

Kindergarten  
ROCKS

# Class of 2032



## KINDERGARTEN CLASS 2019-20

Front row (left to right): Eli Rohrig, Mason Olsen, Brynn Rohren,

Gannon Payne, Teddy Weber, Raylan Zimmer,

Addison Vossler, Sheree Williamson

Back row (left to right): Breckan Bartels, Matthew Chillen-McMorris, Carter

Beard, Jace Conner, Lucas Grisak, Kelsie Milton,

Max Niederhaus, Arwen Ryan

Not pictured: Bella Mitz-Weipert

## From the Superintendent Mr. Kraus

The 2019-20 school year is off to a great start as staff and students settle into their new routines at Friend Public School. I would like to commend the staff for all their hard work in preparation of a new year and also the students for adjusting to their new classes and routines.

A couple of reminders that are new this year. Our school day will start at 8:05 and dismiss at 3:29 on regular day schedules. We will have 2:00 early outs on the last day of school for the week, which is typically a Friday. If we have a shortened week, the 2:00 dismissal will land on the last day of that week.

The Blue River Cohort will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Friend Public School. Students will not have school on that day. Gerry Brooks is our keynote speaker and is well known in the YouTube world. Feel free to Google his hilarious videos.

PT conferences are only being held in the Fall on October 2. However, if you ever need to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please make contact with that teacher to schedule a time. Open communication is key to your child's success.

School board meetings are always held on the second Monday of the month in the library. Please know you are welcome and encouraged to attend. In September, we will hold our Budget and Tax Request hearings. This occurs annually to adopt the school budget and set the tax levies.

Sports and activities are well underway. We continue to coop in junior high and high school football with Exeter-Milligan and since have added softball with EM and Fillmore Central. We also are in our second year of a combined FFA chapter and currently share two staff members in Ag and Science.

With a recent storm and power outage, Friend School needed to inform parents of a late start to our schedule. We utilize Blackboard Connect to inform patrons through an email, text and/or phone message. It is crucial the school has your updated cell number and email in our system in order to communicate with you. If you have made changes to your phone or email, please contact the school so we can get that updated.

Also, please have a backup plan ready in case of school cancellations or late starts. Sometimes, due to the timeliness of situations, a quick change of plans may need to occur. I typically try to get information out as soon as I can so parents can make necessary changes, but that might not always be the case.

Lastly, please know the school wants parents to be informed and involved in your child's education. Please try to attend our back to school events, PT conferences, and students' activities so we have an opportunity to connect. Feel free to contact your child's teacher, principal or superintendent with any questions you may have throughout the year. We want to hear from you.

David Kraus, Superintendent

**FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL** offers online payments for your convenience!

When your child's lunch balance is getting low, you can also receive an e-mail alerting you of the low balance along with an option to replenish.

Our partnership with **e~Funds for Schools (EFS)** will allow you to pay for your student's meals from your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Fund your child's lunch account at any time and from anywhere!

Parents can access the **e~Funds for Schools** system and make one payment for one or all of their children, all during a single visit!


**To get started, visit:** <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56376>

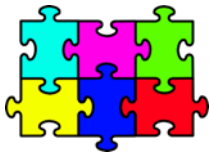
Or email: [michele.clouse@friendschool.org](mailto:michele.clouse@friendschool.org)



