

# FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

## April 2022

Superintendent-Derek Anderson   Principal-Elizabeth Stutzman   Activity Director-Jim Pfeiffer   Counselor-Amy Hottovy



***Congratulations to our new 2022 NHS members!!***

***The Friend National Honor Society welcomed six new members during the induction ceremony.***

***New members include: Jacob Weber, Lilly Ellison, Shelby Steyer, Emily Brahmstedt, Preston Knollenberg, and Chase Svehla.***

***Current members include:***

***Andrew Lunt, Vivian Weber, Kylie Weber, Cameryn Brandt, Christian Weber, Shelby Lawver, Fred Hausman, JB Drake, and Elijah Black.***

***National Honor Society sponsor is Paul Martin.***



Coop and Consolidation Talks

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our district's students and staff. As your superintendent, it is one of my goals to continually look for ways to improve our offerings for OUR students—in and out of the classroom. To that end, there are some options that are currently in "discussion mode" with our board members.

The board and I are deliberating both cooperation in all sports and activities as well as a possible future consolidation. Unlike the previous round of consolidation talks, it seems that this will be a more gradual process. While sports and fine arts are important, it is my viewpoint that improvements toward the curricular and course offerings are of the utmost importance in preparing our young people for post-graduation plans. While nothing has yet been decided for next year, discussions will continue as we navigate toward mutual understandings to benefit our students.

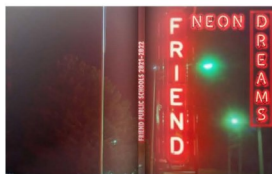
Another goal of mine that concerns YOU is listening to the voices, questions, and concerns of the district's patrons. The board and I have continued to be open to feedback and input from the public. We appreciate and value your opinions as we look to steer our district in the best way possible. As we move forward with these discussions over the following months, please feel free to have conversations with board members. As always, my door is open and my ears are ready to listen. Please feel free to call, email, or simply stop in to share what's on your mind. I believe clear communication is essential to any changes, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Derek Anderson, Superintendent

PURCHASE YOUR 2022 YEARBOOK!!

Arriving by 6/14/22. With tax, the total cost of the yearbook will be \$30.21.

Buy a Yearbook!



Our Yearbook class has worked hard all year to document all the great things going on at Friend Public School, and they would like to share it with you! If you're interested in buying a yearbook, this year we will be ordering them directly from the website called TreeRing. The yearbooks won't be ready to ship until after the school year's over, but you can pre-order your yearbooks now. Here are the steps for doing so:

First, go to <https://tr5.treering.com>. If you don't have an account yet, click "Sign Up." That will take you to a screen where you'll be choosing between two options that say "Sign Me Up" or "Sign Up My School." Click on the left one, "Sign Me Up."



Then, it will show you a screen saying, "Enter the Passcode Provided by Your School." For this you will enter the following code: 1016044079672509

Click "Confirm."

Then you will see a screen asking you to fill out your name, email, create a password, and select your role. Fill those out and click "Get Started."



For role, select "Parent." From there, it will ask if you're over 13, and you'll click yes. From there it will ask you to confirm your information, and you'll click "Next."

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From there, you'll see a screen that looks like this. Click "Let's Go."



Then you'll see this screen. Click "Checkout."



You'll then enter your payment information and order your yearbook. The yearbooks will ship to the school under whatever name you've entered.

They will arrive by 6/14/22.

With tax, the total cost of the yearbook will be \$30.21.

When they arrive, please come pick them up in the office. We're excited for you to see them! If you have any questions, please call (402) 947-2781 or email [james.butler@gruett@friendschool.org](mailto:james.butler@gruett@friendschool.org)



# Stutzman's Side Notes

"You Learn Something New Every Day"



Happy Spring!!!! We have a lot of fun and exciting things happening at Friend Public School to end our school year and celebrate our time together! Please see the schedule below, and please make sure you have the correct number/email address hooked into our school's "Blackboard" account where you will get notifications as well. You can also make sure to have the Friend Public School App on your phone for up-to-date information.

Liz Stutzman- Principal

Friend Public School

Go Dawgs!!

