



Homecoming 2018

Homecoming week (Sept. 24-28) wrapped up with the coronation ceremony following the EMF Bobcat Football game vs Osceola/High Plains.

Pictured are the Homecoming Royalty Court:

Blair Miller & Caleb Jensen; Queen Bridgette Baugh & King Slater Wells, Emma Niemeier & Blaze Miller



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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 school's Powerschool information system to ensure you receive these messages. Contact the school office if you need to update a phone number or email.

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



Staff
Mary Niemeier
Math

Bulldogs of the Month



Student
Emma Niemeier
Senior



November



Sunday

Monday


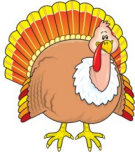
Tuesday

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>				<p>VB District Final @ TBD</p>	<p>One Act Clinic— Friend</p>	
					<p>FCA Weekend of Champions—Grand Island</p>	
					<p>FFA Pathways to Careers Conf. State Fair Park—Grand Island</p>	
				1	2	3
	<p>Pioneer Conf. Vocal Music— Friend host East Gym</p> <p>JH WR—Friend Invite 4:00</p>	<p><i>FB Playoffs— Quarterfinals @ TBD</i></p>	<p>FFA Livestock Judging @ TBD</p>	<p>JH GB vs. Wilber- Clatonia 6:00</p>	<p>One Act @ York TBD</p>	
					<p>State Volleyball — Lincoln</p>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Veteran's Day</p> 	<p>Veteran's Day Program 11:00 East Gym <u>Start of Winter Sports Practices</u> <i>FB Playoffs— Semi-finals @ TBD</i> JH GB @ Southern 6:00 BOE—6:30 Media Center</p>	<p>JH GB @ Sutton 4:00</p> <p>JH WR @ Dorchester Inv. 5:00</p>	<p>Pioneer Conf. One Act @ HTRS JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward <i>FCA Lunch Meeting in Mr. Hitchcock's room</i></p> <p>2:00 Out</p>	<p>JH GB @ Heartland 4:00</p> <p>EMF FFA Chapter Meeting 7:00 (Exeter)</p>	<p>NHS Blood Drive 8-2 East Gym</p>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p><i>FB Playoffs— Finals (Memorial Stadium—Lincoln)</i></p> <p>One Act Dinner Theatre 7:00</p>	<p>One Act Matinee</p> <p>JH WR @ Fillmore Central 4:30</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>JH WR @ Wilber- Clatonia 6:00</p> <p>GB BB Varsity Jamboree 6/7:30</p>	<p>JH GB vs Dorchester 5:00</p>	<p>District One Act @ TBD</p> <p><i>FCA Lunch Meeting in Mr. Hitchcock's room</i></p> <p>2:00 Out</p>	<p>GB BB vs. Lewiston 4:30/5/6/7:30</p>	<p>GB BB @ Sutton 4:30/6/7:30</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Stutzman's Side Notes

"You Learn Something New Every Day"



Happy Fall! We have one quarter completed for the school year, and we are moving into the second quarter! We had a lot of activities during October about Safety. This past month the elementary students learned about Fire Safety during Fire Prevention Week. They had a fun trip to the fire station and had their knowledge tested as we had a fire drill with certain exits blocked off. The students and staff did a great job of finding the nearest exit.

Thank you very much to the parents who were able to attend parent teacher



conferences. To help your child succeed we all need to do our part. We were lucky enough to have Karen, a school lawyer, come and speak to our 3rd-12th graders about Social Media Safety. Everybody learned so much and felt what Karen taught them was very valuable. Please be smart and safe on social media.

During our October Bulldog Buddies Meetings, the students learned about RESPECT and wrote what RESPECT means to them and you will see those posters in the cafeteria if you attend a home volleyball or basketball game this year.

Our school also had Red Ribbon Week during October 22-26 to learn about safety with drugs and alcohol. A speaker came to talk to the 7th-12th Graders and every day the students learned something new about how to stay safe and to, Just say NO! Thank you to our Student Council groups for organizing Red Ribbon Week!

On Halloween, the elementary students enjoyed having Fall Parties in their classrooms, and the teachers reminded them how to stay safe when Trick or Treating. And most importantly to always say, Please and Thank You!

Go Bulldogs!! Liz Stutzman- Principal

Important Dates to Mark Down this Month

November 5-16: Preschool-6th Grade Food Drive

November 12th: Veterans Day Breakfast for Veterans and their spouses at 9:30 in the cafeteria and 11:00 Program in the Old Gym

November 21,22,23: Thanksgiving Break



Youth Leadership Conference



On Tuesday, October 16th Mrs. Stutzman and eight 4th-6th Grade future leaders were able to attend a Youth Leadership Conference at Doane in Crete. The students worked in groups and did many physical activities on how to work as a team. They loved meeting many new friends, working as a team, and of course 'having lunch in the college cafeteria!

