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David Kraus, Superintendent Elizabeth Stutzman, Principal Jim Pfeiffer, Activity Director Amy Hottovy, Counselor



Greetings:

It will be five months since our education world was turned upside down and remote learning took the place of direct instruction in the classroom. Since then, we have learned a lot about COVID-19 and the measures we can implement to safely reopen our school doors back to staff and students. **As of today, we plan on opening our school building back to students on August 18th.** A committee of parents, staff, and community members met to review our reopening plan and gave guidance as we prepare for the 2020-21 school year. The Friend Public School plan will be emailed out to parents as well as posted on our website. We know we cannot prepare for every given situation, but we believe this plan outlines many main concerns and gives us guidance to move forward through the school year.

Friend Public School will utilize the COVID risk dial through our local public health departments and communicate to parents what section we are in. This dial will help us determine what plan and precautions we will need to follow and adapt to changing conditions in our area. Although not all situations can be foreseen, this plan does provide guidance which will help us determine our decisions and what we communicate to our parents.

Our school strongly encourages mask wearing but will not require them. We will continue to practice hand washing, social distancing, and continual cleaning of our facility. We have purchased additional masks and hand sanitizing stations. Our full-time nurse has purchased touchless digital thermometers and plans on a system to continually monitor the health of our staff and students. With these practices in place, we feel we can safely return back to school for in-person instruction.

If, during the year, your child shows symptoms of illness (cough, temperature, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell) please keep your child home. It is better to be safe than sorry, and we will work with families on attendance and their academic needs. We want to ensure your child is taken care of as well as protecting those in our building.

We look forward to seeing you and your child here in a few weeks. If you ever have any questions or concerns, know that you can contact us so we can work together to make this a great school year.

David Kraus, Superintendent

Friend Public School -- 2020-21 Calendar

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Qtr	Ends	Teacher Days Scheduled
1	10/16	45
2	12/22	44
3	3/12	48
4	5/20	48
	Total	185

August

2 Flex days between Aug 3-14

- 17 PD/Teacher Workday
- 18 First Day of School 2:00 dismissal

September

- 7 No School – Labor Day
- 8 Teacher Cohort Day

October

- 7 PT Conferences 12:30 Dismissal
- 9 No School
- 16 End Quarter 1

November

No School Nov 25-27

December

- 22 End Quarter 2
- Holiday Break Dec 23-Jan 4
- [NSAA Moratorium Dec 23-27](#)

January

- 4 Teacher In-Service
- 5 School Reconvenes

February

- March
- No School Mar 4-5
- 12 End Quarter 3

April

No School Apr 2 & 5

May

- 8 Graduation
- 20 Last Day of School
- 21 Teacher Work Day

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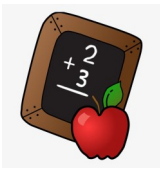
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Teacher Workday/No Students

No School Break Days

Flex Day

/ Dismiss 12:30



August



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

For the most current and up to date information,
 please go to: <http://www.pioneerconference.org>
 or view calendar on the school website:
www.friendbulldogs.org/vcalendar/



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	<p><i>First day of FB, SB, VB practices</i></p> <p>BOE—7:30 Media Center</p>						
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	<p><i>Teacher Workday</i></p>	<p>First Day Of School</p> <p>First Day of Preschool</p> <p>2:00 out</p>		<p>SB @ Blue Hill 5/6:30</p>	<p>2:00 out</p>	<p>SB Triangular @ Centennial/ Bishop Neumann 10:00</p>	
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	<p>SB @ Aurora 5/6:30</p> <p>Classroom Information Night via Zoom 6:00-8:00</p>	<p>SB vs Fairbury (in Geneva) 5/6:30</p> <p><i>School Picture Day</i></p> <p>Classroom Information Night via Zoom 6:00-8:00</p>		<p>VB vs. Pawnee City/Lewiston) 5:00/6:00/7:00</p> <p>SB @ York JV 6:00</p>	<p>2:00 out</p> <p>FB vs. Conestoga 7:00 (in Friend)</p>	<p>SB Fillmore Central Quad (@ Geneva) 10:00</p>	
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	<p>JH & JV FB vs. High Plains (in Friend) 4:30/6:30</p>						
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Color Your Life With Happiness...