# September

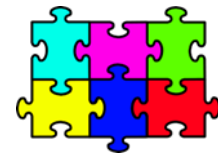


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b>	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice  SB @ Blue Hill Triangular FCEMF plays at 6 & 7:30	FCA Lunch Meeting <i>Mr. Hitchcock's room</i>	SB @ Southern 5/6:30	<b>2:00 out</b> FB @ Palmyra 7:00	SB @ Fairbury Tournament FCEMF plays 1st game @ 9:30	
<b>8</b>	JH VB @ Diller-Odell (Diller) 4:00 JH FB @ Diller -Odell (Diller) 4:00 JV FB vs BDS (in Friend) 6:00 SB vs Aurora (in Geneva) 5/6:30 BOE 7:30	<b>3</b>	EMF FFA to Husker Harvest Days  	SB @ Freeman (Adams) 4:30 & 6 VB @ Cross County 6/7	<b>2:00 out</b> Marching Band — Richardson County Fair (Humboldt)  FB @ Lourdes Catholic 7:00	SB @ Cozad Tournament 9:00 VB—Friend Invite 9:00	
<b>15</b>	JH FB vs Diller-Odell (in Milligan) 4:00 JV FB vs Dier-Odell (in Milligan) 6:00	JH VB vs Freeman 5:00 SB vs Central City (in Geneva) 5/6:30	Literature Quiz Bowl @ Seward  FCA Lunch Meeting <i>Mr. Hitchcock's room</i>	SB @ Hastings St. Cecilia 4:30  VB @ Dorchester 6/7	<b>2:00 out</b> FB vs Thayer Central (in Milligan) 7:00	Marching Band - Applejack Parade @ Nebraska City	
<b>22</b>	JH VB @ Sterling 3:00 JH FB @ Thayer Central 4:30 JV FB @ Thayer Central 6:15 SB @ David City Triangular 4:30 & 6:00	VB vs. Exeter-Milligan 5:30/6:30	FFA—Cornerstone Ag Day Jrs. & Srs. Only  10th grade to Homestead & Rock Creek Station	VB Triangular @ East Butler 5/6 JH VB @ Dorchester 2:00	<b>2:00 out</b> FB — BYE EMF FFA Chapter Meeting in Exeter 7:00	SB @ Central City Tournament 9:00 JH VB Friend Invite 9:00	
<b>29</b>	SB vs. Adams Central (in Geneva) 5/6:30 VB vs Tri-County 6/7 JH FB vs Meridian (in Friend) 5:00 JV FB vs Meridian (in Friend) 6:30	<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: <a href="http://www.pioneerconference.org">http://www.pioneerconference.org</a> and click on Friend</p>					<b>30</b>



# Stutzman's Side Notes

"You Learn Something New Every Day"



The 2019-2020 school year is off to a wonderful start! The staff has focused on teaching and modeling their expectations and procedures, and they are moving onto their curriculum. All of the students are happy to be back at school and enjoying the routine that the school year brings. The kids have adjusted well to any changes and updates with a positive attitude. We are very proud! Go bulldogs!

We are continuing to keep the positive vibes going this year with Pawsitive Referrals and Fun Friday in the lunch room. The students even get a send-off on Friday with a barking dog bell that rings at the end of the day! Our first Bulldog Buddies group meetings will be the start of September.

Communication is the key to success! Some things that might help you be successful. **All:** Sign up for our Blackboard messages (contact the office if you need to do this) Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you need anything or have any questions. **In the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Make sure you check your Power School account and that your child checks it, as well as their school Gmail account. **Elementary:** Be sure to sign up for your classroom teacher's "Remind" App, and be on the lookout for your child's weekly newsletter with information. Also check out our Facebook and Twitter pages to see what's going on in our school.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend "Get to Know Your Classroom Night" in PreSchool-6th Grade. This night gives parents a chance to learn the ins and outs of their child's classroom to help everybody succeed this year. It always takes three parties for all students to succeed: the parents, the students, and the staff. Thank you for your help in ensuring your child's success!

We will begin MAPS testing after Labor Day for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students. The kids are tested in Math, Reading, Language Arts, and Science. We use this data to see growth from year to year and also to see where our students' areas of growth are.

Keep up the great work! Go Dawgs!!! Mrs. Stutzman- Principal

## Important Dates to Mark Down this Month

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: No School for Students

September 18: Jostens Salesperson to speak to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: 12: 30 Release and Parent-Teacher Conferences for all students

October 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Fire Prevention Week and Homecoming Week!

