

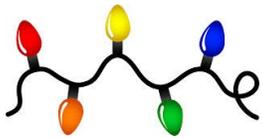
Friend Public School

December 2022 & January 2023

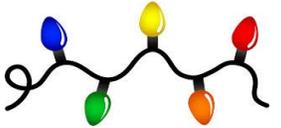


These four students were given the opportunity to participate in the Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir held on Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th! This was an auditioned choir under the direction of Mr. Joshua Dahl (Fargo, ND) at Nebraska Wesleyan University!

Left to right: Maddison Allen, Hannah Shonerd, Dane Anderson, Devin Anderson



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From the

Superintendent's Desk

A Letter in Regards to Sportsmanship

Dear Patrons:

The program of interscholastic athletics at Friend Public School is an extension of the educational process. As such, just as in the classroom, the highest standards of instruction, communication and conduct are expected. Participation is a privilege that is earned by demonstrating exemplary conduct in all areas.

Sportsmanship has always been a foundational value of high school athletics. Along the way, because of the highly charged emotional environment, the intense interest, expanded media coverage, and the growing pressure to win, we may forget this ultimate objective of high school competition. Sportsmanship is not any one person or group's responsibility but is the responsibility of everyone involved: administrators, coaches, players, parents, students, and fans, as well as anyone else involved in the event.

While sportsmanship is not the only value derived from participating in interscholastic athletics, it is the one that seems most threatened in today's competitive situations.

Unfortunately, Friend Public School is not exempt from this growing decline of sportsmanship at athletic events. Last year, there were moments where I was not proud of our conduct as a whole. As a result of these lapses in collective judgment, the administration has decided to enlist the help of everyone involved in our athletic program to become more active in promoting good sportsmanship. If we are to maintain justification for our programs, we must unite to let all parties involved know that disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated at our athletic events.

To that end, we are stating that abusive and negative language and behavior will not be tolerated. Belittling the opponent or officials is counterproductive to the goals of interscholastic athletics and good sportsmanship. This behavior creates an uncomfortable environment for fans who want to support the team and enjoy the game. We are asking all parents and fans to keep comments positive and upbeat and directed to our team and coaches.

Unfortunately, we currently live in a world where fewer and fewer people choose to referee games or coach sports. I believe that these are the direct results of poor sportsmanship and behavior that is unbecoming of adults in the stands.

Please understand that the goal of this policy is not to single out any particular individual or group, but it is to allow everyone involved to know that good sportsmanship is the responsibility of everyone. We love seeing the stands full of fans who want to encourage our young athletes and students. Please simply consider this a friendly reminder that many eyes and ears are looking to you for the "example" and do your best to be the best.

Derek Anderson



Stutzman's Side Notes



"Teamwork Makes The Dream Work"

December 13th: 6:00 pm K-6th Winter Program, 7:15 pm 7th-12th Winter Program

*** We will have BOTH groups perform for the winter concert. K-6th grades will perform from 6:00-6:45 PM; then you are free to leave if you don't have a student to watch in the 7th-12th grades. Then at 7:15-8:00 PM, the 7th-12th grades will perform their concert material. If you have students in both groups, we look forward to having you for both programs! It will be a fun night!

December 22nd: 2:00 out, end of the 2nd Quarter, and the start of Winter break

January 5th: Students return for the second semester



Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!!



Hello Parents and Students,

Our theme this year states it the best: *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!* Our elementary students and families teamed up to collect 1,522 items for the Friend Food Pantry! Our sports team coaches and athletes (Volleyball, Softball, and Football) did a wonderful job working together to excel and continue to improve. The teamwork for our fantastic attendance numbers for parent teacher conferences are listed below! WOW!