Hello Parents and Students,

I cannot believe that summer is winding down, and it is time to start the school year up, again! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break with extra family time, and you are ready for a fun year of learning. We are so excited to see you on the first day of school! ***Our school-wide theme this year is: “Color Your Life with Happiness”.*** Which means focus on the positives and the little things we take for granted daily, which should be easy coming off of an interesting ending to the last school year. Be positive and spread your positivity to others around you! Even though we will have some changes to our daily routines due to Covid, the main goal is still the same- to learn and be successful every day! Be compassionate and understanding of others and work as a team to achieve our goals!

Our maintenance staff has worked extremely hard once again this summer, to make our school such a beautiful, clean, and welcoming place to learn. Everybody (staff and community members) always comment how great our facilities look. Thank you so much Justin, Cortney, Deb, and Stacey.

Our summer school teachers did an amazing job helping our students continue to be successful, while having fun at the same time! Thank you for your extra time and effort- Anna Runge and Cortney Kenney.

Thank you to our office staff who continue to work when everybody else leaves for the summer to make our school run successfully. These ladies go above and beyond for our students and staff! Thanks Michele, Kim, and Stacy.

Our teachers have been working hard during their summer break to get their classrooms and curriculum prepared for an amazing school year! They have attended summer classes, professional development, ran sports camps, and put in the extra effort for our students.

I feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this amazing team, community, and school district. Education and kids are my passion, and there is not a better place than Friend to put my passion into full force. I am a Friend Bulldog through and through and I am very passionate about Friend, just ask- I'll tell you 😊! I am excited to be starting my 13th year in education and I have loved every minute of it. I know this year we can be successful if we work as a team (parents, staff, and students) to help the students in Friend excel. I believe that with a positive attitude, hard work, and a great sense of humor you can accomplish so many things!

Here's to a great school year in 2020-2021! 😊

Liz Stutzman- PreK-12th Grade Principal



Stutzman's Side Notes



"You Learn Something New Every Day"

Elementary Reminders:

- * Please have your immunizations and physicals complete and turned into the office so you are able to start class. This is a state law.
- * Any forms handed to you on the first day of school (handbook, internet safety, etc.) will need to be returned by **Friday, August 21st**.

Jr. High and High School Reminders:

- * Please have your immunizations and physicals complete and turned into the office so you are able to start class and participate in activities. This is a state law.
- * Only **clear** water bottles with **water** are acceptable in school. You will bring your labeled water bottle to school daily, and then take it home, wash it, and refill it and bring it back for the next school day.
- * The school dress code needs to be followed at school **and** all activities.
- * Drops and Adds for classes need to be done between August 10-28th. You'll need to fill out a form and have signatures from a parent, administrator, and teacher to complete the process.
- * Students, please park in the north lot by the Catholic Church.
- * Please walk the "catwalk" or sit in the cafeteria before the 8:00 bell, unless you are eating breakfast.
- * Any forms handed to you on the first day of school (handbook, internet safety, etc.) will need to be returned by **Friday, August 21st**.
- * Cell phones need to be placed in the cell phone charts/turned into a designated classroom spot during class time.
- * **School will run from 8:05-3:29. Please be on time to school and class.**

Upcoming Dates:

August 18th: First day of School (Preschool-12th Grade)= 8:05-2:00

Pre-School runs Mondays- Thursdays. No Pre-school on Fridays.

August 24th and 25th: "Get to Know Your Classroom Night" (PreK-6th)

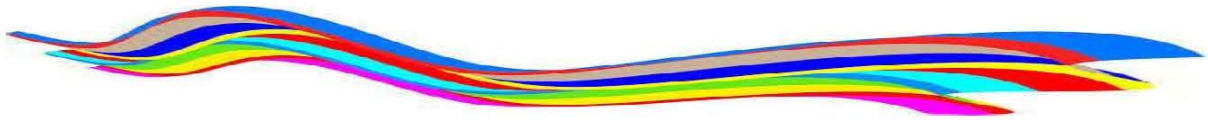
Parents Only- This will be conducted via Zoom, and there will be ONE session for each classroom.

August 24th: Preschool= 6:00-6:25, Kindergarten= 6:30-6:55, 1st Grade= 7:00-7:25, 2nd Grade= 7:30-7:55.

August 25th: 3rd Grade= 6:00-6:25, 4th Grade 6:30-6:55, 5th Grade 7:00-7:25, 6th Grade 7:30-8:00.

Watching this short meeting with your child's classroom teacher will get you off on the right foot, and you will gain knowledge about expectations, homework, discipline, etc.. for your child's school year.

