

the Bulldog Newsletter

November 2017



HOMECOMING 2017



~~~~Homecoming Court 2017~~~~



Raeleigh Menke escorted by Kolby Houlden  
Queen Claire Kubicek escorted by King Logan Pfeiffer  
Holly Manalili escorted by Kyle Dickinson

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MR. KRAUS

### Friend Football Coop

As the football season is coming to an end, the plans for next year are already underway. Schools across the state are seeing a decline in football participation and is becoming an epidemic nationally. Friend Public School is seeing the same trend with participation numbers decreasing which has stirred up conversations on what direction we want to take. Should we stay 8 man? Should we drop to 6 man? Or should we co-op with a neighboring district? The decision was made at the last regular board of education meeting to co-op with Exeter-Milligan in a two-year plan playing 8-man football. After two years, an evaluation of the program will take place to determine future years. Both community boards supported the co-op unanimously and are excited for the opportunity it will provide for our students. Currently, Exeter-Milligan and Friend co-op in junior high football and are partners with the Purple Ribbon Meat program. Both programs have been very successful and a positive partnership already exists with our neighbors.

Both boards agreed to make the plan as equal and fair as possible. Many details will need to be ironed out in the future, but for now, the co-op will be in place and we will be known as EM-F. The plan will split home games between the two towns and coaches will be shared. Eventually we will need to determine team name, colors, mascot, etc. The plan will be to have student councils meet from each school and let them share their ideas with one other.

Enrollment and participation is also taking a toll on other activities in our school. Conversations will take place on additional co-oping and plans to offer our students competitive opportunities. These decisions do not need to take place immediately as coop agreements are not due to the state until the spring. We will continue to have these conversations and appreciate community feedback throughout the process.

The mission of our school district is "Committed to engaging all students, staff and community to ensure a diverse education through a culture of life-long learning". We are committed to providing opportunities to our students and are finding that ways of providing these opportunities for our students may look different than they did in the past. I know our students will be successful with these changes and that the community will support them no matter what color or name they choose.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to visit with me at any time. Thank you for supporting our school and students.

David Kraus, Superintendent



**Student**  
**Madison**  
**Zumpfe**  
Senior



## **BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH**

October 2017

**Faculty**  
**Devin**  
**Rethman**  
Music



# 2017-18 COLLEGE FAIR

----Thursday, November 16---West Gym for grades 9-12---8:30 am - 1 pm---

30 Colleges will be represented to give high school students with post-secondary education planning.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Dickinson at 402-947-2781 or email at [a.dickinson@friendschool.org](mailto:a.dickinson@friendschool.org)

## Friend Elementary Food Drive

Friend Elementary is again completing a Community Service Project by helping to stock our local Friend Food Pantry.

We are asking each student to donate a few cans of food.

The food drive will run from November 3 - November 15.

**The goal is 1,000 items!!**

We have achieved this goal in the past and we can do it again.

Please consider donating to those that are less fortunate and need our help.

Bring your items to school and we will load the van on November 15 at 1 pm.

*If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Dickinson, Elementary Principal or Mrs. Stutzman & Mrs. Wiese, Elementary Student Council sponsors*

***Here is a short list of items the food pantry is requesting and in need of this year:***

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Instant potatoes                      | Canned Yams        |
| Stuffing Mix                          | Dinner Rolls       |
| Mini marshmallows                     | Frozen Pumpkin pie |
| Cool Whip                             | Stuffing Mix       |
| Gravy packets                         | Margarine          |
| Canned Corn, peas, beans, cranberries |                    |

***Any other items for a Thanksgiving meal***



# from Mrs. Dickinson

## Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,  
Elementary MAP testing was completed September 29. All elementary students in grades 3rd-6th were tested in the areas of reading, language, math and science. The students worked so hard and I am very proud of their efforts. Results and goals were shared at Parent-Teacher conferences

Conferences were held on Tuesday October 3rd from 2-8 p.m. I hope you found them beneficial. Elementary conferences are important and I want to thank each parent for attending and helping your child to be successful in their educational journey. We need to work together as a TEAM to help our children achieve success!!

Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 9-13. Elementary students visited our local fire station on Tuesday, October 10th. They learned about specific rules when it comes to fire safety and we had an all school fire drill on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 10.

Our annual Friend Book Fair is over!!! I want to thank Mrs. Beckler and Mrs. Nickel for all their work in making it a success. I also appreciate the parents supporting this event and making reading a priority in your child's life. All money spent goes back to supporting our library. Clifford the Dog also visited K-2 classrooms Wednesday, Oct. 4. Our younger learners loved it!!!

Red Ribbon Week was October 23rd -27th. Our elementary student council had some exciting activities planned for the week.  
Thank you Mrs. Wiese and Mrs. Stutzman student council sponsors.

We are now in the season of fall. The weather is changing. The mornings and evenings are cooler. Please dress your child for the inclement weather. Flu season is also upon us. Please keep your child home if they have the flu. We do not want to spread germs and infect others.  
Please be courteous to others and remember you must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

This is policy and if it is not followed, parents will be called and students will be returned home.

Parents please discuss Bicycle Safety Rules with your child. Students need to walk on the sidewalks and not in the street to and from school. Bicycle helmets are to be worn and bicycles are to be walked on the sidewalk while on school grounds. When children are riding bicycles in the street, please stay close to the curb. Students should never ride their bikes in the middle of the road. We want all of our Bulldogs to stay safe.

***Please help us help your child to succeed!!!***



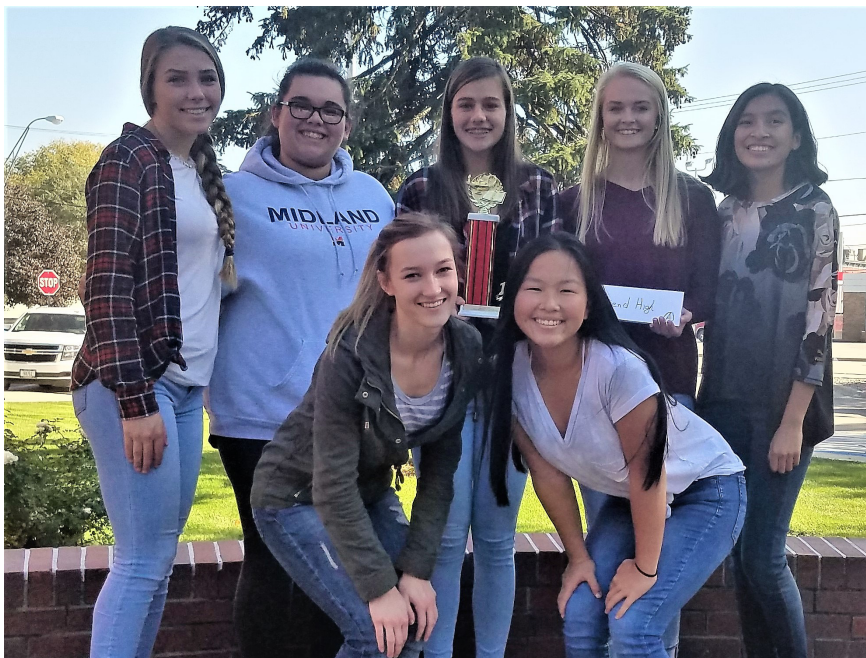
# FCCLA DLC

On October 17th, twelve members of the Friend FCCLA Chapter attended the District 2 Leadership Conference at Waverly High School. Inspired by FCCLA was the theme for the leadership event. Featured as a keynote speaker was Brian Daniells of Waverly. Mr. Daniells' message was the importance of taking on leadership as young adults. Students were also able to select breakout sessions on various topics during the day. Topics included STAR opportunities, cyber safety, Love Adelyn Project, yoga, self defense as well as others. Friend senior, Holly Manalili served as our District Representative and assisted in the planning and organization of the event.

A highlight of the conference was skyping with the Hobie High School FCCLA Chapter in Houston, Texas. As a service project the District donated \$425 to the FCCLA Chapter that was affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Hobie School had been a shelter for families displaced from their homes for two weeks after the disaster.



