

FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

May 2021

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From Royalty 2021

Left to right:

Dawson Logan, Gracia Scholl,
Cole Holman, Zoe Foster,
Deven Collier



PROM 2021

Queen-Gracia Scholl
King-Deven Collier





From the

Superintendent's Desk

Thank you and Good-Bye

As most of you know, June 30th will be my last day as superintendent at Friend School. I want to thank the board, staff, students, and community for allowing me to be a part of something very special here. I truly have enjoyed my time here and am going to miss the Friend family.

As I thought about my final newsletter article, I cannot help but sum up our last school year. Even though I have had six years of experience here, this year was by far the most challenging. However, if you know me well or have been around me enough, you have probably heard me say, "What you focus on expands." I love this quote as we have a choice every day on what we give our focus to. There is good and bad all around us, but choosing to focus on the good has been what has made working at Friend School so enjoyable and allowed me to get through this difficult year. COVID has brought out the best and the worst in our society and has taken its toll on everyone. Our lives all changed last year, and we were given a daunting task to figure out a plan quickly. I know there were mixed feelings on every decision, but this community supported our decisions and helped us get through a very difficult time. I have heard horror stories of communities fighting with one another and filling board meetings with angry patrons. I know some schools who just recently returned to in-person instruction and have been out of the school building since last March. Other schools are trying to figure out how to fill the gap of all the lost learning, knowing their students are far behind where they should be.

Through this whole ordeal, I never received one angry phone call, email, or conversation with a community member, which I very much appreciate. I know this isn't because there was 100% agreement but rather an appreciation for our school and community by giving us some grace. Being in person since August and seeing actual growth in our student learning is something I will not take for granted. As many schools fight with their communities, are trying to get 100% back in person with teachers, and also trying to figure out ways to close the learning gap, Friend Public School is in a great position moving forward.

I believe COVID brought out the best in us by pushing us to appreciate the little things and come together to make the best situation possible. We obtained a lot of new knowledge, especially the use of technology. We learned how to be flexible, patient, and understanding. In the end, we learned to appreciate our profession and being able to be with one another and our students.

What we
focused on expanded!!!

Once again, I want to thank everyone for making my job as superintendent a great experience here at Friend and supporting us through this past year. I will always focus on all the positive things I was a part of.

Thank you,

David Kraus, Superintendent



Stutzman's Side Notes



"Color Your Life With Happiness"

During our April Bulldog Buddies, we enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt around the school with our groups and then doing an active movement before moving to the next clue!! Each senior had a clue, which added to the excitement.

It is very crazy to think that one year ago we were wishing that we could enjoy all of our spring activities to celebrate the end of the year, and now are actually in the midst of it! Thank you to the families who were able to participate in our "Read With a Buddy Day" for the elementary students! We love having guests in the building, and to put a specific focus on reading is very important to our students' continued success!

During the month of April, we also celebrated our staff. This has been an extra challenging year for all of our staff members; please take the time to tell them thank you for all of their time, effort, patience, and flexibility of teaching during a year of a pandemic. The amount of teamwork our staff puts together daily to ensure our students' success is outstanding and amazing to witness! I am so proud of our staff and students.

Officer Dom is leaving and moving to be a police officer in Omaha. We will miss him dearly, and to commemorate our time with Dom and his visits during lunch, the staff and students all signed a lunch tray for him to have as a memento. Thank you, Dom, for keeping us safe and building lasting relationships with our staff, students, and community members.

For the last month of school, we have many important dates. Please keep communication lines open and check your child's backpack or check the bulletin so you are aware of upcoming events, dates, and information. Thank you for your support.

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

Pre School Round-Up

On Friday, May 14th **parents and students** who will be *ENTERING* the 3 year old Pre School class are asked to come to the school at **9:00 AM**. The parents will have an information session from Mrs. Meints and also pick up paper work, and the students will get to meet their teacher, see their classroom, and enjoy some recess time.

Jump Up Day

For our students who will be entering Kindergarten-7th Grade, we will have a "Jump Up Day" during school! Students will get a 30-minute session to meet their teacher for the next year and get information to help them be successful for the next school year to come. This is for *students only* on May 14th. (4 year old preschoolers entering Kindergarten will be on May 13th, students only). Mrs. Stutzman will be meeting with the 6th graders entering Junior High at this time.

Important Dates to Mark Down for the Remainder of the Year

May 4- 7th-12th Grade Music/Band Concert 7:00 (Old gym)

May 8- Class of 2021 Graduation 3:00

May 10-14- Bike to School Day (on a chosen day this week, based off the weather)

May 11- 2:30 Jr. High Honors Ceremony (Old gym)

May 13- Elementary program 6:30 (New gym)

May 13- Jump Up Day for 4-year old Pre School

May 14- Jump Up Day for Kindergarten-6th Grade

May 14- 3 Year Old Pre School Round- Up (incoming 3's) For Kids and Parents 9:00 AM

May 17- Kindergarten Graduation 2:15 old gym

May 20- Last day of school!! 2:00 release

**** When coming to any school activity, please wear a mask and social distance. Thank you!**

Important

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021!!



