## November & December 2024 NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to our new Elementary Student Council Members for the 2024-25 school year!

These students were selected based on classroom teacher recommendations. The members are being recognized for their leadership, kindness, work-ethic and all-around positive attitude! They have earned the role of leaders among their peers! The elementary Student Council will be working on various activities and service learning projects throughout the school year. The council is sponsored by Mrs. Eigsti and Mrs. Wiese.

Congratulations to the following students!

#### Back Row (L-R):

Justin Weber, Brynn Rohren, Teddy Weber, Lucas Grisak, Devin Anderson, Bryson Hardesty, Paxin Meints

#### Front row (L-R):

Lane Kohout, Merari Adame, LaneyMae Ellison, Kayzlye Kirchhoff, Lainey Stutzman, Dylan Anderson, Sawyer Stutzman



# Every New Beginning Comes From Some Other Beginning's End...



Hello, Parents and Students,



We have had an exciting last few months at FPS! In Bulldog Buddies, each staff member and student got to decorate a special rock to "Leave their Mark" on our school and each group also created a team name/mascot! Everybody got to show off their creative side!

In education, we feel it's important to

"pay it forward" and this month we hosted a class of sophomore Doane University students who are education majors. The students received the PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade school experience, observed our teachers, had lunch and got to ask many questions! We also hosted an Ag group from UNL so they could tour our school and tour our wonderful



greenhouse!



If you are a Friend Alumni, you might remember the "Paw Press" from back in the day. Our yearbook class and Mrs. Anderson have revived that! It is so much fun to see the kids get excited and be a part of the Paw Press revival and all it has to offer!

The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council students were able to attend the Doane Leadership Day. They learned about including people, working together to solve big and little

problems and what effective leaders do.

Liz Stutzman- PreK-12th Grade Principal

## **Upcoming Dates:**

November 4-14th: ALL SCHOOL food drive- all items go to the Friend Food Pantry

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day Program, 9:00 am in the old gym, coffee/cookies to follow for Veterans families

November 27-29th: Thanksgiving Break

December 17th: Winter Music Programs 6:00 PM (elementary) and 7:15 PM (secondary)

December 23-January 7th: Winter Break for students

### Friend Public School Food Drive: "Friendly" Classroom Competition



Friend Public School is again helping our community by stocking
The Friend Food Pantry.

The food drive will run from November 4-14. Each class will compete to see which class can collect the MOST items during these two weeks.

This is all grade levels Preschool-12th Grade!

Please consider donating to those that are less fortunate and need our help. Bring your items to school by *November 14<sup>th</sup>- Food, household items, and toiletries are welcome.* All of the food donated goes to the Friend Food Pantry.

<u>Year</u>	Total Items Donated!
2018	1,180
2019	1,485
2020	1,626
2021	1,727
2022	1,522
2023	1,287
2024	???



Thank you for your help and for setting a "Giving" example and mentality for your children.

<sup>\*</sup>See the list of suggested food drive donations on the back\*

#### **Thanksgiving Food Basket Items**

Gravy (Cans or Packets)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Canned Cranberries

Canned Fruit

Brown and Serve Dinner Rolls

Marshmallows

Stuffing Mix

Frozen Pumpkin Pie

Butter

Cool Whip

#### **Staples**

Mac & Cheese

Hamburger Helper

Rice-a-Roni

Ramen Noodles

Pasta (Spaghetti, Penne, etc.)

Spaghetti/Alfredo Sauce

PB & J

Canned chili

Campbells soups

Gourmet soups

Spaghetti-O's, etc.

