

the **Bulldog** Newsletter

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**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VETERANS!!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY.**

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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For the most up to date information please go to http://www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend</p> 					GB BB vs Sutton 4:30/6:00/7:30	JH GB @ Shelby 9:00 WR - Bob Arehart Inv. (Friend) 9:00
3	JH GB @ Exeter-Milligan 3:00 JH WR @ Tri-County 6:00 Elementary Christmas Program 7:00	GB BB @ Sterling 4/5/6:15/8	2:00 Release 6	JH GB vs Tri-County 4:00	WR @ Wood River 10:00 GB BB @ Falls City Sacred Heart (Varsity only) 6:00/7:30	GB BB vs Sandy Creek 1:00/2:30/4:15 Booster Club Soup Supper
10	7-12 Christmas Program 7:30 BOE - Media Center 6:30	GB BB vs Exeter-Milligan 4:30/6:00/7:30 Booster Raffle	FCA Lunch Meeting in Mr. Hitchcock's room 2:00 Release 13	JH GB vs Centennial 5:30	GB BB vs Lawrence-Nelson 4:30/6:00/7:30	WR @ Wahoo 9:00
17	JH GB @ Cross County 4:00	GB BB @ Southern 4/5/6:15/8:00	2:00 Release 20	End of 1st Semester 12:30 Release	NO SCHOOL	WR @ Wahoo 9:00
24	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL
31	NSAA Moratorium Dec. 23-27 Building Closed			Christmas Break NO SCHOOL GB BB Holiday Tournament @ Shelby-Rising City Girls at 2:00 vs. Arcadia-Loup City Boys @ 3:45 vs. Arcadia-Loup City	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL GB BB Holiday Tournament @ Shelby-Rising City TBD	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL
31	25	26	27	28	29	30

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MR. KRAUS

Although the weather has been very good to us this fall, we know changes are around the corner. Cold winter winds mixed with snowy conditions can make it very difficult and dangerous for students and transportation. As superintendent of the school, it is my duty to determine if school should be cancelled or have a delayed start.

With our Blackboard Connect communication program, you will receive a voice mail, email and text informing you of cancellation or delays. Please make sure your contact information is updated and current with the schools Powerschool information system to ensure you receive these messages. I will also contact local radio and TV stations with this information, but Blackboard will be your first and quickest means of receiving this information.

In an attempt to facilitate the planning process, I am offering the following information:

- When there is a credible potential of severe winter weather, I will attempt to make a determination by 6:00 AM if we are going to cancel school or simply have a delayed start to the school day.
- If your kids ride the bus, and we have a one or two hour delay to the start of the school day, simply add the one or two hours to their usual pick-up time—this should provide parents with a reasonable estimate as to when to expect the bus to arrive.
- Please have a plan in place for your children. Winter weather can surprise us and quick decisions need to be made. Having a family plan in place now will help you if transitions are necessary if school is cancelled.

Stay warm and be safe!

David Kraus

Superintendent



BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH

November 2017

Students



Taylor Weber
7th Grade



Jack Baptista
7th Grade

Faculty

Mrs. Clouse
Business Manager





2017 College Fair
See more pictures
on the website



2017 ALL-STATE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Chase Paulsen & Reagan Bartley, 5th graders at Friend Elementary were selected by Ms. Devin Rethman to participate in this year's All-State Children's Choir that performed at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus on Thursday, Nov. 16.





from Mrs. Dickinson

Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,

I want to congratulate ALL Friend Elementary Students for a job well done on their 1st quarter report cards. I believe all students are working hard and making progress. These reports are designed to show growth but also to inform students and parents on areas that need improvement. As we are now in 2nd quarter, students know the expectations and what is needed to progress in all subjects. **WE WANT EVERYONE TO SUCCEED!!** Parents and students, please remember that **HOMEWORK is an important part of the learning process.** It is designed to help reinforce specific skills taught in the classroom. Learning does NOT stop at 3:36 but is continual. Taking a break from learning is essential but finishing their work from their day is important too. If homework is assigned by the classroom teacher, the expectation is that it is completed and returned the next day. If students do not complete their homework, parents will be notified by the classroom teacher and the 3rd-6th grade student will be referred to our Homework Club which runs M-Th afternoons. Let us all work together as a TEAM to help students be successful. Individual students who take responsibility and ownership for their learning seem to excel at a higher rate within the classroom setting. If you have homework questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Veteran's Day was celebrated on Friday, November 10th. Students wore red, white or blue in honor of our heroes. All Friend students attended the program on Friday morning November 10th at 11:00 in the old gym. Throughout the next 2 weeks, elementary classrooms are discussing this important topic. Children drew posters and wrote essays about Patriotism.