## Pre School Round-Up

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, **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 and classmates, see their classroom, and enjoy some recess time.

## Jump Up Day

For our students who will be entering 4 year old Preschool - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, we will have a "Jump Up Day" during school! The students will attend a 30-minute session to meet their teacher for the next year and get information to help them be successful for the school year to come. This is for students only on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stutzman will be meeting with the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders entering Junior High during this time.

## Important Dates to Mark Down for the Remainder of the Year

April- State testing

April 9- Prom, Prom Preview (old gym) at 4:30

April 14- 2:00 release

April 15 and 18- NO school- Easter break

April 28- High School Honors Night 6:30 PM (new gym)

April 29- FFA Banquet at 6:15 in Friend

May 5- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Music/Band Concert 7:00 (New gym)

May 9-13- Elementary Bike to School Day (on a chosen day this week, based off of the weather)

May 9- 2:30 Jr. High Honors Ceremony (Old gym)

May 10- Elementary concert 6:30 (New gym)

May 12- Baccalaureate Service 6:30 (Old Gym)

May 13- 3 Year Old Pre School Round- Up (incoming 3's) For Kids and Parents 9:00 AM

May 14- Class of 2022 Graduation 3:00

May 16- Class of 2034 Kindergarten Graduation 2:15 old gym

May 17- Jump Up Day for 4-year old Pre School- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

May 19- Last day of school!! 12:30 release



### **Scholarships**

- Seniors are asked to let Ms. Hottovy know about scholarships they have been awarded.
- At Honors Night on April 28, all scholarships that have been awarded (by that date) will be announced. Seniors are highly encouraged to attend!
- A complete list of scholarship recipients will be available at the graduation ceremony.
- Many thanks to our local benefactors for the numerous scholarship opportunities being given our seniors!

### **Next Year's Classes**

- Students who will be in grades 7-12 next during the 2022-2023 school year are currently signing up for classes.
- Ms. Hottovy visited with each grade level to discuss options and requirements.
- All students are encouraged to get out of their "comfort zones" by taking classes that are challenging and get them thinking about new and interesting topics!
- Parents/guardians who have questions about required coursework at FPS are encouraged to reach out to the school counselor.

### **Parents/Guardians of Juniors**

- Juniors took the ACT on March 22. Kudos to them for working so hard during the ACT-Now test prep sessions as well as the day of the test!
- ACT score reports will be available to juniors on MyACT.org. Ms. Hottovy will visit with each individual to interpret results.
- If juniors have not taken a college visit yet this school year, now is the time to get one scheduled!

### **Freshmen & Sophomores**

- Please consider signing up to take the ACT this summer. We really prefer you NOT wait until your junior year to take it. Check out test dates and other information on [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

### **Community Service**

- Businesses, organizations, churches, etc. in the Friend school district are reminded to contact the school with any community service opportunities that might be available for our high school students. Thank you to all who have already begun partnering with the school!
- All 9-12 grade students are encouraged to complete at least 5 hours of community service this school year. Please visit with your son/daughter about plans to get this accomplished.
- Incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) are encouraged to earn community service hours over the summer.

### **Navigating the Challenges of Parenting**

- The Child Mind Institute offers many, many resources to help parents & guardians guide children of all ages through various issues.
- Need a little assistance knowing how to help your child deal with anxiety? Confidence? Divorce? Drugs & alcohol? Social media? Sleep? Stress? Trauma & grief? Check out the Institute's website to learn about these and many more topics: <https://childmind.org/audience/for-families/>



## Spring Flowers and Safety Tips Are Blooming...

Spring is a great time for family fun and activities!  
A few safety tips to keep the fun times healthy...