Canned Baked Beans

Refried Beans

Instant Potatoes

Gravy (jars & packets)

#### **Breakfast**

Cereal

Granola

Oatmeal

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Pop-Tarts

#### **Other Canned**

Corn

Green Beans

Peas

Mushrooms

Olives

Diced Tomatoes

Tomato Sauce Tomato Paste

Kidney Beans

Chili Beans

Black beans

Pork-n-Beans

Fruit

Chicken

Tuna

#### **Dessert & Baking**

Sugar

Brown Sugar

Powdered Sugar

Chocolate chips

Muffin Mix

Corn Bread Mix

Jell-O Mix

Jell-O (Mix & Pre-made)

Pudding (Mix & Pre-made)

Cake Mix

Frosting

Pie Filling

Canned Pumpkin

Marshmallows

#### Etc.

Dry Beans/Rice

Broth

Condiments

Salad Dressing

Honey

Canned Sloppy Joe Sauce

Spices (individual & mixes)

Salt/Pepper

Boxed/Canned Juice

Kool Aid Packs

Nuts (snack size)

Beef Jerky

Granola Bars

Goldfish

Saltine/Oyster Crackers

#### **Others**

Baby Stuff (diapers, wipes, food, formula)

Hygiene

Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter?

Organic/Healthy

Candy

Travel-Size stuff

TP/Paper Towels

Bibles

School Supplies

# Friend Public Schools Honor Roll 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024-25 School Year

	Honor Roll with	,	<u> </u>
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ella Archer	Caleb Black	Zayde Arp	Emily Bartels
Reagan Bartley	Taylin Schluter	Rylan Bartels	Naomi Black
Ashley Braun	Hunter Svehla	Jaxson Brandt	Tori Bresson
Jacob Klooz	Zach Vossler	Grady Bresson	MaKenna Burchett
Abbie Milton	Vincent Warner	Gabriel Covarrubias	Autumn Filipi
Mark Milton	Babe Weber	Keltyn Kirchhoff	Madelyn Kenney
Chase Paulsen		Abby Klooz	Elijah Oceguera
Keila Ricenbaw		Lindsey Landis	Miley Ricenbaw
Zach Spohn		Malorie Lawver	Ty Svehla
Will Vyhnalek		Aniston Meints	Reese Tuttle
Marshall Wells		Alexis Paulsen	
		Jacob Spohn	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Avery Tuttle	
Maddison Allen	Sergio Alarcon	Gracie Vyhnalek	
Dane Anderson	Grady Arp	Sophie Weber	
Zonder Arp	Ethan Bartels		
Owen Hemmingsen	McKinley Bartels		
Keisyn Kirchhoff	Carlee Bresson		
Jewel Lawver	Blake Bruntz		
Bristol Sladek	Maliyah Burchett		
Gehrig Weber	Bennett Buresh		
	Mavalin Files		
	Harley Hardesty		
	Sailor Lloyd		
	Adilyn Meints		
	Rylee Rohren		
	Valerie Spohn		
	Ava Svehla		
	Trigg Svehla		
	Zach Zirkel		
	Honor R	Oll (90% GPA or higher)	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Dayton Kremer	Hadley Sladek	Tucker Borgman	Aubrey Bachle
Kyler Sladek		Evan Brahmstedt	Bob Milton
Mason Vossler		Aiden Tuggle	Meredith Paulsen
			Kameron Schluter
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
Brenson Brandt	Landon Bartley		
Sadie Brandt	Brayden Burt		
John Cruz	Tristen Semler		
Riley Leif	Hannah Shonerd		

Baidyn Snyder

7-12 grade students and parents/guardians: please mark your calendars with these important dates as we begin preparing for 2nd semester:

- December 13 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.
- Registration for spring SENCAP classes opened October 28 and is also due December 15.
   Interested 10-12 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: SENCAP

#### SCHOLARSHIP NOTES FOR SENIORS

- Ms. Hottovy often sends scholarship opportunities and college/career information to juniors
  and seniors through school email. Have a conversation with your son/daughter about checking
  their email often and practicing good communication skills.
- If your business, organization or family would like to begin offering a scholarship to this year's graduating seniors at Friend Public School, please contact Ms. Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience.
- Current scholarship benefactors who wish to make a change to their application form or
  process are also encouraged to contact the school counselor as soon as possible. Thank you
  for your generosity and support!
- Students and parents are able to see an updated list of scholarship opportunities as they
  become available. Look for the tab called "Scholarship Central / Scholarships 2024-2025" on
  the school website.
- Seniors have been encouraged to create an account and complete a profile through Education
  Quest to see the MANY scholarship opportunities that exist. They should check the website
  weekly!

