

the Bulldog Newsletter

October 2017

Elementary Student
Council 2017-18



Congratulations to our new Elementary Student Council Members for the 2017-18 school year! These students were selected based on teacher recommendations. The members are being recognized for their leadership, kindness, work-ethic and all-around positive attitude! They have earned the role of leaders among their peers! The elementary Student Council will be working on various activities and service learning projects throughout the school year. In the month of September, some members were selected to help distribute programs for the Grandparents Day event, while others will be helping work the concession stand at an upcoming softball game! The council is sponsored by Mrs. Stutzman and Mrs. Wiese. Congratulations to the following students!

Third Grade: Lindsey Landis, Rylan Bartels. Fourth Grade: Bailey Theis, Max Johnson. Fifth Grade: Reagan Bartley, Trinity Williamson, Zach Spohn. Sixth Grade: Jacob Weber, Andy Drake, Madison Theis.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	JH VB @ Osceola 4:00 JH FB @ Heartland 4:30 FAFSA presentation for Jrs/Srs/Parents 8:30 am East Gym	12:30 Release Parent-Teacher Conferences 2-8 pm	FFA Land Judging FCA Lunch Meeting 2:00 Release	VB Triangular @ Meridian 5:30 JH VB Vs. Cross County 4:00 SB Districts @ TBD	NO SCHOOL Fall break FB vs. Diller-Odell 7:00 SB Districts @ TBD	Marching Band - Harvest of Harmony (Grand Island) JH VB @ Malcolm 9:00
8	JH VB vs. Shelby 4:30 JH FB vs. Cross County 5:00 (in Milligan) BOE - 7:30	VB @ Sutton 6/7	<i>PSAT Test for all Juniors (Catholic Church Parish Hall)</i> County Govt Day - Wilber 2:00 Release	VB @ Diller-Odell 6/7 State Softball - Hastings	FB @ Weeping Water 7:00	VB @ Centennial Inv. 9:00
15	VB @ Pioneer Conf. TBD JH FB @ Osceola 4:30	VB @ Pioneer Conf. TBD FCCLA DLC @ Waverly	SKIP Flu Clinic 8 am Young Women's Quiz Bowl - Seward FCA Lunch Meeting 2:00 Release	FB vs Parkview Christian 7:00	<i>End of 1st Quarter</i> VB @ Pioneer Conf. TBD	JV VB @ Shickley 10:00
22	VB Triangular @ Lewiston 5:00	Fine Arts Night 7:00	History & Geography Quiz Bowl @ Concordia (Seward) - 8:00 2:00 Release	<i>FB Playoffs - 1st round - TBD</i> Oct 25-28 National FFA Convention - Indianapolis		
29	VB Sub-Districts @ TBD	VB Sub-Districts @ TBD	For the most up to date information please go to http://www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend			

NEW PLAN... NEW BUDGET...NEW MISSION

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

On September 11th, the Friend Board of Education approved the 2017-2020 strategic plan at the monthly regular board of education meeting. Included in the plan is a newly adopted mission and belief statements as well as priorities, strategies and objectives. The Friend Strategic Plan is intended to assist the board, administrators, and staff in their responsibility to create and sustain a school district in which students are engaged and learning. The priorities listed in the strategic plan focus on Academics, Student Support Services, Human Resources, Communication, Technology, Board Policy, and District Resources. This is a living document which will give us a direct focus on school improvement. We are excited to have a specific vision of improvement that will help us grow together. The strategic plan was a collaborative effort with community, staff, students and board members who invested a lot of time and energy in the creation of the plan. We would like to thank all of those who helped throughout the process. The strategic plan will be available online through our school district website at friendbulldogs.org

The board also approved the 2017-18 budget at the regular board of education meeting. Two hearings took place to review the proposed budget, tax asking, and to allow for community feedback. The total levy will be set at .86 which is down from last years .89. Valuations in our county increased around 3.5%. Overall, we will be asking for \$125,000 less in the total budget. If you have questions about the school budget, please feel free to contact me and I would be more than happy to visit with you.

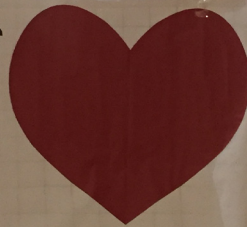
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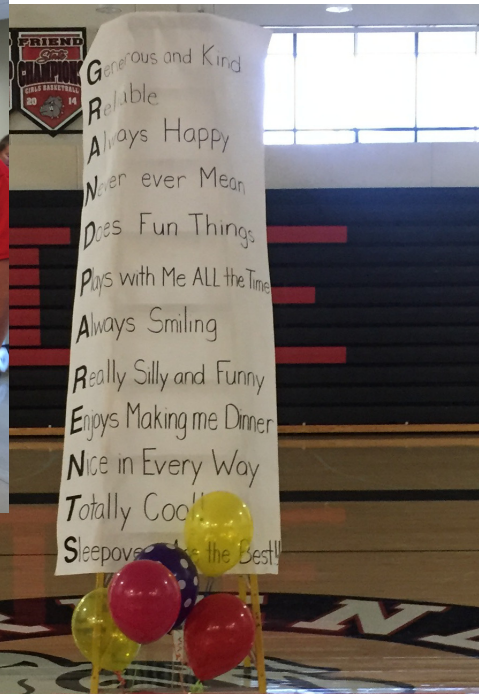
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from Mrs. Dickinson

Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor

September 15th, 2017

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students,

On September 5th, the Friend certificated staff held a one day professional development workshop at our school. Six schools were in attendance from surrounding communities. A speaker from Michigan spoke about developing life- long relationships with students. Many, many positive comments about Friend Public were shared with administration by attendees. The workshop provided some motivational and inspirational insight into working with young minds. It also gave educators an opportunity to collaborate with various schools to discuss topics such as curriculum and successful teaching strategies. The students will certainly benefit from some of the information that was shared.

Our second annual Elementary Curriculum Night was held on Tuesday evening August 29th. I want to thank all of the parents that were able to attend this important evening. I hope you acquired some valuable information. Hopefully you had an opportunity to familiarize yourself with your child's classroom expectations, discipline plan, homework intervention plan, grade level curriculum and the overall daily routine within your child's classroom. If you were unable to attend, the information will be shared at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday October 3rd. School will be dismissed at 12:30 that day. Conferences will run from 2-8 p.m. Conferences are important!!! Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending this important event. Let us have 100% attendance in our elementary!!! We can achieve this goal!!!

MAP testing begins on Monday for 3rd-6th grade elementary students. Elementary MAP testing runs from September 11th-22nd. Students are being tested in all four core subjects (reading, math, language and science) Results can be shared at P-T conferences. Goals will be made for each student to improve their score between now and March when spring testing will take place. Please make certain that your child is on time to school and is well rested with having had a good breakfast. Learning and testing take a lot of work and energy. Coming to school with your "A" game is essential to having a successful outcome. We need your help in helping our students do their best daily. Remember that we are all on the same TEAM!!!

Grandparent's Day for the elementary student body and staff was held on Friday September 8th. WHAT A FABULOUS DAY!!! I was so impressed at the number of people that attended. It was standing room only in our new gym. We are all so honored to have celebrated these important people. I hope the grandparents enjoyed their day too!!!

The week of September 25th -29th is Homecoming Week at Friend Public School. The entire school will enjoy the 2017 homecoming festivities. All students will enjoy a pep rally on Friday afternoon. Friday evening is the homecoming game. GO BULLDOGS!!!

Please help us help your child to succeed!!! Have a wonderful fall weekend!!! GO BULLDOGS AND HUSKERS!!!

Some important date to remember:

Homecoming-September 25th-29th

Conferences are October 3rd. School is dismissed at 12:30.

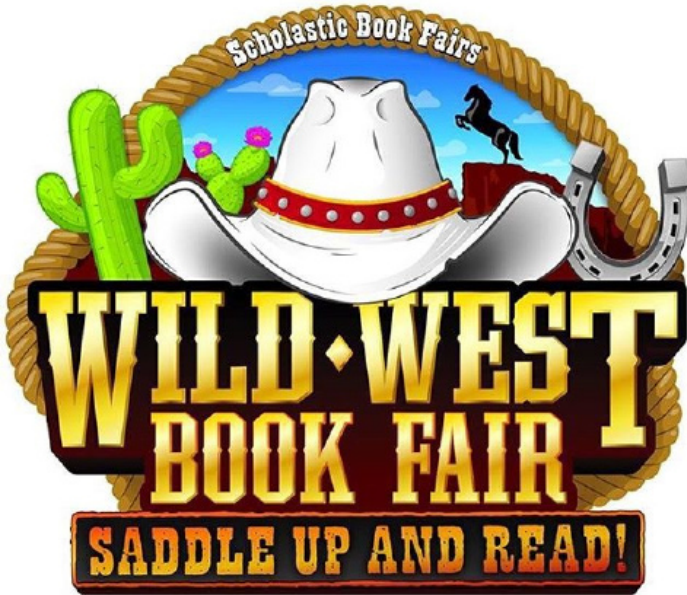
No School-October 6th

Fire Prevention Week- October 8th-14th- Elementary students will visit our local fire station on Tuesday October 10th.

Halloween parties will take place on Tuesday October 31st from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please see more details from your child's teacher.