October 21-25<sup>th</sup>: Red Ribbon Week

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Parties, costumes can be worn in PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade during the parties 12: 30-2: 00 PM. 2: 00 Release today.

### Friday Early Release Update

Friday's are 2:00 Early Releases for all students.

Other Early Release Days= (due to not having a Friday that week)

October 31, March 11, and April 9.

### School Website:

[www.friendbulldogs.org](http://www.friendbulldogs.org)

**Twitter Account:** @FriendSchools

**Facebook:** Friend Public School





## PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS...PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

- You are invited and highly encouraged to attend an Education Quest college planning and financial aid session to be held in the media center on *Tuesday, October 1, at 8:30 a.m.* An informational letter will be sent home with juniors and seniors the end of September.
- Start planning college visits now!
- Juniors are allowed *one excused absence for a college visit. It's never too early to start looking!*
- Seniors are allowed *two excused absences for college visits. I highly encouraged them to get one in ASAP since they'll be taking part in Apply2College Day on October 1.*
- Parent permission forms for college visits are due BEFORE the student is gone from school or the absence will *not be considered excused. Forms are available from Mrs. Segner in the office.*

**Lincoln Area College Fair is September 22** Students and families can visit with representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during the Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, September 22, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street. Admission is free. The College Fair, sponsored by EducationQuest Foundation and the Nebraska Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, will also feature financial aid presentations. Follow these tips to make the most of your College Fair visit:

- Before you attend, visit [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](http://NebraskaCollegeFairs.org) to register for a barcode. College reps can scan it, and you won't have to complete information cards!
- Determine which colleges you want to visit (a list is available in the College Fair article at [Education-Quest.org](http://Education-Quest.org)).
- Prepare a list of questions to ask college representatives. Ask about deadlines for admission, scholarships and financial aid applications.

## SCHOLARSHIP NOTES

Did your business, organization, or family provide a scholarship to last year's graduating seniors at Friend Public School? If so, please let Amy Hottovy know if you would like to make any changes to the application form or process. You may reach her via email ([amy.hottovy@friendschool.org](mailto:amy.hottovy@friendschool.org)) or phone (402.947.2781 extension 212). Thank you for your generosity and support!

- Any business, organization, or family interested in creating a scholarship opportunity for this year's graduating seniors is encouraged to contact Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

We are excited to continue 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 Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience ([amy.hottovy@friendschool.org](mailto:amy.hottovy@friendschool.org); 402.947.2781 extension 212).



# Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Inservice</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Bites</b> Chicken Strips Sweet Potato Fries Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Scrambled Eggs</b> Hamburger/Bun Chips</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Chocolate Chip Muffins</b> Chicken Quesadilla Chicken Koos Koos</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Mini Corn Dogs Seasoned French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Bacon Breakfast Toast</b> Spaghetti Shredded Cheese Bread Sticks</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Egg Taco</b> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Soft Shell Taco Toppings Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Cherry Strudel</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sandwich Bread</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>Donuts</b> Cheese Flatbread Green Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>Pancakes</b> Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Sloppy Joes French Fries</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>Sausage-Egg-Cheese Slider</b> Hamburger/Bun Chips</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Brownie</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Meaty Nachos Toppings Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>French Toast</b> Chicken Sticks Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>Egg Omelet</b> Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>Turkey Sausage Breakfast Rounds</b> Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>Scrambled Eggs</b> K-6 Chicken Strips 7-12 Spicy Chicken Strips Sweet Potato Fries Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>Donut</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>			<p><b>Breakfast.....\$1.80</b>  <b>Grades K-6 lunch.....\$2.75</b>  <b>Grades 7-12 lunch.....\$3.00</b>  <b>Extra lunch entrée.....\$1.00</b>  <b>Milk (extra or snack time) \$ .35</b>  <b>Adult Breakfast.....\$2.30</b>  <b>Adult Lunch.....\$3.75</b></p> <p><i>A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.</i></p>	

# EMF FFA News



Celebrations for EMF FFA.

