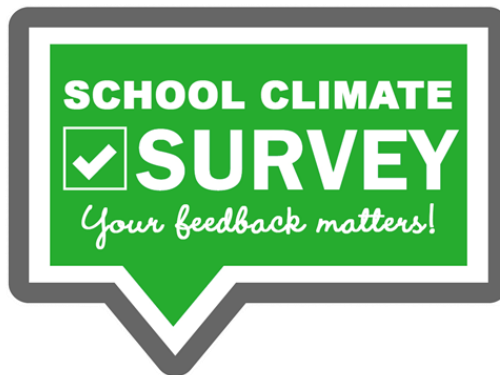




Climate Survey

The Nebraska School Boards Association will be conducting several perceptual data surveys to help provide feedback on our school culture and climate. The certificated staff and classified staff have completed their surveys and we will next focus on students and parents. In January, we will send a link through Blackboard Connect which will direct you to the survey. Please take the time to complete the survey which should take about 20 minutes. The results are anonymous. If you are unable to access a computer, feel free to contact the school and we can arrange for a time for you to come in and use one of our devices. Students will take the survey in January and parents have the option of viewing the survey prior to your child taking the survey, or may decline in their participation. The results will be shared on our website when completed.

David Kraus,
Superintendent



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Happy Retirement!

to Michelle Schiffern



After 9 years of keeping students and staff of FPS safe and healthy, Michelle Schiffern retired at the end of the first semester. We wish her the very best in retirement as she spends more time with her family but we will miss her!!

Thanks for ALL you've done at FPS,
Mrs. Schiffern!!!



Congrats to the following EMF Bobcat Football players for selection on the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star All State Teams



Edwen Baptista
OWH 1st Team Offense—Athlete
LJS 1st Team Running Back



Slater Wells
1st Team Defense—Defensive line
LJS Honorable Mention Team



Johnny Babula
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



Colton Bossaller
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



Mitchell Manning
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



Spencer Pribyl
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



Trevor Zelenka
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



Max Zeleny
OWH & LJS Honorable
Mention Team



January



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: http://www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend</p>		 1	NO SCHOOL 2	NO SCHOOL 3	NO SCHOOL 4	GB BB vs Freeman 2:30/4/6 WR @ Franklin 10:00 5
6	NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Inservice</i> JH GB @ Meridian 2:00 JH BB @ Meridian 3:00 7	SCHOOL RESUMES GB BB vs. Dorchester 5/6/7:30 8	Full Day 9	GB BB vs. Osceola 4:30/5:15/6/7:30 10	11	JH BB Quad @ Dorchester 9:00 WR @ Cross County 10:00 12
13	Pioneer Conf. Honor Band @ Southern JH BB vs Shelby-Rising City 4:00 BOE 6:30 Media Center 14	GB BB @ Thayer Central 4:30/6/7:30 15	FFA District LDE—York <i>FCA Lunch Meeting in Mr. Hitchcock's room</i> 2:00 Out 16	JH BB @ Sutton 4:00 17	18	WR @ Madison 11:30 GB BB @ Johnson-Brock 4/5/6:15/8 JH BB vs Tri-County 9:00 19
20	JH BB @ Wilber-Clatonia 21	22	2:00 Out 23	JH BB vs Exeter-Milligan 3:00 GB BB @ Heartland 4:30/6:15/8 24	25	College & Career Day for Juniors at Exeter Speech @ Osceola JH BB vs. Dorchester 9:00 WR @ Raymond Central 9:00 26
27	GB BB @ Pioneer Conf. Tournament "A" Site—Lewiston "B" Site—Pawnee City/HTRS 28	GB BB @ Pioneer Conf. Tournament 29	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting in Mr. Hitchcock's room</i> 2:00 Out 30	GB BB @ Pioneer Conf. Tournament JH BB @ McCool 2:00 30		



Stutzman's Side Notes

"You Learn Something New Every Day"



Our theme for the month of December was helping others and celebrating a successful semester! We began December by listening to an Organ donation speaker. Many people's lives (in Friend alone) have been affected by organ donation, and it was important to educate the students on what organ donation is. Erika Arp organized the speaker for our students, thank you Erika, it was an educational opportunity. The students also collected items to donate to kids waiting for a transplant or recovering from an organ transplant. 35 boxes of donations were collected, sorted, and delivered to an Omaha hospital. Thank you to all families that donated to our cause. You have really shown your child what it means to give during this wonderful holiday season. (Pictures will appear in next months newsletter).

On to celebrating success! Our Pawsitive Referral Wall continues to expand! The students get a Pawsitive Referral from any staff member and come to my office, and we get to celebrate the positive things the student has done well! Then the student puts up a paw print on the wall, takes home the referral to show off to their families, and walk away with a pride and passion for being their best! I cannot wait to see how our wall continues to grow throughout the year! Keep it up boys and girls!