<u>Elementary: 145/145 100%</u>	<u>7-12th Grade= 86/103 84%</u>
Preschool= 24/24	7th grade-23 out of 23 parents came! 100%
Kindergarten= 19/19	8th grade-19 out of 21 parents came! 90%
1 st = 16/16	9th grade-11 out of 14 parents came! 79%
2 nd = 13/13	10th grade-17 out of 20 parents came! 85%
3 rd = 17/17	11th grade-10 out of 14 parents came! 71%
4 th = 18/18	12th grade-6 out of 11 parents came! 55%
5 th = 21/21	
6 th = 17/17	

Our amazing paras teamed up to learn at the state para conference in Kearney, our staff teams up every day to ensure our kids are safe (as well as learning), and we once again had a successful yearly Safety Audit. The 7th-12th graders earned a popcorn (with toppings) party if they did not have a detention or need to attend Wednesday Intervention Time during the first quarter. Our kids teamed up against drugs for Red Ribbon Week. Our elementary Student Council students teamed up to learn about being a leader from our Doane Leadership Retreat. We teamed up with the local Fire Department to teach the elementary kids about fire safety. For our yearly tradition for our November bulldog buddies, we teamed up to make Veterans Day cards for our Veterans and learn about the folding of the flag before Evan Brahmstedt, Grady Bresson, and Jaxson Brandt performed an official folding at the Veterans Day program on November 11th. Our One Act crew teamed up to perform "Escape Room" on November 21st. Our 2nd-8th Grade Hoops basketball programs have teamed up with Exeter-Milligan students to create EMF Bobcat basketball teams to compete this winter!

As you can see, we are a firm team around here at Friend Public School and, as always, please keep an open line of communication. If you have any questions about your child, please ask their teacher so we can help you. There are many ways to communicate: Remind App, E-mail, PowerSchool, Phone, or set up a meeting if necessary. Communication and teamwork are the keys to success!

I truly hope you have a relaxing and blessed holiday break!

Thank you for your support! Liz Stutzman- Principal Go Dawgs!

Checklist for high school seniors who are college-bound (parents & guardians -- please encourage your son/daughter to stay on track):

- Apply to at least 3 colleges before the end of the semester.
- Complete the FAFSA before the end of the semester (contact EducationQuest for assistance).
- Check the "Scholarship Central" link on the school website AT LEAST once a week. There are numerous local scholarships that seniors could start turning in *now!*
- Revisit "Scholarship Quest" on the Education Quest website AT LEAST once a week.
- Update your high school resume NOW since you'll be using it during scholarship season.
- Identify three to five people who can be solid references as you apply for scholarships.
- Schedule time to see Ms. Hottovy if you need help with any of the above!

7-12 grade students and parents/guardians: please mark your calendars with these important dates:

- December 14 is the deadline for 7-12 grade students who wish to make a second semester schedule change. Teacher, parent, and administrative approval is required for all changes.
- Sophomores plus any interested Juniors & Seniors will be taking the ASVAB test on the morning of December 7. This is a free opportunity for students to understand their unique skills and interests, identify potentially satisfying careers, and discover all the different ways to get to their dream job.
- Registration for spring SENCAP classes is due Wednesday, December 14. Interested 9-12 grade students (*who are in solid academic standing*) should be making appointments NOW to see Ms. Hottovy to discuss options. This is a great way for high school students to earn college credit at a hugely discounted rate! Take a look at this website for more information: <https://www.southeast.edu/sencap/>
- March 21, 2023 -- juniors will take the ACT in the morning as part of state testing.

Elementary parents/guardians:

- Ask your child about what he/she is learning during lessons with the school counselor! These are skills students should use both at school and at home.
 - Lower elementary grades have been practicing their skills of focusing and listening. They should be able to tell you how they show they are paying attention!
 - Middle elementary grades are practicing how to build new pathways in their brains, plus they are learning that mistakes are a natural part of growing.
 - Upper elementary grades are learning about how to set goals that are specific, doable, and challenging.
- It's never too early to begin saving for your child's college expenses!
 - Your child may be young now, but he/she will be graduating from high school before you know it.
 - While you and your child's teachers are making sure the children are ready for higher education, be sure you have done your homework as well.
 - With some planning and a bit of commitment, you can make their dreams of college a reality!
 - Visit <https://www.nest529direct.com/home.html> for information on how the NEST529 college savings plan might be a good fit for your family.
 - If you are interested in a brochure, contact Ms. Amy Hottovy at school.