- \* Allergy season is upon us. Allergies can cause a multitude of symptoms including sniffing, sneezing, coughing, itchy or puffy eyes, post nasal drip, headaches and earaches, to name a few. Consult with your doctor about the best treatment options, and limit your time outdoors on days when the pollen or mold counts are high; you can check daily particulate counts on the Weather Channel.
- \* Start thinking about sunscreen. As short sleeve weather approaches, don't forget to be prepared with sunscreen. That first seasonal sunburn is the most damaging to the skin and can surprise you even on a cool spring day. Apply sunscreen every few hours for the most effective coverage, and don't forget to protect your eyes with sunglasses or a breathable hat!
- \* Make outdoor time a safe time by wearing a helmet when riding bikes, skateboards, and scooters. Knee pads and elbow pads are easy to wear and add even more protection.
- \* Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac contain oils that may cause an allergic skin reaction that looks like swollen, itchy, red bumps and blisters wherever the oil has touched the skin. Check the areas around your home and teach your kids to recognize and avoid these plants.
- \* Stinging insects will soon be back. If you are stung, remove the stinger as soon as possible with a scraping motion. Wash with soap and water and apply a cold compress. If trouble breathing, severe swelling or fainting occurs, call 911 right away.
- \* Ticks can be a problem in our area...use tweezers or fingers to grasp as close to the head as possible and pull the tick away from where it is attached. Call the pediatrician for symptoms of a rash or fever following exposure.
- \* Remind children not to approach an unknown animal and not to disturb a sleeping animal or any animal that is eating. If a bite occurs, wash wounds well with soap and water and call the pediatrician.
- \* Remember to hydrate. Sweat and exercise deplete the body of essential fluids, so keep those water bottles filled and close by!

## EMF FFA Members Shine at District Career Development Events

The EMF FFA chapter traveled to SCC Beatrice on March 1st to compete in district and state qualifying CDE events. We had a total of 31 competitors that day, and we succeeded in qualifying six teams for state, plus we had a district championship team in Ag Sales. The members have been working hard and studying since January for most of these competitions, and we are proud of all of their hard work and accomplishments.

Livestock Management- 5th out of 24 teams, Kole Svec, Cade Kresak, Kylie Weber, Peyton Pribyl- 2 points from qualifying.

Ag Tech and Mech- 4th place out of 17 teams, STATE QUALIFIER, Ben Bartu, Mikey Bartu, Jayden Capek, Kole Svec. Ben was 7th individually out of 68 competitors.

Agriscience- 11th place out of 24 teams, ADVANCING to STATE, Zach Spohn, Reagan Bartley, Will Vyhnalek and Jayden Capek. Zach was 2nd place individually, and Reagan was 10th individually out of 96 individuals.

Ag Sales- DISTRICT CHAMPIONS out of 8 teams, STATE QUALIFIER, Ella Archer, Vivian Weber, Kiah Songster and Will Vyhnalek. Ella Archer was 3rd individually, Vivian was 7th, Will was 8th, and Kiah was 9th out of 32 individuals.

Natural Resources- 2nd place out of 11 teams, STATE QUALIFIER, Christian Weber, Fred Hausman, Spencer Eberspacher and Shelby Lawver. Christian was the 1st place and top individual, and Fred was 10th place individually out of 44.

Agronomy- 2nd place out of 13 teams, STATE QUALIFIER, Chase Svehla, Peyton Pribyl, Zach Spohn and Spencer Eberspacher. Chase placed 4th individually, and Zach placed 8th individually out of 52.

Floral- 2nd place out of 17 teams, STATE QUALIFIER, Cameryn Brandt, Vivian Weber, Abbie Milton and Shelby Lawver. Cameryn was 3rd individually, Vivian was 6th, and Shelby was 9th out of 68.

Vet Science did amazing well but was missing a team member, so we couldn't place as a team. Individually, Kylie Weber was 6th, Reagan Bartley was 14th, and Shyann Smith was 13th out of 48.

The chapter will be heading to State FFA Convention in Lincoln on April 6-8 and competing and participating in several CDE events, Jr. Public Speaking, Hall of Chapters, Middle School People in Ag Event, Ag Issues Academy, State FFA Degree's, and Nebraska FFA STAR Finalist. It will be a busy couple of days in Lincoln, but our members are prepared.

We have also been hard at work in our new greenhouse getting plants and seeds started. We are planning on selling to the general public toward the end of April (weather permitting). Please watch our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) for more information, pictures, and finalized dates.