Shown attending the conference from left to right; Elyza Underwood, Kate Houlden, Holly Manalili, Josie Scholl. Edwen Baptista, Kyle Dickinson, Kolby Houlden, Hannah Manalili, Shileigh Oceguela, Layla Al-Bumohamed, Aubree Benner and Corrine Grimaldo. FCCLA Advisor is Margo Houlden.










The Friend Quiz Bowl squad brought two teams to Seward on October 18th to compete in the Young Women's Quiz Bowl at the Seward Civic Center. Friend's "A" team were the small-school division runners-up, beating teams from Heartland, Howells-Dodge and Thayer Central. There were 18 small school teams total.

The "A" team members were Shileigh Oceguela - Captain, Claire Kubicek, Caitlin Sharkey, and Danielle Klenke. The Young Women's Quiz Bowl is sponsored by the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs.

Pictured are both teams that participated. L-R Kaitlin Potter, Shileigh Oceguela, Claire Kubicek, Danielle Klenke, Kate Houlden, Caitlin Sharkey, Corrine Grimaldo.

# NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b><br/>Chicken Strips (K-6)<br/>Spicy Chicken Strips (7-12)<br/>Mashed Potatoes/<br/>Gravy</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>                                              | <p><b>Scrambled Eggs</b><br/>Hamburger/Bun<br/>Sweet Potato Fries</p> <p></p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>                                     | <p><b>Breakfast Bites</b><br/>Chili<br/>Cinnamon Rolls</p> <p></p> <p>Shredded Cheddar Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 dismissal</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> | <p><b>Egg Taco</b><br/>Warm Ham &amp; Cheese<br/>Jello<br/>Cheesy Broccoli</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>                                                                           | <p><b>Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b><br/>K-6 Sack Lunch<br/>(Due to Veteran's Day Program)<br/>7-12 Stuffed Crust<br/>Cheese Pizza</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> |
| <p><b>Donuts</b><br/>Meaty Nachos<br/>Toppings<br/>Bread/Butter</p> <p></p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>    | <p><b>Pancakes</b><br/>Soft Shell Tacos<br/>Toppings<br/>Bread/Butter</p> <p></p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>                              | <p><b>Blueberry Muffins</b><br/>Cheese Calzones<br/>Marinara Sauce</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 dismissal</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>                                                                                                            | <p><b>Bacon Breakfast Toast</b><br/><i>Holiday Meal</i><br/>Sliced Turkey<br/>Mashed Potatoes/<br/>Gravy<br/>Pumpkin Dessert</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>                        | <p><b>Cherry Strudel</b><br/>Fiestada<br/>Mexican Rice<br/>Churro</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>                                                           |
| <p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b><br/>Mini Corn Dogs<br/>Mac N Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>                                                                                                 | <p><b>Egg Omelet</b><br/>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Mashed Potatoes/<br/>Gravy</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Cinnamon Rolls</b><br/><b>Lunch to Elementary Only</b><br/>Stuffed Crust<br/>Cheese Pizza</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:30 dismissal</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>                                                                              | <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>                                                                                           | <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Donuts</b><br/>Hot Dog/Bun<br/>Chili<br/>Shredded<br/>Cheese</p> <p></p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> | <p><b>Sausage &amp; Egg Patty</b><br/>Hamburger/Bun<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Seasoned Potato<br/>Wedges</p> <p></p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> | <p><b>French Toast</b><br/>Mandarin Orange<br/>Chicken<br/>Rice</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 dismissal</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>Sausage Breakfast Rounds</b><br/>Sub Sandwich<br/>Chips<br/>Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# SALINE COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Submitted by Paul Martin, American Government Instructor



Wednesday, October 11th the Senior American Government class 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. Randy Pryor, Saline County Extension Agent, shared a "Nebraska County Government" power-point presentation. Students were assigned an office in the Saline County Government, taking the oath of office, and were sworn in by County Magistrate Mr. Josh McDougall. 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 offices. Students were able to see some of the new improvements made to the county courthouse as a result of the new addition to the building. Lunch was served at the new American Legion Hall in Wilber. After lunch students had an opportunity to visit the Saline County Jail. Those seniors attending included: Anna Anderson, Rachel Bottom, Breauana Derr, Kyle Dickinson, Carson Guinn, Kolby Houlden, Josie Hulse, Paige Kraus, Claire Kubicek, Jared Lawver, Maggie Lawver, Synne Lyngboe, Holly Manalili, Raeleigh Menke, Luke Miller, Brittney Newsome, Shileigh Ocegüera, Logan Pfeiffer, Kaitlin Potter, Colin Riley, Josie Scholl, Darren Segner, Ray Sharkey, Maggie Vyhnaek and Madison Zumpfe.

