



Friend Public School

January & February 2024



Spreading Christmas cheer around Nebraska.....For the past 6 years, the class of 2027 have made Christmas ornaments and written letters in honor of their classmates, Beckett Arp and Isaac Speece. This year the 6th grade class joined in on the fun and helped make 125 Christmas ornaments. The ornaments are then given to Live On Nebraska and mailed to families in Nebraska who have lost a child or family member and chose to donate their organs. In past years, some students have received letters from families thanking them for letters and ornaments. The class takes such pride in this project that touches the lives of so many who are grieving during the holiday season.

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Go For The Gold Every Day!!



Hello Parents and Students,

Welcome to 2024!!! At Friend Public School we take safety and security very seriously. We feel that you cannot work, teach, or learn unless you feel safe. We do numerous drills and have detailed plans in place for all types of safety and security issues. Every year we have a safety audit at Friend Public School. Retired Police Chief Bruce Lang conducts our safety audit yearly, and once again it was extremely successful. Here is some information from Bruce's report:

"Friend Public School is THE Poster Child for safety and security."

" I would be remiss if I didn't mention how helpful and caring your staff were during my visit. Your dedication to making Friend Public Schools as safe as possible was apparent throughout my review."

"During this visit I met with the Friend Police Chief Shawn Gray, and he was gracious enough to accompany me on my tour of the building. There exists an excellent relationship between Chief Gray and the district. His presence in the school was very much like a school resource officer, and he is well received by students and staff."

These next statements are paraphrased from Bruce Lang's report

1. Entry control into the building is excellent.
2. Entrances are monitored.
3. Visitor parking is well marked and students park away from drop off areas.
4. The EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) is complete and on file with NDE
5. All drills are completed and documented
6. An anonymous reporting system is in place while it is seldom used.
7. Every two years an attorney speaks to the students/staff on laws and safety.
8. The camera system is state of the art.

**In summary, your school has adopted strong safety procedures. This along with the strong dedication of staff results in a safe environment for students and staff.

As you can see, we are so lucky at Friend Public School to have a staff, students, and Police Chief Gray to keep us safe every day! Here's to a great second semester 2023-2024! Liz Stutzman- PreK-12th Grade Principal

Stutzman's Side Notes

"Go For The Gold Every Day"

January 4th: School Resumes

February 21st: 12:30 Release and Parent-Teacher Conferences from 2:00-8:00 pm

February 23rd: NO SCHOOL

February 26-March 6th: 7th-12th Grade Canned Food Drive



Parents/guardians of seniors who are college bound -- scholarship season is officially here! Please have a conversation with your student about these items:

- Has your family completed the FAFSA? (Consider contacting EducationQuest for assistance.)
- When was the last time the student checked the "Scholarship Central" link on the school website? (AT LEAST once each week is recommended.) This is just a FRACTION of the scholarships available. See below! ↓
- When was the last time the student visited "Scholarship Quest" on the Education Quest website? New opportunities may appear each week or even daily!
- Has your student identified three to five people who can be solid scholarship references or writers of recommendation letters?
- Has your student completed and turned in any of the local scholarship applications that are already available?
- Has your student scheduled time to see Ms. Hottovy for help with any of the above?

Parents/guardians of juniors:

Preparation will soon begin to help our juniors be prepared to take the ACT on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. In 2016, the state of Nebraska mandated that state testing at the high school level be completed through a college entrance exam, and the ACT was selected. Our students will take the Reading, English, Math, Science, and Writing portions of the ACT.

Results from the ACT will be used for state reporting, plus numerous colleges and universities grant academic scholarships based on ACT scores.

Important Dates for Juniors

- January 17 – take the practice ACT with Ms. Hottovy
- Monday, February 19 – 1st ACT prep session with Kevin Hermeling from ACT-Now
- Monday, March 18 – 2nd ACT prep session with Kevin Hermeling
- Tuesday, March 26 – take the ACT (with writing)
 - Parents/guardians of juniors – watch your mail for more information from Ms. Hottovy regarding the ACT!

Juniors are also encouraged to schedule one college visit some time during the second semester. As long as required paperwork is turned in on time, this is an excused absence from school. Students should contact Ms. Hottovy for any questions or help needed with this process.

For ALL Parents

One of the skills we encourage all of our students to learn and use is to ask for help when needed. What better way for our children to learn this skill than to see the adults in their lives ask for help when they need it, too.