The EMF FFA chapter has several events to celebrate. In July, the chapter received notification from the National FFA Organization that their National Chapter Award received a Nation Two-Star rating out of a possible three-star rating. The National Chapter Award measures the quality of a chapter's activities. Chapters must meet quality criteria in 15 different areas. The award focuses on three overall categories of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters must first apply for this award at the state level and be rated in the top 10% in the state in order for their application to be forwarded to the national level. The FFA officer team worked on this application heavily throughout the year with Josie Vyhnalek leading the way on the application.



The next celebration for the chapter is that two of our members will receive their American FFA Degree's. Darren Segner and Maggie Vyhnalek's American FFA Degree applications were approved by the National FFA Board of Directors to receive their degrees.

The American FFA Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can receive in the organization. This award is based off of their records on their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience Project), FFA involvement, and Community Service hours. It is also important to mention that only .01% of FFA members attain this honor. We are incredibly proud of both of these members' accomplishments.



On August 25th, our chapter held our first meeting for the new school year. We had between 50-75 members and community members in attendance. Our FFA Alumni group also gave a presentation on becoming a booster member and encouraged new members to join. If you are interested in becoming a booster, please contact Paul Segner or Scott Vyhnalek.

Some of our upcoming events are State Fair, EDGE Leadership Conference, Husker Harvest Days, and the Cornerstone Ag Careers Day. Stay tuned for more updates. You can also "like" our EMF FFA Facebook page for more information and pictures of our events.



**Proud To  
Support FFA**

If you are interested in supporting the EMF FFA Chapter as a Booster member, please fill out the application on the following page or on the school website and bring to the school office or mail to: Paul Segner  
224 434th  
Friend, NE 68359

# EMF FFA BOOSTER APPLICATION

2019-2020

INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_ CORPORATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL \$25 PER YEAR

FAMILY \$50 PER YEAR

CORPORATION \$100 PER YEAR

MAKE CHECKS TO: EMF FFA BOOSTERS



Dear Parent,

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that I want to share with you.

Our district is now using *SafeSchools Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration five different ways:


1. **App:** Search for "SafeSchools Alert" in the App Store to download for free (our School Alert Code is 1884)
2. **Phone:** 844.904.7462
3. **Text:** Text your tip to 844.904.7462
4. **Email:** 1884@alert1.us
5. **Web:** <http://1884.alert1.us>

You and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, threats of violence, or any safety issue you're concerned about through SafeSchools Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1884 in your communication.

**Every tip SafeSchools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.**

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.

Best regards,



Superintendent



Principal



Counselor

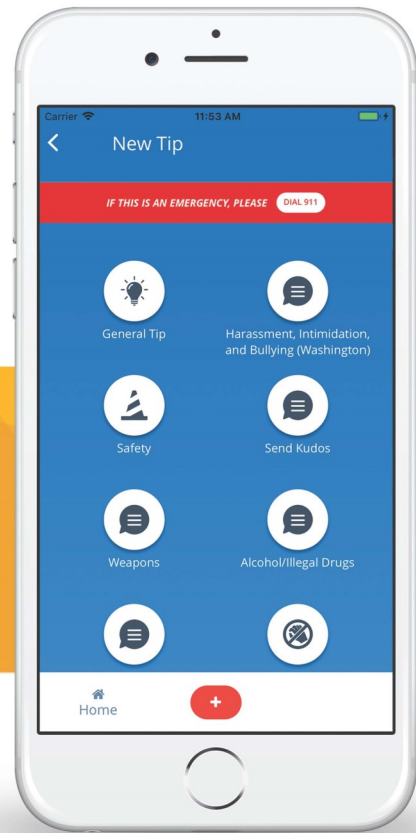
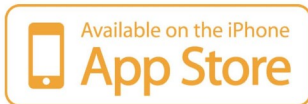


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# Report It

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

**SUBMIT USING OUR APP**



## FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

### EASY WAYS TO REPORT



Visit the website  
<http://1884.alert1.us>



Email your Tip to  
[1884@alert1.us](mailto:1884@alert1.us)