Nursery/Landscape class on greenhouse training field trip at Wildroots Greenhouses in Central City.



Students who attended Career Development Events at SCC Beatrice.



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<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 or check the calendar on the school website: <a href="http://friendbulldogs.org">friendbulldogs.org</a></p>					<p><b>2:00 out</b></p>	
<p>State FCCLA Convention - Lincoln April 3-5</p>	<p>TR-Meridian Invite (Friend) 10:00</p>	<p>JH TR @ Exeter-Milligan Invite (at McCool) 8:45</p> <p>Golf-Friend Quad (Friend, BDS, E-M, Centennial) 4:00</p>	<p>Golf-Friend Invite 9:30</p> <p>JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward</p>	<p>State FFA Convention—Lincoln 6-8</p>	<p><b>2:00 out</b></p>	<p>Prom</p> <p>Prom Preview 4:30</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>BOE - Media Center 7:30</p> <p>JH TR @ Hampton Invite (McCool) 9:30</p>	<p>FCA Lunch Meeting</p>	<p>Golf @ Milford Invite 9:30</p>	<p>TR @ Deshler Invite 10:00</p> <p><b>2:00 out</b></p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p>TR - McCool Invite 9:00</p> <p>Golf Dual Southern Dual (Friend County Club) 4:00</p>	<p>JH TR @ Centennial Invite 2:00</p> <p>FCA Lunch Meeting</p>	<p>Golf @ Palmyra Invite 8:30</p>	<p>Honors Night (9-12) 6:30</p>	<p><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p>EMF FFA Banquet (Friend) 6:15</p>	<p>TR Pioneer Outdoor Invite @ Pawnee City 9:00</p> <p><b>30</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Break</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>TR-Friend Invite 10:00</p>	<p>Golf @ David City Invite 9:30</p>	<p>JH TR @ David City Invite 10:00</p> <p>District Music @ Heartland</p>	<p><b>2:00 out</b></p> <p>District Music @ Heartland</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	

# Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



**SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE  
WITHOUT  
NOTICE  
DUE TO  
AVAILABILITY  
OF CERTAIN  
PRODUCTS**

**Chocolate, Chocolate  
Chip Muffins**  
Chicken Quesadilla  
Corn  
Bread/Butter

Fruit & Veggie Bar

**2:00 out**

**1**

**Breakfast Pizza**  
Mini Corn Dogs  
Tator Tots

**Pancakes**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Bread/Butter

**Breakfast Bites**  
Hamburger/Bun  
Baked Beans

**Breakfast Bars**  
Hot Dog/Bun  
Chili  
Shredded Cheese

**Cherry Strudel**  
Fiestada  
Rice  
Churros

Fruit & Veggie Bar

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**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**