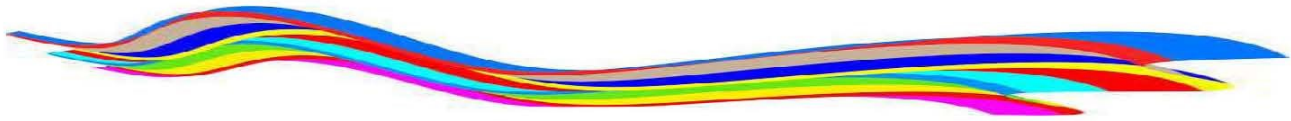
August 25th: School Picture Day (Don't forget your forms, please.)



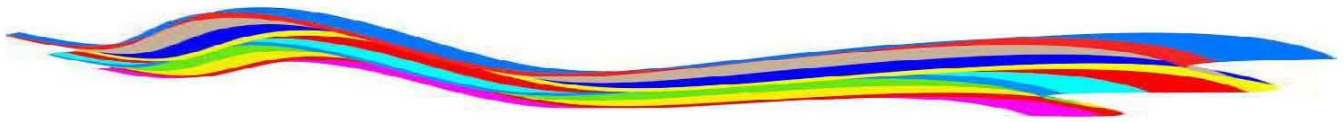
Walk to School Night

For Elementary (Preschool-6th Grade) Students and Families

Cancelled- Bring all of your supplies on August 18th



7th Grade Families- Orientation Night= Cancelled



Please Welcome our New Staff for the 2020-2021 School Year

Lori Klooz- Library/Math/Technology

Jacob Smiley-Language Arts

Stacy Kirchhoff- Secretary

Welcome!! We are excited to have you join our awesome team at Friend Public School!

Friday's Early Release Update

Fridays are 2:00 Early Releases for all students.

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

October 8, November 24, December 22, March 3, April 1, and May 20



•7-12 students wishing to make changes to their class schedules may see Ms. Hottovy at school August 10-14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

•If you need to meet at a specific time, please schedule an appointment in advance by emailing Ms. Hottovy as soon as possible. Otherwise, students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

•Be sure you have discussed proposed schedule changes with your parent(s)/guardian(s).

•It's a good idea to have multiple options in mind just in case your first choice doesn't work.

•Remember that changing your schedule is a team decision made by you, your parent(s)/guardian(s), your teachers and mentors, your school counselor, and your principal.

•Once school starts on August 18, students have 5 days to finalize their schedules. No changes can be made after August 24.

Students who earned **community service hours** over the summer should return *completed paperwork to Ms. Hottovy during the first week of school.*

ACT information for Seniors

•Mark your calendars -- you will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, September 22.

•This is the make-up date that replaces state testing that was cancelled in the spring, and students do not pay to take this test.

•You are welcome and encouraged to take the ACT multiple times (on your own) to ensure your highest score (which can result in more scholarships!).

•Visit <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html#fall-reg> for more information. There you'll be able to register for additional test dates.

•If you need help paying for ACT registration, please contact Ms. Hottovy for possible options.

Juniors, Seniors, and their parents/guardians: please put the morning of Thursday, October 1, on your calendar!

•Education Quest will be here to share college planning and financial aid information, plus seniors will then have time to participate in Apply 2 College Day!

Seniors -- if you haven't started exploring colleges yet, *now is the time.*

•Which school is the best fit for you? Which school offers programs that will meet your needs and interests? How will you pay to attend a certain college or university?

•Many of these questions can be answered ONLY after you go on a college visit!

•You will want to have begun narrowing your college choices before Apply 2 College Day on October 1.

•The goal is for you to have applied to at least 3 colleges before Thanksgiving.

•Due to Covid 19, most colleges and universities have paused on-campus visits.

•However, this website can give you all sorts of information about schools across the country, including virtual tours. Check it out!

•<https://campustours.com/>

•Some colleges and universities offer early application or early decision opportunities.

•Not sure what that means? Read this article from College Board to learn more: <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/early>.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors -- Set Yourself Up for Success

•It's never too early to consider taking the ACT. In fact, it is highly recommended that you take the ACT on your own at least once or twice before you take it as part of state assessments during your junior year of high school.

•Visit this website for more information regarding the test, testing dates, and how to register: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

•As always, reach out to Ms. Hottovy with any questions.

•If you need help paying for ACT registration, contact Ms. Hottovy for possible options.