Parents/guardians of seniors who are college bound -- scholarship season is officially here! Please have a conversation with your child about these items:

- Has your family completed the FAFSA? (Consider contacting Education Quest for assistance.)
- When was the last time the student checked the "Scholarship Central" link on the school website? (AT LEAST once each week is recommended.) This is just a FRACTION of the scholarships available. See below! ↓
- When was the last time the student visited "Scholarship Quest" on the Education Quest website? New opportunities may appear each week or even daily!
- Has your son/daughter completed a high school resume to use with scholarship applications?
- Has your son/daughter identified three to give people who can be solid scholarship references or writers of recommendation letters?
- Has your child scheduled time to see Ms. Hottovy for help with any of the above?

Parents/guardians of juniors:

Preparation will soon begin to help our juniors be prepared to take the ACT on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. In 2016, the state of Nebraska mandated that state testing at the high school level be completed through a college entrance exam, and the ACT was selected. Our students will take the Reading, English, Math, Science, and Writing portions of the ACT.

Results from the ACT will be used for state reporting, plus numerous colleges and universities grant academic scholarships based on ACT scores. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter regarding practice sessions for students taking the ACT.

Juniors are also encouraged to schedule one college visit some time during the second semester. As long as required paperwork is turned in on time, this is an excused absence from school. Students should contact Ms. Hottovy for any questions or help needed with this process.

For ALL Parents

One of the skills we encourage all of our students to learn and use is to ask for help when needed. What better way for our children to learn this skill than to see the adults in their lives ask for help when they need it, too.

The website "Your Life Your Voice" is an excellent resource for parents, families, and children in times of need. Check it out here: [Your Life Your Voice](#)



Devin Anderson and Valerie Spohn were able to participate in the Nebraska Music Educators Association Orff Ensemble on Wednesday, November 16th, with 80 students from all over Nebraska! This event was led by the Great Plains Orff Chapter in Nebraska and included instruments, singing, and movement!

BULLDOG BOUTIQUE

The Bulldog Boutique is a place where ALL Friend Public School students can find new or gently used clothing and personal items... no questions asked and free of charge!

Staff members are encouraged to let the school counselor know if a child is in need.

If any district patrons would like to donate to our Boutique, use the QR code below to find items that would help us meet our students' needs. Amazon gift cards are also welcome.

Thank you for your generosity!





January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Work Day</i> GB BB @ Tri County 4:30/6:00/7:30	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Cohort Day</i>	School Reconvenes GB BB vs. Southern 4:30/5:00/6:00/7:30	2:00 out EMF FFA Officer Meeting (Friend) 2:30	JH GB & BB @ High Plains (Clarks) 10:00/11:00 GB BB @ McCool Junction 1:00/1:45/2:30/4:00 WR @ Franklin 9:00
8	JH GB & BB @ Meridian TBA BOE - Media Center 7:30	GB BB @ Dorchester 4:30/5:00/6:15/8:00 Winter sports pictures JH BB 4:00	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	GB BB vs. Osceola 4:30/5:00/6:00/7:30 Dance parents night WR @ Yutan 4:00	2:00 out JH Dance	JH BB Friend Quad 9:00 (BDS, Deshler, Dorchester) WR @ Cross County Invite 10:00 Speech @ High Plains 8:00
15	MLK JR. Day JH BB vs. Shelby- RC 4:30	GB BB @ Thayer Central 4:30/6:00/7:30	EMF FFA District LDE @ Holthus Convention Center York 9:00 EMF FFA JH Speaking Contests @ Holthus Convention Center York 9:30	JH BB vs. Sutton 4:00	2:00 out WR @ Thayer Central Invite 2:30 GB BB vs. Johnson-Brock 4:30/6:00/7:30 Friend Booster chili feed/basket raffle	GB BB @ Red Cloud 2:00/3:00/4:30/6:00 Speech @ Thayer Central
22	EMF FFA Chapter Meeting in Exeter 4:00	Pioneer Conference Instrumental @ Southern & FCSH	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	JH BB vs. Exeter- Milligan 3:00 GB BB @ Heartland 4:30/6:00/7:30	2:00 out GB BB @ Pawnee City 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30	WR @ Raymond Central Invite 9:00 Speech @ Wilber Invite
29	Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA	Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA			<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: friendbulldogs.org</p>	
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31						