**Graduation
Saturday, May 8th
3:00 pm**

Scholarships

- ⇒ Individual scholarship recipients were announced at Honors Night the last week in April. Please note that individual recipients will not be announced during the graduation ceremony (although a list will be available on graduation day for all in attendance).
- ⇒ A huge thank you goes out to our local and area benefactors for the many opportunities being given our seniors!

Looking at Next Year

- ⇒ Upcoming 7-12 grade students will receive their class schedules for the 2021-2022 school year in August along with their back to school information.
- ⇒ Students who wish to drop and/or add classes are welcome to stop by the school the week of August 9-13 between 8:30 and 3:30.

Community Service

- ⇒ Businesses, organizations, churches, etc. in the Friend school district are reminded to contact Ms. Amy Hottovy or Mrs. Liz Stutzman with any community service opportunities that might be available for our high school students over the summer. Thank you to all who have already begun partnering with the school!
- ⇒ Students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2021-2022 school year are encouraged to earn community service hours this summer. Check out the Google Doc for multiple opportunities.

Friend Electric Car Team had a successful weekend in Lincoln, winning first place and breaking the track record (previously held by Friend) by completing 75 laps in an hour on the .42 mile track. The event was held at UNL East campus.



We are quickly approaching the end of another school year! Summer break offers so many fun activities, lazy days, and warm nights that encourage cookouts and time with friends. Summer break is **also** the perfect time to get a jumpstart on another successful school year! A few “to-do” items before school resumes in the fall:

- ◆ Children entering kindergarten will need to have a physical examination and a visual acuity exam completed, with documentation turned into school health office *no later than the first day of school*. These exams must be completed no more than 6 months prior to enrollment.
- ◆ ALL current 6th grade students will need a physical examination (dated on or after June 1, 2021) completed by physician *before entering 7th grade* next fall. Please, make your appointments soon as we will need these on file *no later than the first day of school* to avoid exclusion. This physical will also serve as a sports physical for 7th grade students only for the 2021/2022 school year.
- ◆ ALL current 6th grade students are required by Nebraska State Law to receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster) *before entering 7th grade*. This vaccine must be obtained and documentation provided to school, *no later than the first day of school* to avoid exclusion.
- ◆ Any student wishing to participate in *any* sport will need a Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (sports physical) before he/she will be allowed to participate in chosen sport(s). All sports physicals must be dated on or after June 1, 2021, to count toward athletics of the 2021/2022 school year.
- ◆ If your student has asthma or allergies, please remember to have a treating physician complete a current Asthma/Allergy Action Plan during his/her physical or before the school year starts. This form is available in the school nurse’s office or on the Friend Public School website (<https://www.friendbulldogs.org/>). *This form must be updated every school year*. Also, if your student uses an Epi-Pen, please be sure to supply one to the school nurse upon first day of classes to avoid any lapse in treatment.
- ◆ Various other health forms have been added to Friend Public School’s website for your convenience; forms available include Diabetic Management, Medication Consent Forms, Dietary Restrictions, and Seizure Action Plans. Should your student have a history of any of these conditions, please complete the appropriate forms and return to the school nurse by the end of *the first day of the 2021/2022 school year*.
- ◆ Please take a moment to review the immunization schedule for your student’s age/grade at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Immunization/School-Summary-RR-English.pdf>

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer,

Nurse Buol



MAY



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>2</p>	<p>JH TR @ Sutton Invite 12:00</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Golf @ Sutton Invite 9:00</p> <p>7-12 Grade Band/ Music Concert 7:00</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Cinco De Mayo</p> <p>HS Quiz Bowl @ Seward 8:00</p> <p>5</p>	<p>TR @ Cross County Invite 10:00</p> <p>5th Grade Field Trip</p> <p>6</p>	<p>2:00 out</p> <p>Kindergarten Field Trip</p> <p>7</p>	<p>TR @ Pioneer Conf. @ Tri-County</p> <p>1</p> <p>JH TR @ Pioneer Conference @ Pawnee City 9:00 Graduation 3:00</p> <p>8</p>
<p>Mother's Day</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Golf Dual @ Fillmore Central 4:00</p> <p>BOE-Media Center 7:30</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Golf @ Franklin Invite 9:00</p> <p>Jr. High Honors Assembly 2:30</p> <p>11</p>	<p>District Track TBD</p> <p>Golf @ Thayer Central Invite 9:30</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Elementary Spring Concert 6:30</p> <p>13</p>	<p>2:00 out</p> <p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Golf Districts TBD</p> <p>Kindergarten Graduation 2:15</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Golf Districts TBD</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Preschool Last Day of School</p> <p>State Track-Omaha Class B & D</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Last Day of School</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>State Track-Omaha Class B & D</p> <p>20</p>	<p>State Track-Omaha Class A & C</p> <p>21</p>	<p>State Track-Omaha Class A & C</p> <p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>State Golf TBD</p> <p>26</p>	<p>State Golf TBD</p> <p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Memorial Day</p> <p>31</p>				<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: http:// www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: friendbulldogs.org</p>	

MAY Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Donuts Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>3</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>4</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Hamburger/Bun Chips Chocolate Brownies</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>5</p>	<p>Chocolate Covered Mini Donuts Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>6</p>	<p>Cherry Strudel Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Corn</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>7</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>10</p>	<p>Pancakes Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>11</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>12</p>	<p>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffins Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>13</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Fiestada Spanish Rice Churros</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>14</p>
<p>Donuts Chicken Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>17</p>	<p>Egg, Bacon Pizza Taco Salad Toppings Corn Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>18</p>	<p>Cinnamon Rolls Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Pudding</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>19</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>LAST DAY 2:00 out</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21</p>



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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

May 2021

Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books, and fees. Get a part-time job to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to look for scholarships while in college.