"We are Leaders and we do hard things!"

Friend Elementary Food Drive: "Friendly" Classroom Competition



Friend Elementary is again helping our community by stocking The Friend Food Pantry. The food drive will run from

November 5 - November 16.

Each class will compete to see which class can collect the MOST items in these two weeks.

This is for Pre-school-6th Grade classrooms.

(Junior high and High school will collect in the spring)

Please consider donating to those that are less fortunate and need our help. Bring your items to school by November 16th- Food, household items, and toiletries are welcome.

Thank you for your help and for setting a "Giving" example and mentality for your children.





Many thanks to the junior and senior parents who came to the Education Quest meeting on October 8. We had a great turnout! Parents who would like notes over the meeting are welcome to contact Ms. Amy Hottovy, School Counselor.

- Seniors and Senior Parents/Guardians: There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For free help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, or Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.
- Apply to your top college choices (at least 3 before Thanksgiving).
- Retake the ACT and/or SAT. Colleges use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.
- Get serious about applying for scholarships. Use the ScholarshipQuest tool on EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national search sites.
- Students and parents are now able to see an updated list of scholarship opportunities as they become available.
- Look for the tab called "Scholarship Central" on the school website or follow this link: [Scholarship Central](#). At this time, local scholarships are not listed, but they will be added throughout the year.

Thanks to a grant provided by the EducationQuest Foundation, the FPS 8th graders will be visiting two colleges this spring to begin thinking NOW about colleges and careers. Stay tuned for more information!

[Countdown2College](#) is an excellent resource for students and parents in grades 8-12. Sign up to receive monthly emails with tips on planning and paying for college. Take some time to explore all the Education Quest website has to offer.

If your business, organization, or family plans to provide a scholarship to this year's graduating seniors at Friend Public School, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I am compiling a list of all local and Foundation scholarship opportunities, plus this is a great opportunity to update the application form. You may reach me via email (amy.hottovy@friendschool.org) or phone (402.947.2781 extension 212). Thank you for your generosity and support!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT We are excited about the opportunity for our students to serve their communities! Thanks to those organizations and businesses that have already contacted us as willing partners in the program. We are still looking for more to add to our list so students can see a variety of experiences from which to choose. If you are interested in offering and supervising community service, please contact me at your earliest convenience (amy.hottovy@friendschool.org; 402.947.2781 extension 212).



**First Grade Field
Trip to Vala's
Pumpkin Patch**





November Menu












Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

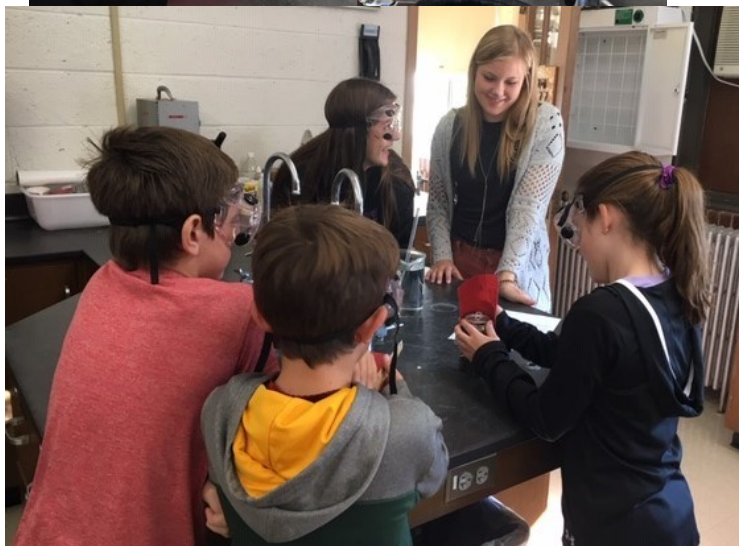
Thursday

Friday

<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>	<p>IMPORTANT</p> <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 Bites</p> <p> Soft Shell Taco Toppings Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> ₁</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> ₂</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Mini Bagels Pudding</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>French Toast</p> <p> Hamburger/ Bun Baked Beans French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Sausage Breakfast Rounds</p> <p> Spaghetti Bread Stick Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Breakfast Burrito</p> <p> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>Blueberry Muffins</p> <p>Chicken Strips Potato Wedges</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	
<p>Donuts</p> <p>Chicken Quesadilla Sante Fe Koos Koos</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>Bacon Breakfast Toast</p> <p> Chili Cinnamon Rolls Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Cinnamon Rolls</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>"Thanksgiving Meal"</p> <p>Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Hot Roll Pumpkin Dessert</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>Cherry Strudel</p> <p>Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	
<p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Sausage-Egg-Cheese Sliders</p> <p> Hamburger/ Bun Chips</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break</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 style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	
<p> Donuts</p> <p>Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>Pancakes</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p> Egg Taco</p> <p>Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>Sausage Breakfast Rounds</p> <p>Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>Bacon Breakfast Toast</p> <p>*4th Grade Lunch* Fiestadas Mexican Rice Blonde Brownies</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	