I wish to thank Mrs. Amy Wiese, Mrs. Liz Stutzman and our elementary student council for all of their work on Red Ribbon Week. It was a BIG SUCCESS and a lot of GREAT LEARNING TOOK PLACE!!

The elementary students collected cans of food and hygiene products from November 6th-November 18th. Over 500 food items were donated and went to our local food pantry. This was an elementary service project. Let us all work together to help our local families in need. It makes you feel good when you help others!! **IT IS THE BULLDOG WAY!!**



Mrs. Gautreaux's Lasagna — Shirley Gautreaux

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 jar of Prego (flavored with meat) spaghetti sauce
- 2 eggs
- 1 24 oz. carton low fat cottage cheese
- 1 to 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp parsley flakes
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 package of lasagna noodles
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

My Favorite Recipe <u>Lasagna</u>	
From the Kitchen of <u>Shirley Gautreaux</u>	Number of Servings <u>12</u>
Ingredients	Instructions
<u>9 lasagna noodles</u>	<u>Cook lasagna noodles</u>
<u>1 jar Prego</u>	<u>and drain them.</u>
<u>(Use meat</u>	<u>Brown hamburger</u>
<u>flavored)</u>	<u>and add pasta sauce.</u>
<u>2 eggs</u>	<u>Combine 2 eggs</u>
<u>1/4 c. Parmesan</u>	<u>salt pepper parsley</u>
<u>1 large cont. cheese</u>	<u>and cottage cheese.</u>
<u>cottage cheese</u>	<u>Layer 3 noodles</u>
<u>1 lb. hamburger</u>	<u>on bottom of 9x13</u>
<u>1 t. salt</u>	<u>pan. Drop 3 spoon</u>
<u>pepper</u>	
<u>3 cups mozzarella</u>	<u>1 T. parsley flakes</u>

Bring 4 quarts of water to a boil, and then add 9 lasagna noodles and boil for about 5 to 10 minutes. This will sometimes boil over, so watch carefully. Brown the ground beef slowly and spoon off excess fat. Combine the ground beef and the jar of spaghetti sauce. Set aside and begin to combine the eggs, salt, pepper and parsley flakes. Mix this and then add the parmesan cheese. Finally add in the cottage cheese. Use a 9 x 13" pan.

Layer three of the noodles on the bottom of the pan. Layer tablespoons full of the cottage cheese mixture on the noodles. I usually just drop three large tablespoonfuls on each of the noodles. Next, spread 1 c. mozzarella cheese evenly over this layer. Next, layer the meat sauce mixture the same way as the cottage cheese mixture. Layer more noodles and repeat. Finally, add the last layer of noodles and end with the meat sauce.

This can be frozen, refrigerated or baked immediately. If the lasagna is frozen, thaw completely before baking.

If the lasagna has been refrigerated, bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Be sure that the lasagna bubbles in between the strips of the noodles before removing from the oven. Then let the lasagna stand for ten minutes before serving. This time allows the cheese to set up and makes it much easier to serve.

If the lasagna has not been refrigerated, the baking time usually will be around 35 minutes.