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

- We are always looking for more community service opportunities 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 the school
  at your earliest convenience (402.947.2781 and ask for Liz Stutzman or Amy Hottovy) to
  ensure your event is approved BEFORE it is offered to students.

#### **IMPORTANT TEST DATES**

October 30, 2024 - invited Juniors take the PSAT November 13, 2024 - all Sophomores take the PreACT

 This short assessment predicts student performance on the ACT and offers career-interest information to students, parents, and teachers. It also helps ensure students take the best classes to prepare them for college and their options after high school.

December 4, 2024- all Sophomores take the ASVAB

 This is a free opportunity for students to understand their unique skills and interests, plus identify potentially satisfying careers,

January 2025 - all Juniors take the practice ACT March 25, 2025 - all Juniors take the ACT

#### CHARACTER STRONG LESSONS

- Ask your PK through 9th grade student about what he/she is learning during Character Strong lessons with the school counselor and his/her teacher! These are skills students should use both at school and at home.
  - Topics include kindness, respect, responsibility, values, how to Stop, Support and Report in cases of bullying, the Tree of Choices when handling conflict, the emotion elements...and more!

#### NEST529

- 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 <a href="https://www.nest529direct.com/home.html">https://www.nest529direct.com/home.html</a> 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.

#### **KEEPING KIDS SAFE**

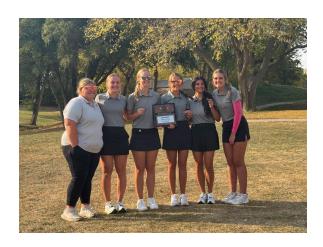
Parents and guardians, do you ever wonder how to keep up with the latest trends and dangers when it comes to cell phones, social media, screen time, or other technological devices?

Just like you would never hand the car keys over to your child and encourage him/her to speed down the interstate without any driving lessons or guidance, we should never "turn kids loose" in the world of technology without clear expectations, rules for safety, and an open door to come to you with anything they want or need to discuss.

<u>CommonSenseMedia.org</u> is an excellent resource for parents! You can access movie, TV, app, game, and book reviews on the website. You can also click on the "Parents Need to Know" tab to search for guidance on numerous topics by age group.

#### **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 and parents/guardians are encouraged to let the school counselor know if a child is in need.





The EMF Bobcat girls golf team finished a successful season as district runner-up and qualified the whole team for the state tournament. Girls state golf was held at Lake Maloney Golf Club in North Platte. The girls all competed well and the team finished 9th.

Two individuals medaled - Abby Klooz - 11th place and Abbie Milton - 15th place.

Congratulations to the Bobcats on a great season!







4th Graders Attend Pioneer Day!

4th Graders enjoyed a fun filled field trip on October 3rd, 2024. The day included several activities, which helped students understand what life was like during pioneer times. Students started their day at Homestead National Monument in Beatrice where they learned how to dip candles, quilt, wash clothes on a washboard and spin yarn. After a quick lunch, they spent the afternoon at Filley Stone Barn watching a blacksmith and a marble maker, as well as picking and shelling corn, sawing logs and taking a horse drawn hay rack ride. Students were taught about the history of the limestone barn, which is celebrating 150 years this year. This field trip always proves to be a great extension of our social studies curriculum as we study and learn about Nebraska history and the pioneers that settled here.





















Our 3- and 4-year-old preschoolers had a fantastic time hosting Family Day on Monday, October 21st! This special event welcomed parents, grandparents, and other family members into our classroom for a fun-filled day.

The children proudly showed their guests around, introducing them to their favorite parts of the classroom. They also delighted everyone with a charming performance of *Five Little Pumpkins*.

Following the performance, families got creative together with a *Five Little Pumpkins* craft project. It was a joy to see everyone working side-by-side, sharing ideas, and creating fun fall-themed art. The day wrapped up with a delicious snack, giving families time to connect and reflect on the morning's activities.

Events like Family Day are a great way for children to share their learning experiences and build meaningful connections between school and home. Thank you to all the families who joined us and made the day so memorable!