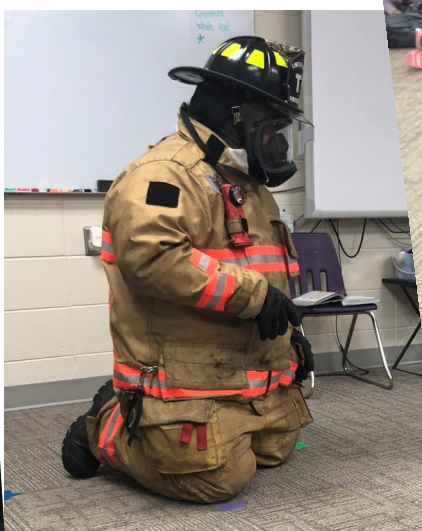
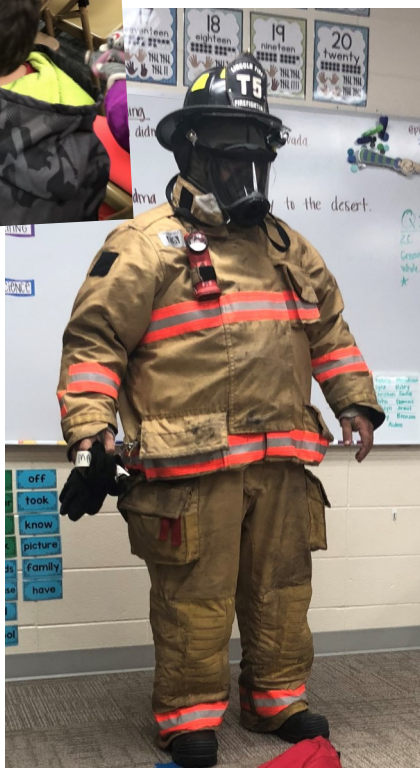
4th Grade & Chemistry

Submitted by
Stephanie Svehla
4th grade Teacher



**Mr. Pfeiffer's Chemistry class
helped teach Mrs. Svehla's
4th graders
about chemical reactions.**

Fire Prevention Week Activities



Saline County Government Day 2018

Wednesday, October 17th 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 Judge Mrs. Linda Bauer. 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 learn flag folding etiquette, play the Saline County Jeopardy Quiz game and visit the Saline County Jail.



Those seniors attending included: Layla Al-Bumohamed, Edwen Baptista, Bridgette Baugh, Alina Cordoba, Charley Fritsche, Maraea Holman, Caleb Jensen, Cooper Lofing, Hannah Manalili, Blair Miller, Blaze Miller, Jeri Reed, Alysa Rumery, Jacob Schwab, Mason Tuggle and Slater Wells.

Paul Martin
American Government
Instructor





YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!!



6th graders pose in the red fire hats they received on their last elementary trip to the fire station!

Front Row (left to right): Gabby Theis, Kyler Sladek, Danika Smith, Trinity Williamson, Dayton Kremer
Middle Row: Reagan Bartley, Ashley Braun, William Vyhnaek, Chase Paulsen, Keila Ricenbaw
Back Row: Zach Spohn, Abbie Milton, Mason Vossler, Tyrell Fennell, Aydyn Pavel, Onesty Bartnes



Kindergarten went to Roca Berry Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 19th! We jumped on the jumping pillows, went down slides, went through Haunted Houses and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We then traveled to the Braun Family Pumpkin Patch where they generously let each Kindergarten pick a pumpkin! We loved our pumpkins from Brauns..... some of them were even too big for us to carry!
They even gave us a Fall candy treat!!
We had a great day!!





The **Friend High School Chapter** of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and nearly 150 FCCLA youth members and adult advisers from FCCLA District 2 gathered at Centennial High School on October 19 for the annual District Leadership Conference (DLC). FCCLA District 2 membership includes students from the following schools: Centennial, Fairbury, Friend, Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln Southwest, Milford, Seward, and Waverly. These meetings provided FCCLA members with opportunities to gain leadership skill experience and learn how to become a better leader by exploring what FCCLA is all about and attending sessions aligned with FCCLA's National Programs. At DLC our goal is to have all of our members increase their leadership skills and have personal growth. Christine Brungardt from *Jana's Campaign, Inc.* was the Keynote speaker and brought a message of education and violence prevention. The organization's single mission is to reduce gender and relationship violence. In honor of the late Jana Mackey and other victims and survivors of gender and relationship violence, Jana's Campaign delivers educational programs that prevent domestic and dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. Other breakout sessions included Self Defense, a message from a Public School Resource Officer, Knowledge Bowl competition information, York College-Competing for STAR presentation, State Officer, SPOT, and Power of One presentations by current and former FCCLA members, and a Plating and Food demonstration by Chef Sarah Anderson, Ashland Golf Course. The District Leadership Conference provided a positive outlook for youth today and inspiration for what tomorrow holds for our future.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 164,000 members and more than 5,300 chapters from 49 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