December Lunch Menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>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.</p>		<p>Hot Lunch Information Lunch prices for the 2017-18 school year are: Grades K-6 lunches \$2.60 Grades 7-12 lunches \$2.85 Milk (extra or snack time) \$.35 Extra entrée at lunch \$1.00 Breakfast \$1.70 Adult Lunches \$3.45</p>		<p>Biscuits & Gravy Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Jello Broccoli</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	
<p>Breakfast Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p> Egg Taco Taco Salad Toppings Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Gold Fish Crackers</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Breakfast Burrito Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	
<p>Donuts BBQ Pork/Bun Seasoned French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p> Pancakes Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>Blueberry Muffins Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Sausage-Egg Patty <i>Holiday Meal</i> Sliced Ham Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Hot Roll Cream Cheese Dessert</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Cherry Strudel Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	
<p> Breakfast Pizza Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p> Egg Omelet Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Sausage-Egg Sliders Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Lunch to Elementary Only Chicken Strips French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:30 dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	
<p>Christmas Day</p> <p></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL</p>				29

2017 Pioneer All-Conference Volleyball



Raeleigh Menke
Senior
First team



Claire Kubicek
Senior
Second team



Bridgette Baugh
Junior
Third team



Madison Zumpfe
Senior
Honorable Mention

2017 Pioneer All-Conference Football



Darren Segner
Senior
First Team Offense
Lineman
First Team Defense
Lineman



Edwen Baptista
Junior
First Team Offense
Skill Position



Kolby Houlden
Senior
First Team Defense
Return Specialist
Second Team Defense
Skill Position
Honorable Mention
Defense
Linebacker/DB



Jared Lawver
Senior
Second Team Defense
Linebacker/DB



Logan Pfeiffer
Senior
Honorable Mention
Offense
Skill Position

D2-2 ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

First Team

Jared Lawver - Senior - Linebacker
Kolby Houlden - Senior - Linebacker
Darren Segner - Senior - Defensive En
Edwen Baptista - Junior - Running Back
Kyle Dickinson - Senior - Quarterback
Logan Pfeiffer - Senior - End



Second Team

Darren Segner - Senior - Offensive Line
Kolby Houlden - Senior - Running Back
Ray Sharkey - Senior - Center
Slater Wells - Junior - Defensive End
Jacob Bottom - Sophomore - Noseguard
Edwen Baptista - Junior - Linebacker



Mr. Dempsey's Two Cents.....

It's hard to believe that when you read this newsletter we will have less than 3 weeks left in the 1st Semester. The One Act crew will already have competed at Districts; the Varsity Basketball teams will have played a game already; and the Wrestling team will compete the next day at the Bob Arehart Memorial Invitational. Where does the time go? Please make sure to keep the following dates in mind:

December 4th Elementary Concert @ 7:00 PM

December 11th High School Concert @ 7:30 PM

December 21st Last Day of 1st Semester 12:30 Dismissal

December 28-29 Holiday Basketball Tournament @ Shelby-Rising City

On a side note, I want to thank everyone - staff, students, and community members who helped get the school ready for many events this past month but especially for the celebration of Mrs. G.'s life. I am truly amazed by the number of lives one person can impact in a positive way. I am so thankful that I had the chance of not only working with her but getting to know her as a person. Thanks for everything Mrs. G. we will all miss you but never forget you.

ELEMENTARY PAJAMA DRIVE



Pre-School, Kindergarten, and First Grade kicked off their Pajama Drive with Pajama Day on Monday, November 20th! Students are asked to bring a set of pajamas for a child in need. These sets will then be given to Scholastic Book Company who will then attach a new book to give to a child.

We have talked about the importance of giving to others during the Holiday Season. The Pajama Drive is November 20-December 15.

If you would like to donate a set of pajamas for a child, you may drop them off at the school office!

Holiday Music Concerts

Elementary

**Monday, Dec. 4
7:00 p.m.**



7-12

**Monday, Dec. 11
7:30 p.m.**

Labels, Labels and More Labels

The Friend FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Chapter would like to thank parents and community members for saving labels this past year. Last year the chapter was able to redeem over \$400 worth of Box Tops for Education which was used to purchase the books for the One School, One Book Project for the Friend Elementary students. As part of this project, over 80 elementary families received this great chapter book for all to enjoy. With your help, we hope to purchase another book for this project in the future. Other funds from this collection were used for additional community service activities.

Any labels can be dropped off at school or given to Margo Houlden, FCCLA Advisor. Collection can is also available at Johnson's Pharmacy.



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