

the Bulldog Newsletter



January 2018

The New Experience of Turducken





CULINARY ARTS CLASS:

Front Row: (left to right) Anna Anderson, Logan Pfeiffer, Kyle Dickinson, Kolby Houlden

Back Row: Raeleigh Menke, Angela Huang, Blair Miller Hannah Manalili, Brittney Newsome, Josie Hulse

Recently, ten members of the Friend Culinary Class and their instructor, Margo Houlden, attended a noon luncheon sponsored by the SCC Foodservice and Hospitality Program. The students were greeted with festive tables featuring napkins folded into a holiday tree shapes. The formal table setting was much fancier than students were accustomed to but they enjoyed the new experience. The meal started with hot spicy apple cider followed with a bread bowl filled with delicious broccoli cheese soup. The main attraction of the meal was turducken which is turkey filled with a chicken filled duck. Accompanying the meal dish were balsamic roasted brussel sprouts, brown sugar baked sweet potatoes, pan gravy and cranberry relish. The wonderful meal ended with creme brulee garnished with a baked gingerbread man, whipped cream and sugared cranberry. The experience was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance.

January 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |  NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Workday</i> GB BB vs Tri-County 4:30/6/7:30 | NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Inservice</i> | School Resumes Students Report | | JH BB Quad @ Dorchester 9:00 WR @ Franklin 10:00 GB BB @ Freeman 2:30/4:00/6:00 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | JH GB BB @ Meridian 2/3:30 BOE - 6:30 Media Center | GB BB @ Dorchester 4/5/6:15/8 | 2:00 Dismissal | GB BB @ Osceola 4:30/6/8 | NHS Parent Meeting 6:30 Family Game Night (Elementary) 6-8 pm | JH BB vs Dorchester 9:00 WR @ Cross County 10:00 Speech - TBD |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | Pioneer Conf. Honor Band @ Lewiston JH BB @ Shelby-Rising City 4:00 | GB BB vs Thayer Central 4:30/6:15/7:30 | FFA - District 5 LSE at York (Holthus Convention Center) 2:00 Dismissal | JH BB vs Sutton 4:00 GB vs Hastings St. Cecilia 5:30/7 | WR @ Madison Inv. 11:30 GB BB vs Johnson-Brock 4:30/6/7:30 | JH BB @ Tri-County 9:00 WR @ Louisville Inv. 9:30 Speech - TBD |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | JH BB vs Wilber-Clatonia 6:00 | | 2:00 Dismissal | JH BB @ Exeter-Milligan 3:00 GB BB vs Heartland 4:30/6/7:30 | NHS Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30-2:30 NHS Sadie Hawkins Dance 9-11 pm | WR @ Raymond Central Inv. 9:00 Speech - TBD |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <div style="border: 2px dashed yellow; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> <p>For the most current and up to date information regarding times and locations please check the Pioneer Conference calendar which can be accessed through friendbulldogs.org</p> </div> | | |

Friend Home Events & Activities

When JH/HS students attend a school event it is expected that they sit watch either the sporting event or program. If students are not going to watch the event then they should not attend. If a student is not doing this from this point forward they will be asked to leave by a staff member. We appreciate everyone attending all school events and want everyone to enjoy the event and cheer on Friend. Thank you for your support in this area.

----Mr. Kraus, Mr. Dempsey, Mrs. Dickinson

All State Volleyball



Raeleigh Menke
Senior

Lincoln Journal Star
Honorable Mention

Omaha World Herald
Second Team



Claire Kubicek
Senior

Omaha World Herald
Honorable Mention



All State Football



Edwen Baptista - Junior



Darren Segner - Senior



Logan Pfeiffer - Senior

Class D2 Honorable Mention in the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World Herald



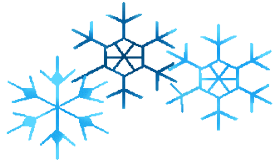
Kolby Houlden - Senior

Class D2 Honorable Mention
Omaha World Herald



Jared Lawver - Senior

Class D2 Honorable Mention
Lincoln Journal Star



from Mrs. Dickinson Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,

Happy 2018!!!! I want to take a moment to welcome everyone back to second semester. I am always pleased to see the excitement on students' faces after they return from the holiday break. Everyone seemed glad to return to school and move forward in their learning journey. There is a lot to learn between January and May. As I visit individual classrooms and monitor academic progress, I am always encouraged to see growth occurring among all students since last August. As our school year continues, learning expectations increase. Making students accountable for their academics and behavior, gives them ownership and responsibility in the learning process. A new calendar year provides an opportunity for students to discuss and select goals that are pertinent and valuable to them.