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS			Breakfast Bites Sloppy Joes Doritos Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar 1	Biscuits & Gravy Fiestada Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 2
Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 5	Pancakes Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 6	Scrambled Eggs BBQ Pork Rib Patty/Bun French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 7	Blueberry Muffin Hot Dogs/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar 8	Strawberry pop-tart Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 9
Donuts Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Jell-O Broccoli Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar 12	Egg, Cheese Omelet Biscuits & Gravy Tator Tots Grape Juice Fruit & Veggie Bar 13	Bacon, Egg, Gravy Cheese Breakfast Pizza Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar 14	French Toast Sliced Ham Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Hot Rolls Cream Cheese Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar 15	Breakfast Bites Subs Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 16
Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 19	Egg Patties Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 20	Chocolate Chip Muffin Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Fruit & Veggie Bar 21	Breakfast Bars Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 22	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 23
Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 26	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 27	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 28	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 29	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL 30

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<p>Donuts Cheese Flatbread Green Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>Pancakes Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Jell-O Broccoli & Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>Blueberry pop-tart Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Pudding</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>		
<p>Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>Egg, Cheese Omelet Biscuits & Gravy Tator Tots Orange Juice</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>Cinnamon Roll Goulash Shredded Cheese Breadstick</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>French Toast Sloppy Joes Doritos Brownies</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffins Subs Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>		
<p>Donuts Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>Egg Patties Soft Shell Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>Bacon, Egg, Gravy Cheese Breakfast Pizza Hamburger/Bun Corn</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>Breakfast Bars Chili Shredded Cheese Cinnamon Rolls</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Quesadilla Cooked Carrots Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>		
<p>Breakfast Pizza Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>Blueberry Muffin Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</p>			<p>January</p>	



*Elementary
Student Council,
2022-23!*

Elementary Student Council has had a great start to the 2022-2023 year!

helped facilitate Elementary Red Ribbon Week (Say No to Drugs Campaign)

held a school-wide fundraising event (Hat Day!) to raise council funds

5th & 6th grade members participated in a Doane University Leadership Day

3rd & 4th grade members greeted community members/handed out programs for Veterans Day

helped load and unload over 1,600 canned food drive items (that the entire elementary collected!) from school to food pantry

Way to Go, StuCo!!!



Due Date:
December 16th

GOAL \$2,000

Gift Card Drive

FOR THE CHILDREN AT UNMC AWAITING ORGAN DONATIONS. AS WELL AS THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SUPPORTING THEM.

Drop Off Locations

- QWIK 6 - FRIEND
- FRIEND & EXETER-MILLIGAN SCHOOLS
- CITIZENS STATE BANK OF FRIEND
- GENERATIONS BANK OF EXETER
- FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF MILLIGAN

HELP
EMF FFA
REACH
IT'S
GOAL
OF
\$2,000





**Kindergarten
learned about
fire safety!!**



Activities Reminder

*Please remember as our winter sports begin,
students are expected to sit with their parents
during activities.*



Kindergarten went to
the Braun Pumpkin
Patch on Thursday,
October 6th. Thank you
to Mr. and Mrs. Braun
for letting us each pick a
pumpkin to take home!!





1st Grade



Kindergarten



4th Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



6th Grade

Elementary Food Drive!! Way To Go, Bulldogs!

Doane Elementary Student Leadership Day

6th Grade Edgerton Explorit Center Field Trip





Staff:
Mr. Pfeiffer



Students:
Shelby Lawver - Senior
Chase Paulsen - Sophomore

Bulldogs of the Month

7-12th Grade Parents:

Please check with your students to see if they need more glue sticks and pencils/lead in their backpacks for school.



VETERANS
DAY
PROGRAM
2022





**The school building is closed for the
NSAA Moratorium
December 23-27.
**NO practices are
allowed during this time.****

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