Attending the recent District 2 Leadership Conference in Centennial, front row, left to right; Kendyll Pavel, Jeri Reed, Marie Lou Mundelius, Kate Houlden, Hannah Manalili and Jyllean Beck. Back row, left to right; Cooper Lofing, Aubrey Smith, Corina Grimaldo, Megan Rumery, Bridgette Baugh, Blair Miller, Layla Al-Bumodamed and Katelynn Schluter. Theme for the event was Believe in Yourself and BE YOU.

Here are answers to the staff “fun facts” from last month’s newsletter:

1. Traveled to Oahu, Hawaii, to play in a volleyball tournament. **Mrs. Julie Ricenbaw**
2. Received the “Most Improved Bowler” trophy in his/her college bowling class. **Mrs. Michele Johnson-Clouse**
3. Answered the phone for the UNK college information help line, which was on the first floor of his/her dorm, so this person never had to leave the building to go to work. **Mrs. Margo Houlden**
4. Traveled to New Orleans and Mississippi with college classmates to help “clean up” after Hurricane Katrina. **Mrs. Amy Wiese**
5. Played soccer in college. **Mrs. Alex Clouse**
6. Raced motocross. **Mr. Jay Hitchcock**
7. Started college as a fine arts major, focusing on vocal performance, but changed majors after one semester. **Mr. Jake Wiese**
8. Had 2 short stories published in a book printed by the college, and also got lost on the Haunted Trail.....but was the tour guide! **Miss Natasha Fuehrer**
9. Went to a college where the music building is supposedly haunted by the spirit of an old professor. **Miss Devin Rethman**
10. After never attending high school proms or homecoming events, this guy was selected Freshman Royalty King at Wayne State. **Mr. Paul Martin**
11. Her sorority mascot was the bunnies so each girl had a bunny name. She was “Psycho Bunny.” **Mrs. Liz Stutzman**
12. Football Saturdays at UNL in the student section were her absolute favorite. **Mrs. Abby Brandt**
13. Sold football programs outside Kinnick Stadium to get free tickets into Iowa games. **Ms. Lorie Sleifert**
14. Rejected NFL wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald in a pick-up game of basketball. **Mr. Brian Arp**
15. Was an RA (resident assistant) for a year. **Mrs. Tressa Beckler**
16. Competed on the college track team, and jobs included flower delivery, office equipment delivery, daycare, and Maurice’s sales associate. **Mr. David Kraus**
17. Had his/her car stolen (a yellow Volkswagen Beetle) while in class in Brooklyn -- never to be seen again! **Mrs. Michelle Schiffern**
18. Had a good college experience even though he/she was 8 hours from home. **Mrs. Deb Segner**
19. Worked at the Hallmark store at the mall and was top salesperson of Christmas ornaments. **Mrs. Kelly Kraus**
20. Took classes every summer but also worked as a temporary office aide at the State Office Building, a bill collections agent, and a waitress. **Ms. Amy Hottovy**
21. Led week-long backpacking trips to the Grand Canyon, canoe trips in the Midwest, and a 10-day rafting trip down the Salmon River in Idaho. **Mr. Jim Pfeiffer**
22. Met her husband her senior year of college. **Mrs. Mary Niemeier**
23. This person was named Academic All American. **Mrs. Allison Meints**
24. Lived in a barn for two years while serving as the student manager at the Sheep Unit. **Mrs. Jesse Bower**
25. Married her husband in the outdoor cathedral on campus during her sophomore year. **Mrs. Lori Vyhnalek**
26. Was an accounting major until the middle of his/her sophomore year of college. **Mrs. Stephanie Svehla**
27. Enjoyed the freshman dorm with the most closet space and only had to share the bathroom with 4 people! **Mrs. Sadie Jones**
28. Started college as an Environmental Sciences major. **Mrs. Kristen Sherman**
29. Tore his/her ACL playing intramural flag football. **Mrs. Sue Eigsti**



Veteran's Day 2018



9:30 Breakfast in Cafeteria for Veterans & Spouses

11:00 Program in Old Gym

Public is welcome to attend!

**Come show support as we thank and honor our veterans
for their service & sacrifice**



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