FALL BOOK FAIR SEPT. 27 - OCT. 5



<i>Wednesday, Sept. 27</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 2 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, Sept. 28</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 8 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, Sept. 29</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, Oct. 2</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, Oct. 3</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 8 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, Oct. 4</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 2 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, Oct. 5</i>	<i>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</i>



BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH

September 2017










Student - Mason Tuggle



Faculty - Clayton Moore



OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2	Pancakes Stromboli Marinara Sauce <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 12:30 Dismiss Lunch to Elementary only 3	 Breakfast Bites Sloppy Joes Tator Tots Truffle <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 dismissal 4	Egg Taco Chicken Fajita Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 5	Fall Break NO SCHOOL  6	
Donuts Pepperoni Calzone Marinara Sauce <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 9	Egg Omelet Hamburger/Bun Sweet Potato Wedges <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 10	Sausage Egg Sliders Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 dismissal 11	 Cherry Strudel Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 12	Biscuits & Gravy Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Carrot Cake <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 13	
Breakfast Bites Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 16	 French Toast Taco Salad Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 17	Cinnamon Rolls Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 dismissal 18	 Sausage Breakfast Rounds Pizza Burgers Seasoned French Fries <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 19	Breakfast Burrito Fiestada Mexican Rice Churro <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 20	
 Sausage Egg Patty Hot Dogs/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 23	Scrambled Eggs Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Yellow Cake <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 24	 Blueberry Muffin Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 dismissal 25	 Bacon Breakfast Toast Spaghetti Breadsticks Pudding <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 26	Biscuits & Gravy Steak Calzone Cheese Sauce Brownies <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 27	
Donuts Mini Corn Dogs Mac N Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 30	 Egg Taco Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 31	<div style="border: 2px dashed blue; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Hot Lunch Information</p> <p>Lunch prices for the 2016-17 school year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 </div>			<p style="text-align: center;">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>

Field Trip to Homestead Monument & Rock Creek Station

Sophomores Study 'Westward Movement'

The Sophomore American History class recently completed a unit of study on westward movement. The class spent a beautiful day, Wednesday, September 20th, visiting Homestead National Monument near Beatrice and Rock Creek Station east of Fairbury as part of this study of westward movement. The morning was spent touring Homestead National Monument's visitors' center and viewing the movie 'Land of Dreams,' using GPS handheld devices and compasses to find historical points of interest on the Homestead's prairie and a visit to the Freeman one room school house. After lunch the students viewed the new orientation video in the visitors center before retracing a portion of the Oregon and Pony Express Trails at Rock Creek Station State Historical Park near Fairbury. Students also visited the site of the legendary shooting of David McCannless by Wild Bill Hickok. Paul Martin was the sponsor of this field trip.



Those students pictured include:

Back row: James Anderson, Sponsor Mr. Nate Klenke, William Yokel, Zayne Gomez, Joran Teijema, Jonathan Iversen, Mason Kelley, Jacob Bottom, Mikayla Hausman, Jeri Reed, Mason Tuggle, Hilda Bergqvist, Bus Driver Mr. Ron Corbett. Middle Row: Sarah Casper, Angela Huang, Corrine Grimaldo, Josie Vyhnaek, Caitlin Sharkey, Danielle Klenke, Synne Lnygboe. Front Row: Elyza Underwood, Aubree Benner, Kate Houlden, Danielle Jackson, Breanna Newsome, American History Instructor Paul Martin

FCCLA



Friend FCCLA Attend Leadership Workshop

Eight members recently attended the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Fall Leadership Workshop. This annual event was held this year at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, Nebraska and featured over 470 students from all corners of Nebraska.

All students at this event heard from members of the State Officer Team, the State Peer Officer Team, and other chapter leaders about state and national programs, leadership development, and chapter management.

A highlight for students was hearing from keynote speaker Hunter Radenslaben. A 2017 graduate of Waverly High School, Hunter has already been recognized as a professional speaker and Twitter guru. As a 12-year-old, Hunter created the successful Twitter account turned media company, Athlete Nation, that now has over 70,000 followers. His passion for sharing how young people can leverage their power on social media to change the world for the better and developing positive family relationships were evident in his presentation. He emphasized that student's involvement in Career and Technical Student Organizations, like FCCLA or other student activities encourage them to grow their future potential.

Shown in photo; Front row left to right- Blair Miller, Hannah Manalili and Holly Manalili; Back Row left to right- Angela Huang, Bridgette Baugh, Sarah Casper, Corrina Grimaldo and Brittney Newsome



***SKIP Flu Shot Clinic
Wednesday, Oct. 18 8 a.m.
Friend Public School East Gym
An information letter and form will
be given to your child at school***

***All Juniors will be taking the PSAT test on
Wednesday, Oct. 11***

The test will be from 8:30 am - noon

Parents, Patrons & Community Members ---

There are openings on the activity work list for home contests (scorebooks, clock, lines, etc.) If you have an interest in working at any of our home contests please contact Activity Director Jim Pfeiffer at j.pfeiffer@friendschool.org or by phone at 402-947-2781.

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