In the months ahead, our elementary students will continue working on the Nebraska Department of Education State Standards. These are the guidelines that we follow in each subject matter, for each grade level, to ensure that optimal learning is achieved. As the students progress through the standards, they will also begin preparing for the upcoming end of the year tests. These tests will include our March MAPS test, April NSCAS testing (this will take the place of the current NeSA) as our new state test and in the first week in May we will have our DIBELS testing in each grade level. Our elementary district's testing average for 2017 was above the state's testing average in all of our core subjects. We also had two perfect NeSA math scores. Let us all continue to work hard and excel. Our Friend Elementary students and staff always do their very best.

On Friday evening January 12th we will be having a Friend Family Game Night from 6-8 p.m. in the old gym. I have been planning this event for our Friend students and their families for the past year. Our school calendar is free of any sport/music activities, so this is a perfect opportunity to come out for a few hours to enjoy some wholesome fun. Families will have an opportunity to play some games together, converse and enjoy some concessions. Admission to the event is free. There will be a minimal charge for concessions. The fun games being played on the evening of the 12th, will be on sale too. Some of the proceeds from the game sales will come back to our school to support our students. Please plan on joining in on the fun. I promise you will have a wonderful time!!!

On Monday January 22nd from 6:30-7, in our school library, will be an informational Girl Scout meeting for any K-6th grade girls and their parents interested in the organization. The county representative will be in attendance. She will have a brief presentation on why Girl Scouting is important and a great organization to be a member. Please plan on attending.

The year 2018 promises to be filled with success and lasting memories at Friend Public School!!!!

Some important upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:

January 4th-School Resumes 8:10 a.m.-Beginning of 3rd quarter/2nd semester

January 12th— Family Game Night 6-8 p.m. old gym.

January 22nd- K-6 Girl Scout Meeting 6:30-7:00 in the school library.

BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH

December 2017












Staff
Lori Martin
Kindergarten
Para-Professional



Student
Blair Miller
Junior



January Lunch Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|--|---|
|  1 | NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday 2 | NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice 3 | School Resumes Bacon Breakfast Toast Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 4 | Biscuits & Gravy Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 5 |
| Breakfast Pizza Pepperoni Calzones Marinara Sauce <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 8 |  Scrambled Eggs Soft Shell Taco Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 9 | Cinnamon Rolls Mini Corn Dogs Seasoned French Fries <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 Dismissal 10 |  Breakfast Burrito Spaghetti Breadstick Twists <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 11 | Breakfast Bites Stromboli Marinara Sauce <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 12 |
| Donuts Chicken Fajita Chicken Koos Koos <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 15 |  Sausage Breakfast Rounds Hamburger/Bun Tator Tots <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 16 |  Blueberry Muffins Chili Cinnamon Roll Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 Dismissal 17 |  Pancakes Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 18 | Biscuits & Gravy Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 19 |
| Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 22 |  Sausage & Egg Patty Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 23 | Cinnamon Rolls K-6 Chicken Strips 7-12 Spicy Chicken Strips French Fries <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 Dismissal 24 |  Scrambled Eggs Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 25 | Cherry Strudel Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 26 |
| Donuts Mini Cheese Pizza <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 29 |  Pancakes Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Seasoned Potato Wedges <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 30 | Sausage-Egg Slider Chicken Quesadilla Santa Fe Koos Koos <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 Dismissal 31 | <p><i>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.</i></p> | |

Doll Tea



Photo Courtesy - David Brinkmeyer, Friend Sentinel

Front Row (left to right): Maddison Allen, Zaylie Schweitzer, Hannah Shonerd, Rylee Rohren, McKinley Bartels

Back Row: Tori Bresson, Meredith Paulsen, Miley Ricenbaw, Reese Tuttle, Madelyn Kenney