I hope all of our students are ready to get back to learning and growing. I can't wait to see you! ~ Ms. Hottovy

AUGUST



Monday

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Thursday

Friday

	<p>Sausage, Egg, Cheese Sliders Hamburger Chips Baked Beans</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Egg Taco Meaty Nachos Toppings Corn Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>19</p>	<p>Breakfast Burrito Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>20</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Fiestadas Mexican Rice Churros</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p>21</p>
<p>Donuts Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Cooked Carrots Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>24</p>	<p>Bacon Breakfast Toast Spaghetti Green Beans Breadsticks Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>25</p>	<p>Cinnamon Rolls Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>26</p>	<p>Eggs Omelet Soft Shell Taco Toppings Corn</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>27</p>	<p>Chocolate Mini Donuts Breaded Chicken Patty Cheesy Broccoli Jello</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i> 2:00 out</p> <p>28</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles Pudding</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>31</p>				

2020-21 LUNCH PRICES

Breakfast.....\$1.85
 Grades K-6 lunch.....\$2.80
 Grades 7-12 lunch.....\$3.05
 Extra lunch entrée.....\$1.00
 Milk (extra or snack time) \$.35

Adult Breakfast.....\$2.30
 Adult Lunch.....\$3.85

A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.

Did you know?

FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL offers online payments for your convenience?

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.

When you 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.

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

To get started, go to:

<https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56376>

**Friend Public School
PO Box 67
Friend NE 68359**

August 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Friend Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.85; lunch costs \$2.80 for elementary and \$3.05 for secondary. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by September 30, 2020, in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail FPS, David Kraus, Superintendent, 402-947-2781, David.kraus@friendschool.org

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Michele Johnson-Clouse, FPS, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Michele Johnson-Clouse, 402-947-2781, immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if your school district makes this option available. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. *(Not available at Friend Public School)*

6. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: David Kraus, Friend Public School, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359 david.kraus@friendschool.org 402-947-2781
11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. **WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?** Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. **WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Michele Johnson-Clouse at 402-947-2781 to receive a second application.
16. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call 402-947-2781, ext 210.

Sincerely,

Michele Johnson-Clouse

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

For households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.
Part 2: Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

For households with FOSTER, HOMELESS, MIGRANT or RUNAWAY CHILDREN, follow these instructions:

If all children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

If some of the children in the household are foster children or are homeless, migrant or runaway children:

- Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the appropriate box.
Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.
Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

- Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
- Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
- Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

- Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or Disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and *Regular* cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Please note: Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant or runaway, are eligible for free meals. However, the school district must have documentation on file from a migrant coordinator, homeless/runaway liaison or the district's Direct Certification list to approve the child for free meals.

For ALL other households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all children, the school they attend and their grade.

Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

- Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
- Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
- Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

- Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or Disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and *Regular* cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Return Completed Application to:		Friend Public School, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359							
Part 1: Children in School									
List names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last). If <u>all</u> children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.	Grade	Name of School Child Attends		Check all that apply: Foster Child Homeless, Migrant, Runaway					
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR Benefits									
Enter MASTER CASE NUMBER if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR: (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4									
Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.									
1. Household Members		2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received							
List everyone in the household, current income each person earns in whole dollars (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.		Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income			
		Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often		
Total Number of Household Members: _____ (Children and Adults)		Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _____				Check if no SSN <input type="checkbox"/>			
Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.									
<i>"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."</i>									
Sign here:		Print name:		Date:					
Street Address (if available):			Zip:		Daytime Phone:				
Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional									
Check one Ethnic Identity: – and – Check one or more Racial Identities:									
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian		<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> White		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native					
Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only									
Annual Income Conversion:		Weekly X 52;		Every 2 weeks X 26;		Twice a month X 24;		Monthly X 12	
Total Household Size: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Free		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced		<input type="checkbox"/> Denied		Reason for denial:	
Total Income: _____ per		<input type="checkbox"/> Income		<input type="checkbox"/> Categorically eligible:		<input type="checkbox"/> Income too high		<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> 2 X Mo <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Wks <input type="checkbox"/> Week		<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP/TANF/FDIPIR		<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child		<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Migrant/Runaway:		(Official Documentation Required at School)	
Signature of Determining Official: _____				Date Approved: _____					
FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:									
Signature of Confirming Official: _____			Date Confirmed: _____			Date Withdrawn From School: _____			
Signature of Verifying Official: _____			Date Verified: _____						

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2020-21					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	346	319	160

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals can use their 2019 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced-price meal application. The income to report is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

When completing this form, **losses** (negative numbers) reported on any of the lines below are included when determining the **total** self-employed income. If the total income is a negative number, it is to be recorded as zero on the meal application in the category labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from use of the 1040 Form does not require follow-up.