To learn more, read "[What You Need to Know About Student Loans](#)" and see "[Paying for College](#)" at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Juniors... complete these tasks to stay on track to college

Narrow your college choices to three or four. Visit your top choices either [in person](#) or [virtually](#).

Become familiar with the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You and your parents can complete this form on or after October 1 to apply for college financial aid.

Update your [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Look for scholarships using [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

May "To Do" List

Seniors

- Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- Register for new-student orientation at your college.
- Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

Juniors

- [Register](#) by May 7 for June 12 ACT.
 - [Register](#) by May 6 for June 5 SAT.
 - Continue campus visits.
 - Get a summer job and save for college.
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For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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6th Grade to Edgerton



Friend sixth graders had a great experience on their field trip to the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora, NE, on March 19th. It was a fun, science-filled day. One activity allowed students to discover how difficult it is to build a bird nest, especially when using tweezers (simulating a bird's beak) instead of fingers. There was plenty of static electricity to go around thanks to a Van der Graaf generator. "Cool" dry ice and liquid nitrogen demonstrations were enjoyed by everyone. Throughout the day, students also visited "The Zone" which held numerous hands-on opportunities to have fun, explore, and even compete. A fantastic day was had by all!





From bird nests to static electricity to light sabers to bubbles!

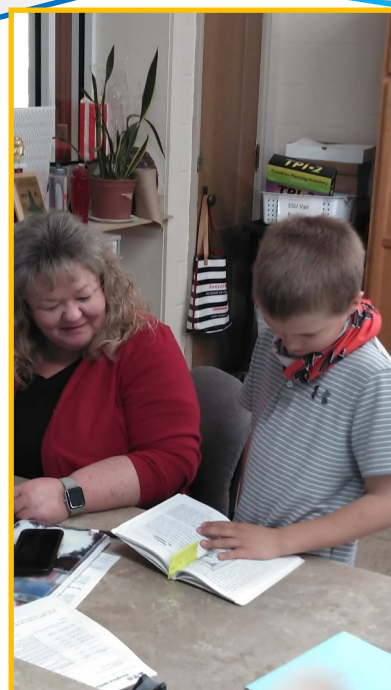




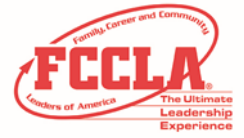
**K-6
Read with a
Buddy 2021!!**



**Thank you to all
who came to
read with our
students!!**



FCCLA Happenings



At the beginning of the school year, FCCLA members decided to organize a fundraising project of selling face masks. The project was very successful with over 120 handmade masks sold to students, staff members, and community members. The Friend FCCLA Chapter would like to thank all those purchasing masks. In April, members decided to contribute a portion of their profits to the Friend Volunteer Fire Department.

Another highlight for the year was participating in various virtual leadership conferences. In April, members participated in the State Leadership Conference virtually. Theme for the conference was The Future is Yours. This school year was a milestone for Nebraska FCCLA in celebrating its 75th birthday. Nebraska FCCLA started in 1945. Members were able to listen to the conference keynote speakers as well as breakout sessions virtually on April 12-13th.

Also during the online event, STAR awards were announced. Earning a silver medal was the team of Shelby Steyer and Andrew Lunt in the Chapter Service Project Portfolio. The sophomore members planned and organized a project of collecting personal care items for donation to Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. Jyllean Beck and Kendyll Pavel also earned a silver medal in the competition. The senior team organized a cooking project for 6th graders. Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication.

STAR, which stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition, is a competitive event for FCCLA members. The purpose of STAR is to assist students in developing leadership, citizenship, and skills for personal, family, and community life. The program is designed to be a learning experience for members individually or as a team. Members select topics and prepare presentations benefiting themselves, their schools, families, or communities.



State
STAR
silver
medal
winners-

Kendyll Pavel
Jyllean Beck
Andrew Lunt
Shelby Steyer

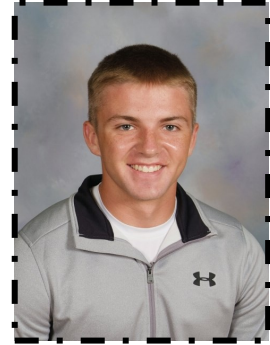


FCCLA members Kendyll Pavel, Jyllean Beck, and Zoe Foster are shown presenting a donation to Friend Volunteer Fire Department President Jake Clouse. Profits from the chapter selling handmade face masks were used for the donation.

Bulldogs of the Month



Julie Ricenbaw
Resource



JB Drake
Junior

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