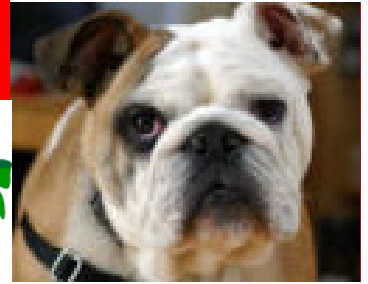


# the Bulldog Newsletter

## December 2016



### FRIEND ELEMENTARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION





The 5th grade class organized and held the election on Tuesday, November 8th. All elementary students voted, but before they could do this, they first had to become a registered voter in order to be put on the voting registration list. The students then came to the voting poll on Tuesday, checked in by signing their name on the registration list, and then cast their votes.

Final results: Donald Trump - 100 votes (81%) Hillary Clinton - 24 votes (19%)

# December 2016

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

**For the most current and up to date information on times and locations, please visit the Pioneer conference website which can be accessed through [friendbulldogs.org](http://friendbulldogs.org)**

				GB BB vs Lewiston 5/6/7:30 (NO JV Girls game)  Girls Basketball Parent Night  1	GB BB @ Sutton 4:30/6/7:30  2	WR - Friend Inv. 9:00  JH GB vs. Shelby 9:00  3
	JH GB vs. Exeter-Milligan 3:00  JH WR @ Tri-County Inv. 6:00  4	GB BB vs Sterling 4:30/6/7:30  Boys Basketball Parent Night  5	State One Act Lincoln Johnny Carson Theater  6	JH GB @ Tri-County 4:00  Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00   8	GB BB vs Falls City Sacred Heart (Varsity teams only) 6/7:30  WR @ Wood River Inv. 10:00  9	GB BB @ Sandy Creek 1/2:30/4:15  10
	7-12 Christmas Concert 7:30   BOE - Media Center 6:30  11	GB BB @ Exeter-Milligan 4/5/6:15/8  12		JH GB @ Centennial 5:30  13	GB BB @ Lawrence- Nelson (@ Nelson) 4/5/6:15/8  14	JV GB BB @ Meridian Tournament 9:00  WR @ Wood River Inv. 9:00  15
		GB BB vs Southern 4:30/6/7:30  16		End of 1st Semester  17	Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">                     NSAA Moratorium 23-27 Building Closed                 </div> 18	19
  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                 NSAA Moratorium Building Closed             </div> 20	NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS VACATION			Boys vs. Deshler 5:15 Girls vs. Deshler 8:45  <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     GB BB Holiday Tournament @ Nebraska Wesleyan  </div> 21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Happy  
Holidays!





## From the Superintendent Mr. Kraus



When I came to Friend over a year ago, I was asked many times what my "vision" is for the school. That is a great question, but also a very difficult one to answer without first examining what the school had previously done, what direction prior leadership had steered us towards, and identifying what the needs of the system truly are. Creating an immediate vision without research would be similar to going into surgery before ever going in for a routine checkup to determine what actually needs attention... which I would not recommend!

With that said, many schools have embarked in strategic planning processes in which a "living document" is created with many stakeholders. A strategic plan is a road map that helps schools focus their attention and resources towards specific goals which are identified collectively. Once these goals are established, action plans are then created and leaders identified to carry them out. Friend Public School will be going through the strategic plan process assisted by the Nebraska School Board Association in December. The strategic plan will also coincide with our reVISION grant we have been awarded which focuses on our career cluster courses. The first meeting will be December 15th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the school library with stakeholders in all areas of business, community members, parents, students, staff, administration, alumni, and community organizations. The goal will be to create a living document collectively and determine where our focus of attention should be to help support the mission of our school. The school is held accountable to this plan and ensures the goals will be accomplished.

I will be contacting and inviting many stakeholders in the near future to serve as a core committee member. If you have an interest in serving on a committee, please contact me at the school. We want to make sure we have representation at all levels and know it is important all voices are heard. I look forward to creating this strategic plan together and know collectively we can identify where our time and resources should be placed. This is my vision for our school.

Yours in Education,  
David Kraus



# BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH

December 2016



Faculty - Mr. Jim Pfeiffer

Student - Edward Ethridge







# Taiwan Agriculture Exchange Trip

Trevor Ricenbaw has been selected to represent the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) as part of an exchange program with Taiwan. Trevor will travel to Taiwan on December 4-10, where he will have the opportunity to stay at the Taichung Senior High School of Agriculture and Technology. While there he will take tours of the campus, interact with Taiwanese students and officials, participate in presentations, as well as visits to local farms and several agricultural research institutes, and learn firsthand how Nebraska agriculture impacts foreign markets. This program has been in place for the past thirteen years, which is a joint venture between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the Taiwanese Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado. Trevor earned this appointment based on his application and performance at this past summer's Institute held at the University of Nebraska East Campus in July.