Devin Rethman, our music teacher, and the students put on two amazing programs. The amount of time it takes to make a program run smoothly is underestimated! Great job! Thank you to the people to came out to support our students. We also took the time to celebrate in our classrooms with our Christmas Parties, and as a whole school with a fun movie and snack celebration (in our PJ's). We believe it is important to work hard, but also important to have fun, relax, and celebrate our hard work. Thank you for your support in making sure your child is successful.

What a fantastic first semester! I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season/break with your families, and we will see you in 2019!!



Go Bulldogs!!

Liz Stutzman- Principal

School Website: www.friendbulldogs.org

Twitter Account: @FriendSchools

Activities Reminder

Please remember students are expected to sit with their parents during activities.



Important Dates to Mark Down this Month

January 8th: Second semester begins!

January 9th: Full Wednesday



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, April 2, 2019.

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 both state reporting and college entrance requirements. In order to help students perform their very best, they will be participating in the John Baylor OnToCollege test prep course throughout February and March. For more information on this program, you are welcome to visit the website <https://www.ontocollege.com/>.

Tips for All Parents Click on the link below and take a look at an article from SmartSocial.com to help

you and your child navigate responsible use of social media.

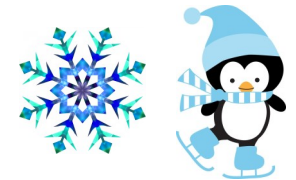
Most parents would agree that there is a lot to learn, and it seems like we are always one step behind the latest trend in apps or gaming. This article offers excellent tips to start the kinds of conversations we must have with our children about digital citizenship.

<https://smartsocial.com/using-social-media-responsibly/>





January Menu





Monday







Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

 <p>Breakfast serving begins at 7:50. Students should NOT be arriving at school prior to 7:50 as there is no supervision in the cafeteria until breakfast serving begins.</p>	<p>Breakfast.....\$1.75 Grades K-6 lunch.....\$2.70 Grades 7-12 lunch.....\$2.95 Extra lunch entrée.....\$1.00 Milk (extra or snack time) \$.35 Adult Breakfast.....\$2.00 Adult Lunch.....\$3.65 <i>A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.</i></p>	 = Meat used from Purple Ribbon Meat Program
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<p>NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Bacon Breakfast Toast</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	 <p>Egg Taco</p> <p>Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	 <p>Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Hamburger/ Bun Baked Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Blueberry Muffins</p> <p>Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>
<p>Donuts</p> <p>Chicken Sticks Seasoned French Fries Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>French Toast</p> <p>Cheese Flatbread Green Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>Egg Omelet</p> <p>Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	 <p>Breakfast Bites</p> <p>Sloppy Joes French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>Cherry Strudel</p> <p>Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>Sausage-Egg-Cheese Sliders</p> <p>Chicken Quesadilla Sante Fe Koos Koos</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	 <p>Cinnamon Rolls</p> <p>Soft Shell Taco Toppings Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy *2nd Grade Lunch*</p> <p>Chicken Strips French Fries Frosted Chocolate Cake Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>
<p>Donuts</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Mini Bagels Corn</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>Pancakes</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	 <p>Sausage Breakfast Rounds</p> <p>Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	 <p>Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Hamburger/ Bun Sweet Potato Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	

Nebraska Summer Food Service Program

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program. The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. Visit <http://www.fns.gov/summerfoodrocks> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html>

You can also get updates on Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

****Friend school is not eligible but you are able to check to see if nearby communities are.****



Elementary Christmas Program



2018 Cassidy Doll Project



Cassidy's project is in memory of a little girl who loved dolls and passed away at a very young age. Her parents donated her organs to several children needing transplants. The donor's grandson received her liver. This donor wanted to have Cassidy's memory live on forever. So the donor makes clothes and buys dolls for several girls across the state of Nebraska each year. This is her way of giving back for a generous and selfless act.



Those receiving dolls were (left to right): Baidyn Snyder, Adilyn Meints, Carlee Bresson, Harmony Foley, Serenity Nichelson, Bristol Sladek, Karla Hernandez-Rodriguez, Faye Foree, Sailor Lloyd



Corbin Stutzman, Owen Shonerd,
Matthew Chillin-McMorris, Harmony Foley,
Faye Foree