**2:00 out**

**8**

**Donuts**  
Meaty Nachos  
Toppings  
Shredded Cheese  
Bread/Butter

**Egg & Cheese Omelet**  
Sloppy Joes  
Doritos  
Pudding

**Cinnamon Rolls**  
Chicken Taco  
Toppings  
Shredded Cheese  
Bread/Butter

**Chocolate, Chocolate  
Chip Muffin**  
Spaghetti  
Breadsticks  
Shredded Cheese

**NO SCHOOL  
Good Friday**

Fruit & Veggie Bar

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**2:00 out**

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**

**NO SCHOOL  
Easter Break**

**Chocolate Covered  
Mini Donuts**  
Chicken Strips  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Bread/Butter

**Scrambled Eggs**  
Hamburger/Bun  
Green Beans

**Breakfast Bars**  
Taco Salad  
Toppings  
Shredded Cheese  
Corn  
Bread/Butter

**Biscuits & Gravy**  
Subs  
Chips  
Cookies

Fruit & Veggie Bar

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**2:00 out**

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

**22**

**Donuts**  
Mandarin Orange  
Chicken  
Rice  
Peas  
Bread/Butter

**Breakfast Bites**  
Breaded Chicken  
Patty/Bun  
Jell-O  
Broccoli Cheese

**Chocolate Chip Muffin**  
Hot Turkey  
Sandwich  
Bread/Butter

**Breakfast Pizza**  
Cheese Flatbread  
Cooked Carrots

**Scrambled Eggs**  
Stuffed Crust  
Cheese Pizza

Fruit & Veggie Bar

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**2:00 out**

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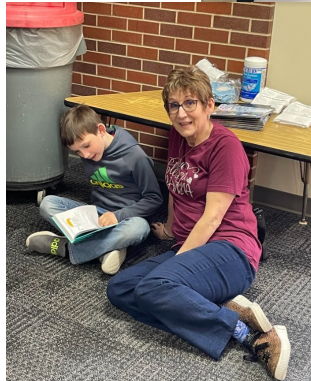
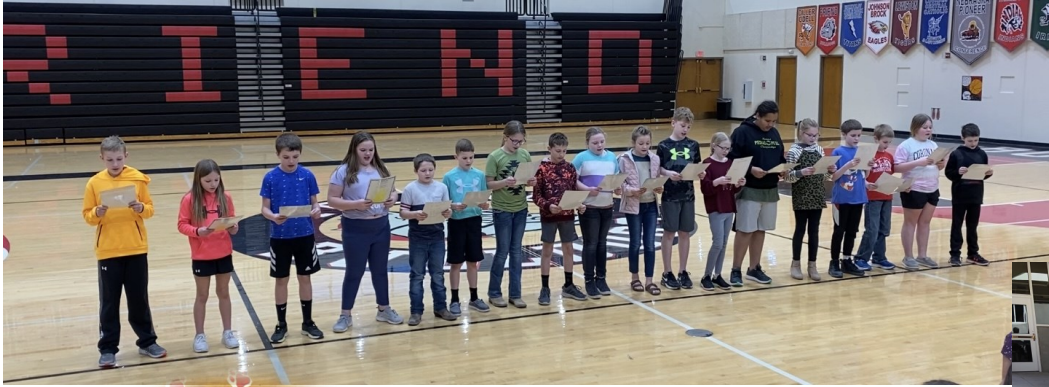
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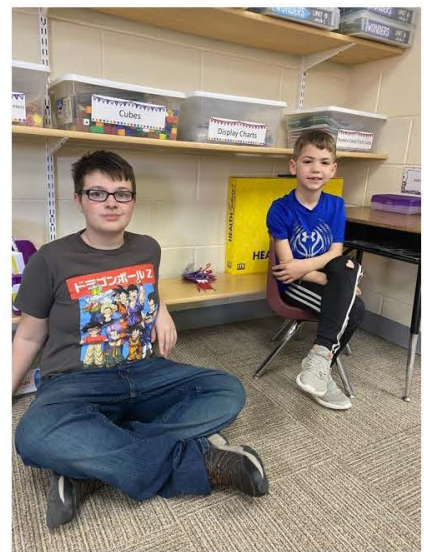


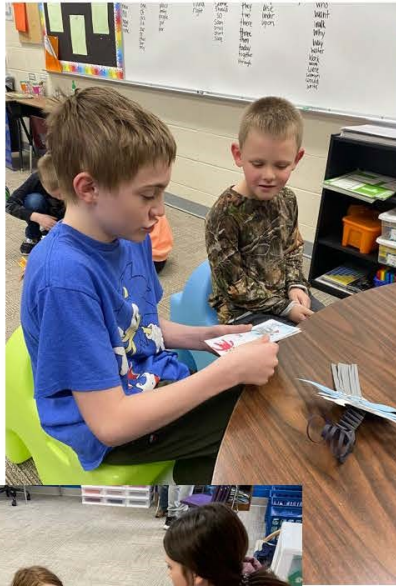
READ WITH A BUDDY AND GRANDPARENTS DAY FUN AT FPS!!





**6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
read their  
"Dragon Stories"  
and shared their  
paper dragons  
with the  
first and second  
graders.  
Everyone had a  
great time!**





# Bulldogs of the Month



**Stephanie Svehla**  
**4th Grade Teacher**

**Marshall Wells-Freshman**  
**Ella Archer-Freshman**

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