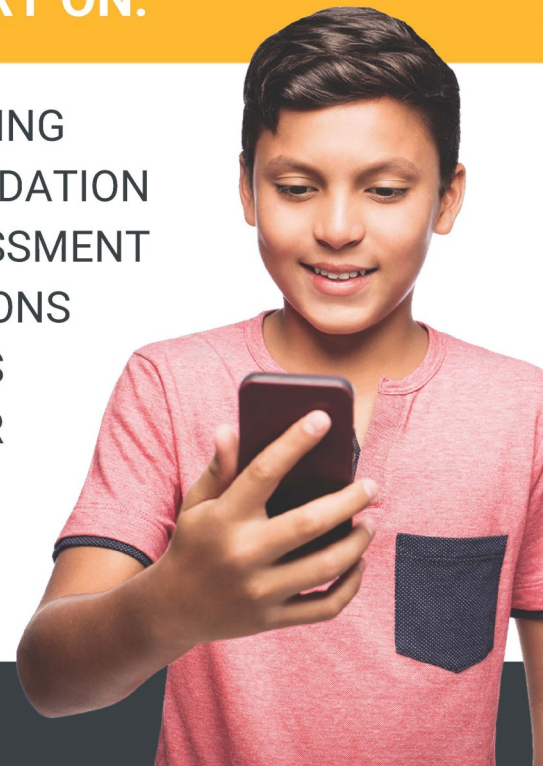
Call to report your tip  
**844.904.7462**



Text your Tip to  
**844.904.7462**

### REPORT ON:

- BULLYING
- INTIMIDATION
- HARASSMENT
- WEAPONS
- DRUGS
- OTHER



**Our District Code is: 1884**

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.

# **Nebraska Concussion Awareness Act – Quick Facts**

## **Amended 2014**

- **Concussion Awareness Act applies to:**
  - ✓ Approved or accredited public, private, denominational or parochial schools (does not include higher education/college and university) Section 4.
  - ✓ Athletes 19 years of age or younger that participate in organized sports (“any city, village, business or nonprofit that organizes sports, charges a fee or is sponsored by a business or nonprofit organization.”) Section 5
- **Education provided for:**
  - ✓ Coaches. Training approved by the Chief Medical officer must be made available to all coaches.
  - ✓ Parents and student athletes. Concussion and brain injury information must be provided:
    - On an annual basis and
    - Prior to the start of practice or competition.
- **Removal from Play**
  - ✓ Any student athlete or athlete shall be removed from play when they are reasonably suspected of having a concussion by a coach or licensed health care professional.
  - ✓ If an athlete is removed from activity due to reasonable suspicion of suffering a concussion:
    - Parents or Guardians must be notified of the date and approximate time of the injury and the signs and symptoms that were observed, as well as any actions taken to treat.
- **Return to Play**
  - ✓ A student-athlete or athlete may be allowed to return to play when:
    - They have been evaluated by a licensed health care professional
    - They have received written clearance from the licensed health care professional;
    - They have submitted the written and signed clearance to resume participation in athletic activities accompanied by written permission to resume participation from the student's parent or guardian.
- **Return to Learn**
  - ✓ Establish a return to learn protocol for students that have sustained a concussion. The return to learn protocol shall recognize that students who have sustained a concussion and returned to school may need informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum, and monitoring by medical or academic staff until the student is fully recovered.
- **For more information, please refer to:**
  - ✓ **Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services**  
<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/concussions>
  - ✓ **Nebraska Department of Education**  
<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/birsst.html>



# Staff Honored for Years of Service



**Friend Public School staff members were honored for their years of service in education (not necessarily all at Friend). Receiving awards were:**

**Jay Hitchcock — 20 years**

**Kim Hulse — 22 years**

**Joyce Nickel — 22 years**

**Amy Hottovy — 25 years**

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