Important Reminders:

Line 1 cannot be used to report current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 6 (Total income) and line 7 (Adjusted gross income) cannot be used for the purpose of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The line items below are used to determine allowable self-employment income. Refer to the **2019 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 – SCHEDULE 1** - under Additional Income.

Line 12, Business Income (or loss)	
Line 13, Capital Gain (or loss)	
Line 14, Other Gains (or losses)	
Line 17, Rental Real Estate, etc.	
Line 18, Farm Income (or loss)	

NOTE: If any members of the household have income from wages or salary, the gross income from last month must be reported on the application form.

This attachment is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming.

Total of above lines: _____ equals annual self-employed income*

* Report this figure on the meal application in the category labeled "All Other Income".

If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the meal application.



76 students Kindergarten-7th grade participated in our Bulldog camp!!! Our future is looking bright! Proud to be a Bulldog!!!

Thanks to all the high school players, Coach Jared Segner, Coach Paul Martin and Coach Nicole White! We couldn't have done it with out all of you!! #Bulldogstrong



The Friend volleyball team had so much fun putting on a camp for junior high and elementary students. The campers learned how to pass, set, hit, and serve.

The Friend volleyball team enjoyed hosting this camp and they look forward to hosting more camps in future summers!

We hope to see you at a game this upcoming fall!



School District Member:

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON BACK EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN

Each year the school is required by State Law 79-578 to take a census of the school district. The main purpose is to locate all children between the ages of birth to 21.

We ask your cooperation in filling out and returning the form on the next page. Please drop the form off at the school office in Friend or mail to: Friend Public Schools, P.O. Box 67, Friend, NE 68359.

The information collected is confidential and will not be made available to the public. This information is a necessary part of the formula to determine the amount of State Aid received by the school district. It is also used to obtain a list of incoming kindergartners and to project future enrollment. College students under the age of 21 should be listed if they live at home during the summer.

If you are moving, please return the completed form with your moving date written on the form. If you know who will be living in your present home, we would appreciate the information.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 402-947-2781. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David Kraus
Superintendent

State of Nebraska School Law

79-578, CLASS I, II, III, IV, VI SCHOOL DISTRICT; OR I SECRETARY; SCHOOL CENSUS; DUTY TO TAKE; TIME ALLOWED. The secretary of a Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district shall take, or cause to be taken by some person appointed for the purpose by a majority vote of the school board, the census of the school district and then make, or cause to be made, a list in writing of the names of all the children belonging to such district, from birth through twenty years of age, together with the names of all the taxpayers in the district. A copy of this list, verified by oath of the person taking such census or by affidavit appended to or endorsed on the list, setting forth that it is a correct list of the names of all children belonging in the district from birth to twenty years of age and that it reflects such information as of June 30, shall be maintained as provided in section 79-524 (Laws 1881;1889; 1931;1949; 1957; 1967; 1976; 1978; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1996; 1999)

Residents of Household:
(Last Name, First
Name)

Street Address _____

_____ **Mailing Address** _____

_____ **City** _____

_____ **Phone** _____

Below list all persons in the household under 21 years of age

Name	Birthdate					Place of Birth
	Mo.	Day	Yr.	Male	Female	

Thank you for all of your support and assistance.

Washington DC and New York Travel Opportunity

This spring, I was set to lead a tour of Friend students to Washington D.C. and New York; however, with the pandemic, it has been rescheduled for May of 2021. With this change, I am now extending the opportunity to next year's 8th graders and other high school students.

The trip is five days and four nights and will take place after school ends in May of 2021. It is an all-inclusive package that includes: round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, a full-time Tour Director, air-conditioned motor coach, sightseeing tours, visits to special attractions, and overnight hotel security.

Normally, I host an in-person meeting and discuss this wonderful educational opportunity. This summer, I am open to hosting a zoom meeting to any families who have an interest in the tour. You are able to go to www.efexploreamerica.com website and enter the tour number 2389301CA. You will find additional information about the tour as well as the cost. If interested, you are also able to enroll through the website. Payment is handled through the tour company, and you are able to select various payment options.

I would gladly answer any questions about this awesome travel opportunity. My email is margo.houlden@friendschool.org or you can give me a call at 402-947-2781. If needed, I am able to host zoom meetings which would also include a PowerPoint presentation. We could set up meetings with individual family schedules in mind.

Margo Houlden



Congratulations to the FHS class of 2020! We are proud of you!