4 generations of the Johansen family



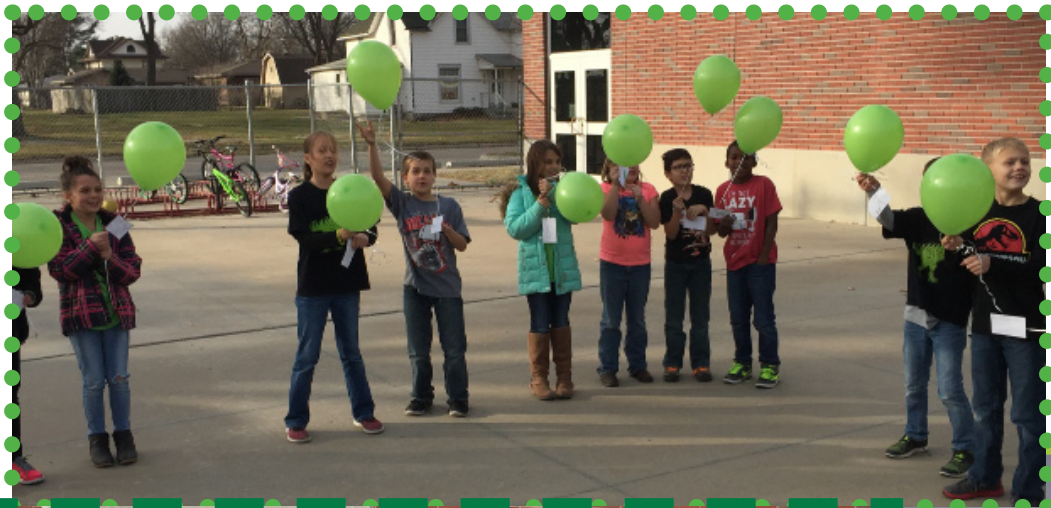
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: Cassidy's project is in memory of a little girl who loved dolls and passed
: away at a very young age. Her parents donated her organs to several
: children needing transplants. The donor's grandson received her liver.
: This donor wanted to have 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.
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Beckett Arp Birthday Balloon Release



MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to engaging all students, staff and community to ensure a diverse education through a culture of life-long learning.

ACCREDITATION

Friend Public School is accredited by the State of Nebraska and the North Central Association. As part of the accreditation process, Friend Public School utilizes the Advanc-Ed process which is a rigorous, on-site external review to ensure all learners realize their full potential.

OUR DISTRICT

Friend Public Schools is a state accredited Class 3 district located in the community of Friend on Highway 6 in the northwest corner of Saline County. The majority of the economic base for the 99 square mile school district is agricultural or ag - related. Adding to the \$460 million district valuation are locally owned industries and businesses.

The five year average (2012 - 2017) PreK - 12 enrollment is 271 students. There were twenty eight certificated teachers (26.93 FTE) on staff, and three administrators in 2016-17. Certificated staff to student ratio, based on the five-year average, is one certificated staff for every 10 students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Segner.....President
Scott Spohn.....Vice President
Nancy Vossler.....Treasurer
Nate Klenke.....Scott Vyhnalek.....Jamie Tuttle

ADMINISTRATION

David Kraus.....Superintendent
Ben Dempsey.....Secondary Principal
Alyson DickinsonGuidance /Elementary Principal
Jim Pfeiffer.....Activities Director

CERTIFICATED STAFF

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Brian Arp | Diane Kremer |
| Mikayla Baumert | Paul Martin |
| Tressa Becker | Mary Niemeier |
| Abigail Brandt | Amanda Paredes |
| Sue Eigsti | Cheryl Perkin |
| Leo Fogel | Jim Pfeiffer |
| Lacey Franzen | Devin Rethman |
| Eric Hauge | Julie Ricanbaw |
| Jay Hitchcock | Stephanie Svehla |
| Margo Houlden | Lori Vyhnalek |
| Sadie Jons | Amanda Clouse |
| Megan Kennedy | Amy Wiese |
| Kelly Kraus | Jake Wiese |
| Scott Kraus | Deb Sizer |
| Clayton Moore | |
| Kristen Schrad | |

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2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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FRIEND DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment: 2016-2017

| Grade | Total |
|-----------|-------|
| PreSchool | 29 |
| K-6 | 122 |
| 7-8 | 29 |
| 9-12 | 82 |
| Total | 262 |

Attendance 2016-17

96.75% of the K-12 students were in school every day when comparing membership figures with attendance.