Special thanks to Friend Legion Commander Ron Corbett for helping drive students to and from the event.



Breakfast at 9:30 in commons for Veteran's and their spouses.

**Veteran's Day Assembly 2017**  
**Friday, Nov. 10 11:00 East Gym**

Please join the staff and students of Friend Public School in a spectacular Celebration to honor these fine men and women who have served our country.



If you have questions, Please contact Mrs. Dickinson at the school.



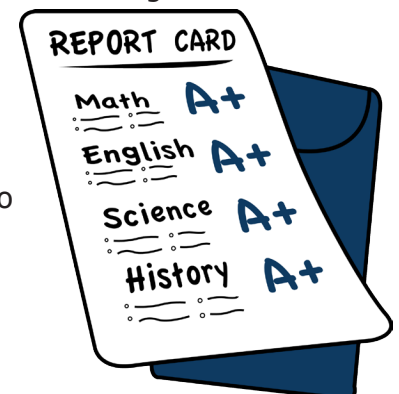


## Mr. Dempsey's 2 cents....

### 15 REWARDS TO CELEBRATE A GREAT REPORT CARD

*Your child has worked hard at school and has a glowing report card to prove it. Time to reward them with these 15 ways to celebrate your star student's good grades and give them a pat on the back for a job well done.*

1. Forms of Praise as Good Grades Rewards
2. Freebies-Many companies offer rewards to students who do well in school. Kids with good grades can take their report cards in to earn everything from free food to a free movie rental.
3. Bake a Cake-Bake something special, like one of the top 10 family cakes, as a reward. Get creative with a square cake and write with frosting to make a replica of your child's report card.
4. Day Trip-They probably has a favorite place they like to go. Or you may be thinking about taking them out of town for an adventure in a neighboring city.
5. Movie-Spend an afternoon or evening at the movies together. If the budget is too tight for movie tickets and popcorn, try a family night movie at home that turns your living room into a movie theater.
6. Pizza -Go out for pizza. Take along some quarters so you can play some arcade games with them while you're there.
7. Sleepover-Let them invite a couple of friends over for a sleepover. You can even use their report card as a gauge to how many friends they can have over. For example, 3 A's means they can invite 3 friends.
8. Extra Time-When the report cards come home with good grades on them, give your kids some extra time rewards. (a later bedtime or being able to play video games on a day you wouldn't normally allow)
9. Books-If you're on the fence about rewarding your child for grades, you may be swayed if you give them something educational. Head to the bookstore and let them pick out a book they want to read.
10. Ice Cream-A sweet treat can be a fun reward for you and your children.
11. Favorite Meal-They love your famous burger recipe as long as one of the toppings is potato chips. Serve up their favorite meal as a reward, weird requests and all.
12. Toy-Younger children may enjoy a trip to the toy store to find the perfect toy
13. Party-At the end of the year, throw a party if they get good grades. This gives them a goal to work toward as they hit the books.
14. Board Game -Let him choose a new board game when he brings home good grades.
15. Mommy/Daddy Date Night-This one's especially fun for the kids; they get to be in control of a date night. Let your child choose a parent to take out on the town for an evening. This one-on-one time is a huge reward.



## **Winter Sports Season**

The winter sports season will begin on Monday, Nov. 13 for grades 9-12.

If you were not out for a fall sport, you must have a physical exam as well as have paid your \$30 participation fee and also have the NSAA form signed and returned to the front office.



Parent meeting is Monday, Nov. 13 -- 7 p.m.



**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.**

### **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

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