7th-12th Grade Supply List

In General:

- Pencils
- Notebooks
- Pens
- Binders

Specific needs if you have this teacher:

Mrs. Niemeier — MATH

1. Loose leaf notebook paper
2. Binder 1.5" (1" will be too small)
3. Dividers for binder (4 is plenty)
4. Calculator: (*Recommended*) TI-34 Multiview or TI-84 Plus for higher level classes

Miss Tomlinson — FFA

All 9th-12th grade Ag. Students will need a 250 sheet spiral notebook

Mr. Martin — HISTORY

1. *12th Graders = Binder for your election project*
2. *7th-11th Graders = a notebook, colored pencils, glue sticks, and a pair of scissors*



Preschool



Recommended Supplies List

3-Year Old Morning Class

- (1) Backpack
- (1) Change of Clothing (Seasonal)
- (3) Elmer's JUMBO Glue Sticks
- (1) Pack Fine Point (Skinny) Dry Erase Expo Markers
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (3) Containers of Clorox Wipes
- (1) Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- (1) Package of Baby Wipes OR Hand Wipes
- (1) Box of Quart Sized Zip-Lock Baggies

4-Year Old Afternoon Class

- (1) Backpack
- (1) Change of Clothing (Seasonal)
- (3) Elmer's JUMBO Glue Sticks
- (1) Pack Fine Line (Skinny) Crayola Markers
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (3) Containers of Clorox Wipes
- (1) Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- (1) Package of Baby Wipes OR Hand Wipes
- (1) Box of Sandwich Sized Zip-Lock Baggies

Kindergarten*

- (2) boxes of Crayons
 - (1) 24 pack of #2 yellow pencils
 - (10) large glue sticks
 - (1) pink eraser
 - (4) 2 pocket folders
Red, Yellow, Green, Blue
 - (1) box Zip-Lock bags
- Girls: Gallon size Boys: Quart size
- (3) containers of Clorox wipes
 - (1) bottle of hand sanitizer
 - (3) boxes of Kleenex
- ** Do not need to label items as we put them all together**

Grade 1*

- (20) Sharpened pencils
- (1) Pencil box
- Washable markers
- (2) boxes 24 Crayons
- Scissors
- (6) Glue sticks
- (1) Big Pink Eraser
- (4) Dry Erase Markers
- (1) Clorox Wipes
- (1) Quart size baggies
- (1) boxes of tissues
- (2) 2-pocket folder

Grade 2*

- (1) 24 count Crayons
- (24) #2 yellow Pencils
- (2) Glue sticks
- (1) Big boxes of Kleenex
- Markers
- (1) Scissors
- (1) Spiral Notebook
- (2) Erasers
- (2) 2-pocket folders
- (1) container of Clorox Wipes

Grade 3

(Please bring your supplies on Walk To School Night)

- (2) large boxes of Kleenex
- (1) container of Clorox Wipes
- (1 Pack) Sharpened #2 pencils
- (2) red pens
- (2) spiral notebooks
- (2) glue sticks
- 1 hand sanitizer
- (3) 2 pocket folders
- (1) pack of sticky notes
- 4 dry erase markers
- 1 big eraser

Grade 4

- (4) No. 2 pencils
- Crayons or markers
- (1) big boxes of Kleenex
- (2) spiral notebooks single subject
- (1) big eraser
- (2) red pens
- (4) Odorless Dry Erase Markers
- (1) container of Clorox Wipes
- (2) Glue sticks
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- (1) 3 ring binder

Grade 5

- (2) single subject spiral notebooks – wide ruled
- (6) #2 pencils
- (4) red pens
- (1) large boxes of facial tissues
- (1) large eraser
- (1) box crayons
- (1) box markers
- Metric/standard measurement ruler
- (4) odorless dry erase markers
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- **One each Red, Blue, Yellow,**
- (1) large glue stick
- (1) scissors
- inexpensive pair of earbuds

Grade 6*

- Pencils
- (4) red ball point pens
- (2) single subject spiral notebooks
- (6) odorless dry erase markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Calculator
- Markers or colored pencils
- (2) large boxes of Kleenex
- Inexpensive ear buds

2020-21 Friend Elementary Supplies





The Nebraska Lions Foundation will be coming to Friend Public School on September 4th, 2020. Students in Kindergarten thru 4th grade, 7th grade and 10th grade will be assessed for hearing and visual acuity. We are so blessed to receive these services every year; it is such a valuable resource for our students and is often serves as an early indicator of any concerns that may be interfering in educational, home and social situations.

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