Student Characteristics

- 27% of our students are eligible for Free & Reduced Price
- 23% of our students receive Special Education services.
- 0% of our students are ELL (English Language Learners)

Option Enrollment

Option enrollment is allowable by Nebraska State Law and school districts report these numbers. For the 2016-2017 school year, Friend has 14 option out students and 17 option in students for a net gain of 3 students as of 10/01/2016.

Transportation

Friend School District covers 99 square miles with land in Saline, Seward, and Fillmore counties. There were three bus routes that served our students.

FRIEND TESTING

NeSAI/ACT Scores

Percent Proficient: Meets/Exceeds Combined Combined Results for All Grades Tested

| | Reading | Math | Sci. | Writing |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|---------|
| 13-14 | 77% | 77% | 83% | --* |
| 14-15 | 70% | 70% | 73% | 82% |
| 15-16 | 83% | 77% | 82% | 78% |
| 16-17 | ELA 51% | 78% | 65% | NA |
| 16-17 ACT | ELA 75% | 71% | 75% | NA |
| 16-17 ACT Avg. Score | 19.3 | 19.9 | 20.6 | NA |

Achievement Test Results

Friend Public School administers the NWEA MAPS Achievement Tests to grades 3-10 two times a year. The results of the 2016-17 spring testing for grades 3-10 are listed below.

Test results are listed in the form of Percentile Rank. Thus a score coinciding with the 40th percentile is regarded as equaling or surpassing 40 percent of the persons in the group nationally. It also means that 60 percent of the performances exceed this score. "Percentile" has nothing to do with the percent of correct answers an examinee makes on a test.

| GRADE: | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Students Tested | 15 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 13 |
| Reading | 58 | 66 | 57 | 51 | 55 |
| Language Usage | 54 | 62 | 52 | 49 | 53 |
| Math | 58 | 71 | 60 | 60 | 56 |
| Science | 46 | 66 | 57 | 51 | 59 |
| GRADE: | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
| Students Tested | 17 | 17 | 17 | | |
| Reading | 53 | 50 | 56 | | |
| Language Usage | 48 | 54 | 53 | | |
| Math | 55 | 44 | 51 | | |
| Science | 54 | 53 | 60 | | |

**FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL
FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

2016-17 VALUATIONS

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Saline County | \$392,336,765 |
| Seward County | \$65,090,420 |
| Fillmore County | \$2,772,757 |
| Total | \$460,119,942 |

The valuation of the district increased \$15,503,149 or 3.48% over the 15-16 valuation.

**TAX RATES TO FUND THE
2016-17 BUDGET**

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$0.803073 |
| Bond Fund | \$0.095897 |
| <u>Special Building Fund</u> | <u>\$0.027317</u> |
| Total | \$0.926287 |

2016-17 EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Instruction | \$1,967,162 |
| Poverty Programs | \$32,287 |
| SPED Instruction | \$514,851 |
| Support services – Pupils | \$76,925 |
| Support services – Staff | \$106,961 |
| Board of Education | \$33,323 |
| Exec Administrative Services: | \$214,979 |
| Office of the Principal(s) | \$264,242 |
| Gen Administrative Services | \$106,865 |
| Maint & Oper of Buildings | \$369,394 |
| Reg. Pupil Transportation | \$169,803 |
| SPED Pupil Transportation | \$1,684 |
| State Categorical Programs | 710 |
| Federal Programs | \$126,691 |
| Debit Services | \$0 |
| Summer School | 0.00 |
| Transfers | \$54,500 |
| Total Expenditures | \$4,274,923 |

ELEMENTARY FAMILY GAME NIGHT

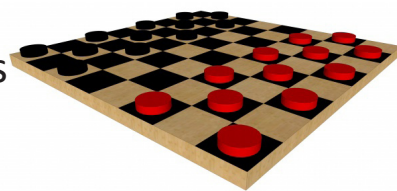
What: Family Game Night

Who: Friend Elementary Students and their families

When: Friday evening January 12, 2018 6-8 p.m.

Where: Old Gym

Why: Come out and enjoy your friends and family for some wholesome fun! It WILL be a good time!!



THIS EVENT IS FREE!!

Concessions : Minimal charge

Games will be on sale after the event and some proceeds from the sales will benefit Friend students

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Dickinson at the school.

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