# EMF's One Act 2024 Presents



by Jon Jory and Michael Bauer

#### **2024 Performances**

#### **Exeter Matinee:**

• Sunday, November 3, 2PM at Exeter-Milligan School; Tickets at door \$5 with FCCLA dessert bar

#### Milligan Matinee:

• Sunday, November 17, 2PM at Milligan Auditorium; Tickets at door–\$5 with popcorn

#### **Pioneer Conference:**

• Wednesday, November 20 at Johnson Brock; Tickets available at guest school

#### **Friend Matinee:**

• Tuesday, November 26, 1 PM at Friend School; Tickets at door—\$5 with EMF students

#### C2 Districts:

• Wednesday, December 4 at Lourdes Central Catholic School; Tickets available at guest school

#### Cast & Crew

Madam Mystery as Kierra Papik
John Tex as Caleb Black
Professor Tamara Hines as Lily Jeffries
The Countess as Kiley Oldehoeft
Reginald Worth as Logan Krupicka
Veronica as Naomi Black
Jayne Payne as Kmila Benitez
Officer Keith as Tucker Svec
Lab Tech/Assistant as Kyler Sladek
Mary Graves as Brooklyn Oldehoeft

#### <u>Crew</u>

Emily Bartels Reagan Bartley Alivia Luzum Hadley Sladek

<u>Questions?</u> khrystyne.wade@friendschool.org

# NOVEMBER Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS				Egg Cheese Omelet Cheese Breadstick (Italian Dunker) Marinara Sauce Fruit & Veggie Bar
4	5	6	7	8
Pancake Bites  Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Scrambled Eggs Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Biscuits & Gravy Hamburger/Bun Chips Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin Fiestada Spanish Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar
11	12	13	14	15
Egg Patty Chicken Bacon Ranch Flatbread Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Pizza Bacon, Egg, Cheese Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Goldfish Fruit & Veggie Bar	<b>Donuts</b> Pepperoni Calzone Marinara Sauce Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Bites Spaghetti Shredded Cheese Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar	Apple Breakfast Bites Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar
18	19	20	21	22
French Toast Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar	Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Egg Omelet Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	Chocolate Chip Muffin Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes Gravy Hot Rolls Pumpkin Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Bar Subs Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar
25	26	27	28	29
Blueberry Muffin Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Truit & Veggie Bar	Pancakes Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Broccoli & Cheese Jell-O Fruit & Veggie Bar	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL

# DECEMBER Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Breakfast Bites Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin Walking Tacos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Donuts Cheese Breadstick (Italian Dunker) Marinara Sauce Fruit & Veggie Bar	Scrambled Eggs Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Waffles Fiestada Spanish Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar
9	10	11	12	13
Pancake Bites Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar	Biscuits & Gravy Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Egg Patty Spaghetti Shredded Cheese Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Pizza Hamburger/Bun Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar	French Toast Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar
16	17	18	19	20
Chocolate Chip Muffin Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Cheesy Broccoli Jell-O Fruit & Veggie Bar	Egg Omelet Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Bar Sliced Ham Mashed Potatoes Gravy Hot Rolls Cream Cheese Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Pizza Bacon, Egg, Cheese Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Apple Breakfast Bites Subs Chips Cookies Fruit & Veggie Bar
23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve	NO SCHOOL Christmas Day	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
30	31			
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL New Years Eve			SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS

Friend Public School is an equal opportunity provider

## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
For updated information, please go to https://friendbulldags.soc s.net/ vcalendar/					2:00 OUT FB Playoffs 2nd Round @ Stanton 7:00	VB District Final
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time ends One Act Matinee (Exeter) w/ FCCLA Dessert Bar 2:00	EMF Winter Sports Meeting (Friend) 6:30 Nebraska Sportsmanship Pep Rally (6th-8th grade)	EMF FFA Movie Night (Friend) 7-9 FCA Lunch Meeting	State VB Lincoln  JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward	State VB Lincoln  EMF FFA Pathways to Career Conference	2:00 OUT State VB Lincoln FB Playoffs Quarterfinals EMF FFA Pathways to Career Conference	State VB Lincoln
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans Day Veterans Day Program 9:00 JH WR EMF Invite (Friend) 4:00 BOE-Media Center 7:30	JH GB @ Seward 4:00/5:00 Pioneer Conference Vocal @ Sterling	PreACT- Sophomores	JH GB vs. Wilber-Clatonia (Exeter) 5:00/6:00 EMF FFA Officer Meeting (Friend) 7:00	2:00 OUT FB Playoffs Semi-Finals	JH GB @ Deshler 10:00/11:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
One Act Matinee (Milligan) 2:00	Start of Winter Practice JH GB @ Southern 6:00/7:00	JH GB @ Sutton 4:00/5:00 JH WR @ Dorchester 5:00	Pioneer Conference Play Production @ JB 9:00 FCA Lunch Meeting	JH GB vs. Heartland (Exeter) 5:00/6:00 JH WR @ Crete 4:30	2:00 OUT	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	FB Finals Lincoln	2:00 OUT JH GB @ Thayer Central 4:30/5:30 JH WR @ Fillmore Central 4:30 One Act Matinee 1:00	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>	

## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	JH WR @ Wilber 6:00	EMF FFA Chapter Meeting (Friend) 7:00 EMF FFA LDE Showcase (Friend) 7:30-9:00	ASVAB- Sophomores  District Play Production @ LCC 9:00  FCA Lunch Meeting	GB BB vs. Lewiston (Friend) 4:30/6/7:30 EMF Post Prom Chick-Fil-A GBWR @ Dorchester 6:00	2:00 OUT GB BB vs. Osceola (Friend) 4:30/6/7:30 LIttle kids Dance Clinic & Halftime Performance Junior Class Raffle GWR @ York 3:00	JH GB vs. SRC (Exeter) 10:00/11:00 BWR Bob Arehart Memorial (Friend) 9:00
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	JH WR @ Tri-County 4:30 BOE-Media Center 7:30	GB BB vs. Sterling (Friend) 4:30/6/7:30 Student Council Lunch Meeting	State One Act TBA EMF FFA LDE	GB vs Cross County (Friend) 4:30/6:00 JH GB vs. Tri-County (Exeter) 5:00/6:00 State One Act TBA	2:00 OUT GB BB vs. FCSH (Friend) 4:30/6/7:30 WR Senior Night Purple Ribbon Meat Auction State One Act TBA	JH GB vs. Cross County (Exeter) 10:00/11:00 GBWR @ Meridian 9:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	EMF FFA State Convention Chorus applications due	Elementary Holiday Concert 6:00 Intermission HS Holiday Concert 7:15	FCA Lunch Meeting	GB BB @ NE Lutheran (Waco) 4/5/6:15/8 JH GB @ Centennial 5:30/6:30 GWR @ Fairbury 4:00	2:00 OUT End of Quarter 2 GB BB @ LN (Nelson) 4/5/6:15/8	JV GB BB @ Meridian Tourn. 9:00 GBWR @ Tecumseh 9:30
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NSAA Moratorium 22-26	NO SCHOOL NSAA Moratorium 22-26	NO SCHOOL NSAA Moratorium 22-26	NO SCHOOL Christmas Day NSAA Moratorium 22-26	NO SCHOOL NSAA Moratorium 22-26	NO SCHOOL GB BB Holiday Tournament (Friend) 12/1:45/3:30/ 5:15	GB BB Holiday Tournament (Friend) 12/1:45/3:30 5:15 BWR @ SRC 9:00
29	30	31				
	NO SCHOOL	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>				For updated information, please go to <u>https://friendbulldogs.soc</u> <u>s.net/</u> vcalendar/

6th Grade Goes to Edgerton!









On their annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip, students had a great day of "hands-on" science at Aurora's Edgerton Explorit Center.



Kindergarten Fire Safety Day 2024



Kindergarten went to the Braun Pumpkin Patch on October 3rd! April Braun taught us how they grow pumpkins and we got to pick one and bring it home! Thank you to the Braun Family for letting us visit their patch!

# BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH









Female Student Male Student Rylee Rohren Zach Vossler



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