## *Discarded Book Sale*



**December 5 - 9**  
**Daily 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Media Center**

Free Will Donation  
(Suggested Donation - \$1 per book)



from Mrs. Dickinson  
Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor

November 18th, 2016

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,

I want to take a moment to wish all of our students and their families a lovely Thanksgiving holiday. My hope is that all our Friend families take some time to reflect on what a wonderful school that we have in our community. It takes many hardworking individuals to provide excellence in our classrooms and throughout our building/community. I am so thankful to be surrounded by such talented and caring educators, who continually amaze me on a daily basis. Their dedication towards planning and implementing exciting and valuable lessons is appreciated.

I have observed ALL students working hard in our newly implemented reading program. I am impressed at how smooth everything is running. It shows how important early planning and organization is when it comes to new curriculum. This series is challenging. However, the students have embraced "Wonders" and are being positive in their new learning journey. It takes time to go from good to great but we are on the right path. We have made significant progress in our MAP and NeSA scores over the past few years. Students understand their importance. It is essential to ALWAYS do your best!!! I am so proud of everyone. Your continued support to help your child excel is important and appreciated.

Last Friday November 11th was our annual Veterans Day program. Breakfast was served by our Friend Student Council members to all Veterans and their spouses. A special program was held at 11:00 a.m. to honor all those who have served. Essays, poems and a video by students were shared with our guests. It was a special and memorable day.

Friend Elementary held a Food Drive from November 1st-11th. I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. We collected approx. 1,000 household items for our local food pantry and filled the van from top to bottom. WOW!! Way to go Bulldogs!!! Giving to others is the Bulldog Way!!

December 8th- Elementary Holiday Music Program-7 P.M.

Please have students at their classroom by 6:40 P.M. and pick-up at their classroom immediately following the program.

December 22nd- 1st semester ends.

December 23rd-January 3rd, 2017-Holiday Break

January 4th, 2017-School Resumes and second semester begins.



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## THE FRIEND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PRESENTS... *Joy to the World*

An Elementary Christmas program

**Thursday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m.**

*Friend East Gymnasium*

Featuring...

Sixth Grade Band

Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Students





## Seniors attend County Government Day

Wednesday, November 16th the Senior American Government classes attended Saline County Government Day in Wilber. This event was sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary units from the county. The day started with introductions by Forrest Doyle, Saline County Veterans Service Officer. County Attorney Tad Eickman, shared a "Nebraska County Government" power-point presentation. Students were assigned a position in the Saline County Government taking the oath of office and were sworn in by Mr. Doyle. The students spent two hours completing a scavenger



hunt that took them to several of the county offices to find answers to questions concerning the various county offices. Lunch was served at the American Legion Hall in Wilber. After lunch students had an opportunity to visit the Saline County Jail. Those seniors attending included: Brooke Baugh, Edward Ethridge, Zeb Gomez, Shelly Hunt, Kaitlynn Kool, Jay Lawver, Jarrin Lieberg, Keighton Moore, William Scarf, Sydney Steyer, along with exchange students Rasmus Linnestad, Julian Thomas and Alice Wirsen. Special thanks to Friend Legion Commander Ron Corbett for helping drive students to and from the event.

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## Junior High Quiz Bowl



The Friend Junior High Quiz Bowl Team was recently in action at the 5th Annual Nebraska AMI Quiz Bowl Meet at the Civic Center in Seward. After a morning of round robin competition the Friend A team was seeded 5th in the 16 team championships. After defeating Heartland A in the first round of the tournament Friend A team lost to Pender B in the quarter finals. Friend's B team was seeded 9th for the championship tournament squaring off against McCool Junction. McCool would win in a close match. Good job to both teams.



A team members

included: Colton Benjamin, Deven Collier, Abby Eberspacher, Cole Holman and Fred Hausman.

B Team members included: Jesse Duba, JB Drake, Parker Lofing, Christian Weber, Vivian Weber



# December Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>According to the policy of the Board of Education of the Friend Public School, all meals must be purchased in advance. A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.</b></p>			<b>French Toast</b> Taco Salad Toppings Bread/Butter  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Cherry Strudel</b> Chicken Nuggets Seasoned French Fries  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>
<b>Donuts</b> Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Egg Omelet</b> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Frosted Cake  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>  <b>2:30 dismissal</b>	<b>Bacon Breakfast Toast</b> Sloppy Joes/Bun Chips Pudding  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Tangy Chicken Parmesan Potato Wedges Chicken & Herb Koos Koos  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>
5	6	7	8	9
<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Egg Taco</b> Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Pudding  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Chili Shredded Cheese Cinnamon Rolls  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>  <b>2:30 dismissal</b>	<b>Egg Patty</b> <b>"Christmas Dinner"</b> Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Hot Rolls Cream Cheese Dessert  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Donuts</b> Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>
12	13	14	15	16
<b>Breakfast Bites</b> Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Pancakes</b> BBQ Pork/Bun Tator Tots  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Blueberry Muffins</b> Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Brownie  <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	
19	20	21	22	

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



**Hot Lunch Information**  
Lunch prices for the 2016-17 school year:  
 Grades K-6 lunches \$2.55  
 Grades 7-12 lunches \$2.80  
 Milk (extra or snack time) \$ .35  
 Extra entrée at lunch \$1.00  
 Breakfast \$1.65  
 Adult Lunches \$3.40



