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Taco Salad Toppings Shredded Cheese Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffins</b> Chicken Patty/Bun Jell-O Broccoli Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Scrambled Eggs</b> Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Bites</b> Chicken Strips French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p><b>LAST DAY</b> <b>12:30 out</b> <b>19</b></p>	<p><b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</b></p>

Friend Public School is an equal opportunity provider.







It's Krispy Kreme Doughnut time again! The sophomore class is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts from April 22th through May 6th. Each dozen purchased costs \$12. 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 sent home with elementary students, or you can go to this link [Sophomore Fundraiser Form](#) and follow the instructions to fill out the form to place your order.

If you choose to fill out the online form to order your doughnuts, your payment must be received by Friday, May 6th. You can drop off your payment to the school with your name on the outside of an envelope with the correct amount inside the envelope.



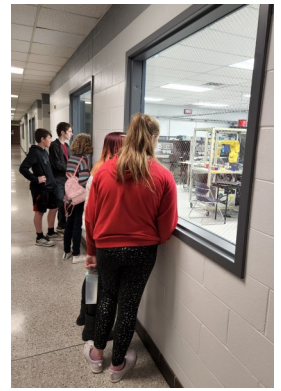
Online orders will not be placed if payment has not been received by Friday, May 6th.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut orders must be picked up after school on Friday, May 13th, between 2:00 - 4:00 PM by 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!

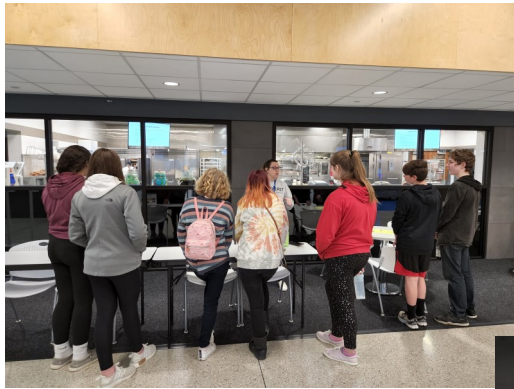
If you have further questions, please contact Mary Niemeier @ [mary.niemeier@friendschool.org](mailto:mary.niemeier@friendschool.org).

Thank you for supporting the Sophomore Class. It is much appreciated!

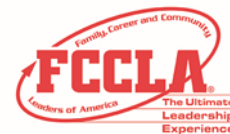


On April 12, FPS eighth grade students and their school counselor, Ms. Amy Hottovy, enjoyed visits to the Southeast Community College-Lincoln and Concordia University campuses. Funded by a grant through EducationQuest, the experience allowed students to see what programs are offered at the institutions, explore potential careers, and observe the similarities and differences between a community college and university.

Besides enjoying an all-you-can-eat lunch in a college cafeteria, the students also observed a surgical tech lab, welding and automotive spaces, a student-run restaurant, an E-sports lab, and many other college classrooms and components. FPS thanks SCC, Concordia, and EducationQuest for this wonderful opportunity!



## Friend FCCLA Chapter Attends State Conference



Over 1,000 youth members and adult sponsors gathered for the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference held April 3-5, 2022, at Pinnacle Bank Arena and the Haymarket area in Lincoln. This conference provided students opportunities to hear from the keynote speaker, participate in breakout sessions, compete in STAR Events, be recognized for their work throughout the year, and elect the 2022-2023 State Officer Team. Attending this year's conference were Shelby Steyer, Emily Brahmstedt, Halona Wootton, and Danika Smith from the Friend FCCLA Chapter. Advisor for the group is Margo Houlden.

Students began their conference leadership journey on Sunday, April 3, with the Opening General Session led by the 2021-2022 State Officer Team. During this time, members also heard from keynote speaker, EJ Carrion. EJ shared an inspiring message all about "making the jump." He encouraged members to go after their dreams and not let fear or chance of failure stand in their way.

Throughout the day on Monday, April 4, participants had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions where they learned about balancing their time, pursuing leadership roles, leading with their values, exploring FCCLA opportunities, and much more! The Opportunity Fair also featured over 30 colleges, organizations, and businesses for members to connect with. In addition to the great sessions, students had the opportunity to give back to the Lincoln community through the FCCLA Serves projects. Over 125 students participated in service projects at places such as the Child Advocacy Center, Lincoln Children's Zoo, and People's City Mission. Members also had the opportunity to choose from many tour options such as Hudl and the Capitol Building, as well as several other tourist destinations across Lincoln.

This year, over 550 students will compete in STAR events at the State Leadership Conference. STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) recognize members for proficiency and achievement in individual and chapter projects, leadership skills, and career preparation in over 30 national and five state events. Earning silver medals from Friend was Shelby Steyer in the Chapter Service Portfolio event, in addition to Halona Wootton in the Focus of Children event.

The conference wrapped up on Tuesday, April 5, with the Closing General Session. During this session, a conference in-review video highlighted the exciting moments of the conference. The Callaway chapter received the Chapter Spirit Award for their participation, positive attitude, and strong leadership skills throughout the conference. Additionally, the 2021-2022 State Officer Team reflected on their year of service to Nebraska FCCLA prior to the Installation of the 2022-2023 State Officer Team. The 2022-2023 State Peer Officer Teams and overall SPOT council were also announced prior to the conference adjourning.

FCCLA is a useful and dynamic national career and technical student organization that aids young men and women in their journey to become leaders and teaches them lifelong skills. It demonstrates the importance of understanding how to address important career, community, family, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Nebraska FCCLA has over 2,700 members in 100 chapters across the state. For more information about FCCLA, please visit [www.nebraskafccla.org](http://www.nebraskafccla.org).



Attending FCCLA State Leadership Conference were Shelby Steyer, Emily Brahmstedt, Halona Wootton, and Danika Smith.

Shelby Steyer earned a silver medal in Chapter Service Portfolio at the State FCCLA STAR Competition.



Halona Wootton earned a silver medal in Focus on Children at the State FCCLA STAR Competition.

# Bulldogs of the Month



**Stacy Kirchhoff**  
**Secretary**



**Fred Hausman - Senior**  
**Avery Tuttle - 7th Grade**

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