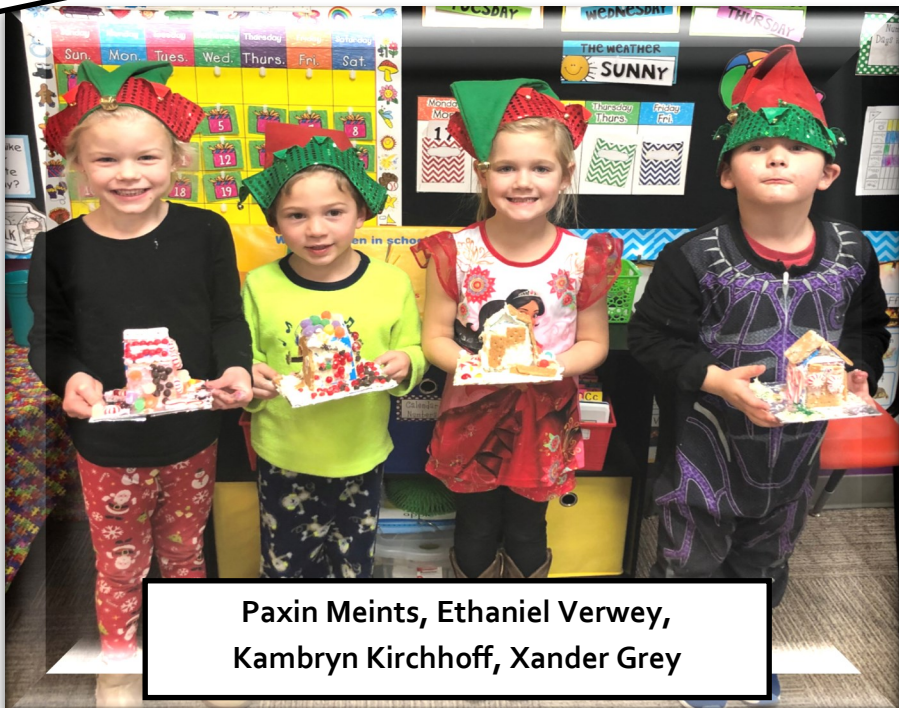


Camdyn Kenney, Serenity Nicholson, Anna
Jensen, Jonah Hein, Peyton Zirkel



Corban Scott-Fennell, Brock Bruntz,
Kaden Haney, Charlee Stutzman

Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses



Paxin Meints, Ethaniel Verwey,
Kambryn Kirchhoff, Xander Grey

FCCLA Members Involved With Random Act of Kindness Bags

With the help of the Cricut Machine purchased last year through a grant of the Friend School Foundation, FCCLA members were able to decorate the bags used for the recent Random Act of Kindness Project completed with the Bulldog Buddies. The iron-on dinosaur design was added to canvas bags purchased by the Friend P.E.O. Chapter. The FCCLA members enjoyed being part of our school's community service project

The Random Act of Kindness Bags were created through a project organized by Erica Arp. The bags will be for children who are waiting to have an organ transplant and/or those who have received an organ transplant.

Alysa Rumery, Layla

Al-Bumohamed, Bridgette Baugh



Hannah Manalili,
Jeri Reed,
Megan Rumery

Bulldogs of the Month



Staff
Jim Pfeiffer
Activity Director/
Science



Student
Zoe Foster
Sophomore



December Bulldog Buddies Groups



Each group was given a box of items to assemble for the care packages being delivered to children waiting for or who have had organ transplants. We collected enough items for 34 bags plus extra items!! Way to go Bulldogs! They were delivered on Friday, Dec. 21. Check out those photos on page 12.

What a fun way to spread kindness!!



Photos courtesy of Hope Moural from the Friend Sentinel.



Delivery of Organ Transplant Care Packages

A total of 45 bags!!
 Thanks to all who
 contributed!! The staff,
 patients and their
 families were amazed at
 the generosity of
 our school!
 Way to go
 Bulldog family!



Transplant patients receiving care packages from Erika Arp with items collected by FPS students.



Friend High students Josie, Sarah, Kate, William and Bridgette meeting 5 year old Mason who received a care package and is waiting for a heart transplant.

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce the student recipients of the Fall 2018-19 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards. Since 2006 this NSAA Award Program has recognized students who meet the criteria for nomination by their school in the season of their activity. Each year the NSAA and the NCPA recognize students during Fall, Winter and Spring Seasons who are nominated by their schools for their individual academic excellence, leadership and significant contributions in their NSAA activity.



Kate Houlden



Volleyball



Megan Rumery



Mikayla Hausman



**One Act
Play
Production**



Danielle Klenke

NSAA honors Friend Football team of 1933

Friend High School was recognized as a by the NSAA during a ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Superintendent David Kraus received the award in recognition of the undefeated 1933 football team that went undefeated. There were only 11 members on the team and they played 11-man football and 6 games.

Pictured are left to right: Ann Philson, whose father was a member on the team, David Kraus, Superintendent, and NSAA board member Randy Kordes.



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