## Mr. Dempsey's Two Cents

The end of the first semester is just around the corner. It's hard to believe we only have about three weeks left until Christmas Break. The winter Sports season kicks off for the high school on Thursday December 1st. Please make sure to mark your calendars for the elementary (Dec. 8th) and high school (Dec. 12th) Holiday music programs. Winter Break begins on December 23rd and students report back on the 4th of January to start the 3rd quarter. The entire school will be shut down to all students during the NSAA Moratorium which starts on December 23rd and runs through December 27th. **There will be NO practices for JH, HS, Elementary club teams, or open gyms during this time period.** The HS Boys and Girls basketball teams will once again be attending Holiday Tournament held at Nebraska Wesleyan College (Dec. 28th –Dec. 30th). The Boys will play Deshler at 5:15 PM and the Girls will play Deshler at 8:45 PM. Other teams involved in the tournament are Louisville, BDS, Parkview Christian, Heartland, Humphrey St. Francis, and Tekamah Herman.

As winter settles in please remember to have your kids dress warmly going to and from school/practice. It's always a great idea to dress in layers. A quick reminder that student's shouldn't be in the school prior to 7:50 AM when breakfast is served. They need to stay in the vestibule outside the front office and wait for the bell before they can go to their lockers. It's also a very good idea to allow for early departure times especially during inclement weather. No need to rush on snowy and/or icy roads.

*The Friend Music Department presents...*

## **A Jubilant Christmas** **A Christmas Celebration**

**Monday, December 12- 7:30 p.m.**

Friend East Gymnasium

Featuring...

**Junior High Band**

**Junior High Choir**

**Concert Band**

**High School Choir**







# Culinary Field Trip to SCC

Prosciutto, goat cheese, risotto, hazelnuts, mascarpone cheese were new terms used at a recent Culinary field trip. On November 3rd, six members of the class traveled to Southeast Community College to enjoy a noon meal prepared by students in the Food Service Program. In addition to the unfamiliar terms, eating at a formal table setting was also a new experience for the students. Having several forks and spoons was a bit overwhelming at first but students meet the challenge



with enthusiasm. The meal featured an Italian theme with a variety of flavors and ingredients. Students enjoyed the creative food presentation and eating experience. Members of the class traveling to Lincoln was Maggie Lawver, Josie Hulse, Dominique Lyewsang, Josie Scholl, Shelly Hunt and Holly Manalili accompanied by Mrs. Houlden, FACS Teacher.



## Spread the Warmth

### HAT, MITTEN, SCARF DRIVE

## December 1-20



Friend Elementary Circle of Friends wants to help our friends stay warm this winter. Please help us collect hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens. Each classroom will have a challenge to see which room can collect the most and the winning classroom will receive a pizza party and treat before Christmas Break.

**\*\*Donations from the community are also welcome. Just bring to the front office.\*\***

Thank You from Friend Circle of Friends



Jay Lawver



Tanner Smejdir



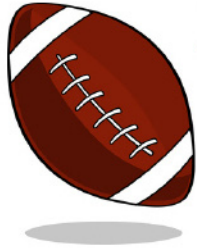
Kolby Houlden



Darren Segner



Jared Lawver



## 2016 Pioneer All-Conference Football

2nd Team Offensive Line: Jay Lawver (senior)

2nd Team Skill Position: Kolby Houlden (junior)

2nd Team Defensive Line: Tanner Smejdir (senior)

HM Offensive Line: Darren Segner (junior)

HM Linebacker: Jared Lawver (junior)

## 2016 Pioneer All-Conference Volleyball



Brooke Baugh



Raeleigh Menke



Claire Kubicek



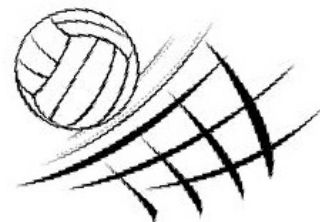
Bridgette Baugh

**1st Team: Brooke Baugh (senior)**

**2nd Team: Raeleigh Menke (junior)**

**3rd Team: Claire Kubicek (junior)**

**Honorable Mention: Bridgette Baugh (sophomore)**





# Elementary Food Drive



Friend Elementary held a Food Drive from November 1st-11th. Students in preschool - 6th grade collected supplies for our local food pantry. This event is our Community Service Project for this year. Our goal was 1,000 supplies. Students are shown carrying supplies from their classroom to the Friend Christian Assembly van. Way to go Friend Elementary!!! Keep up the great work!! We filled the van!

View more pictures at [www.friendbulldogs.org](http://www.friendbulldogs.org)



## Klenke signs with Concordia

Megan Klenke recently signed a letter of intent to play softball for Concordia University in Seward.

Pictured with Megan are her parents Nate & Tammy Klenke; Friend softball coaches Sadie Jons & Brian Arp and Concordia Head Softball Coach Todd Lavelle.





**There will be an early  
dismissal on Monday,  
Jan. 16 at 12:30 due  
to Friend FCCLA  
hosting the  
STAR event.**



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