The website "Your Life Your Voice" is an excellent resource for parents, families, and children in times of need. Check it out here: [Your Life Your Voice](#)



January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Work Day</i> GB BB vs. Tri County 4:30/6:00/7:30 (4 qtr G/B JV)	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Cohort Day</i>	School Reconvenes GB BB @ Southern 4/5/6:30 (NO G JV-4 qtr B JV)	2:00 out	GB WR @ Franklin 9:00 GB BB JV EMF Tournament (Friend) 9:00 Speech @ Adams Central
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	GB BB MUDECAS Tourney TBA	GB BB MUDECAS Tourney TBA	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	GB BB MUDECAS Tourney TBA	2:00 out GB BB MUDECAS Tourney TBA GWR @ Superior 3:00	JH BB Triangle @ BDS 10:00 WR @ Cross County Invite 10:00 Speech @ High Plains GB BB MUDECAS Tourney TBA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	MLK JR. Day JH BB @ Shelby- RC 4:30 BOE - Media Center 7:30	GB BB vs. Thayer Central (Friend) 4:30/6:00/7:30 JH BB @ Sterling 2:00	Juniors Practice ACT	JH BB @ Sutton 4:00	2:00 out GB WR @ Thayer Central Invite 2:30 GB BB @ Johnson-Brock 3:30/6:00/7:30 (2 qtr B Reserve, 2 qtr G JV, 4 qtr B JV)	Speech @ Thayer Central GWR @ Centennial 9:00 Reserve BBB @ Crete 11:30
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Pioneer Conference Instrumental Music @ Lewiston Reserve GB BB @ Fairbury 6pm Girls 7pm Boys		<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	JH BB vs. Southern (Exeter) 4:00 GB BB @ Heartland 4:30/6:00/7:30	2:00 out GB BB vs. Pawnee City 4:30/6:00/7:30 WR @ Freeman 3:00	Speech @ MUDECAS
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	GB BB Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA	GB BB Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA	NHS Parent Meeting 6:30		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: friendbulldogs.org</p> </div>	
28	29	30	31			



FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: www.pioneerconference.org and click on Friend or check the calendar on the school website: friendbulldogs.org</p>				GB BB Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA WR CRC @ East Butler 4:00 JH BB vs. McCool (Exeter) 2:00 1	2:00 out GB BB Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA 2	JH BB EMF Invite (Friend) 10:00 Speech @ Aurora GB BB Pioneer Conference Tournament TBA 3
	JH BB vs. Tri County (Exeter) 4:00 Reserve BBB vs Fillmore County (Friend) 6:30 4	GB BB vs. McCool 4:30/6/7:30 <i>(2 qtr G JV, 4 qtr B JV)</i> 6	Pioneer Conference Speech @ FCSH EMF FFA State Degrees @ Tri County 9:00 7	EMF FFA Quarter 3 Meeting (Exeter) 7:00 8	2:00 out GB BB vs. Diller-Odell (Friend) 4:30/6/7:30 GB BB Parents Night Friend Booster Chili Feed WR Districts 9	JH GB @ Heartland 10:00 WR Districts Speech @ Meridian Sadie Hawkins Dance 7-9p 10
	BOE - Media Center 7:30 GB Sub-district TBA FCCLA Week 11	GB Sub-district TBA JH BB vs. Seward (Exeter) 4:00 FCCLA Week 13	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i> EMF FFA Welding & Poultry @ York 9:00 FCCLA Week 14	Girls Sub-district TBA State Wrestling Omaha FCCLA Week 15	2:00 out BB @ Cross County 5:30/7:00 State Wrestling Omaha FCCLA Week 16	State Wrestling Omaha Speech @ Sutton 17
	BB Sub-district TBA ACT Prep 18	BB Sub-district TBA 20	12:30 out PT Conferences 2:00-8:00 HS Quiz Bowl @ Seward 21	2:00 out BB Sub-district TBA 22	NO SCHOOL GB District Final TBA 23	BB District Final TBA 24
FCCLA @ Kearney EMF FFA Pancake Feed (Exeter) 11:00-1:00 25	<i>Start of Spring Practice</i> FCCLA @ Kearney JH Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central Invite TBA 26	EMF FFA CDE @ Centennial 8:30 27	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i> Girls State BB @ Lincoln JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward 28	Girls State BB @ Lincoln 29		

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</p> <p>1</p>	<p>January</p> <p>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>4</p>	<p>French Toast Fiestada Spanish Rice Churros <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>5</p>
<p>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin Hamburger/Bun Corn <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>8</p>	<p>Breakfast Bar Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Broccoli & Cheese Jell-O <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>9</p>	<p>Cinnamon Rolls Chicken Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>10</p>	<p>Biscuits & Gravy Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>11</p>	<p>Pancake Bites Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Pudding <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>12</p>
<p>Donut Mini Corn Dogs Potatoes Smiles <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>15</p>	<p>Egg Patty Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>16</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza Bacon, Egg, Cheese Chili Shredded Cheese Crackers Cinnamon Rolls <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>17</p>	<p>Pancakes Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>18</p>	<p>Scrambled Eggs Subs Chips Cookie <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>19</p>
<p>Waffles Sloppy Joes Doritos <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>22</p>	<p>Breakfast Bites Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>23</p>	<p>Chocolate Chip Muffin Goulash Green Beans Breadsticks Shredded Cheese <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>24</p>	<p>Egg Cheese Omelet Hot Turkey Sandwich Peas Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>25</p>	<p>Donuts Italian Dunkers (Cheese Breadstick) Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>26</p>
<p>Breakfast Pizza Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>29</p>	<p>Blueberry Muffin Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>30</p>	<p>Apple Breakfast Bites Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Tator Tots Apple Juice <i>Fruit & Veggie Bar</i></p> <p>31</p>	<p>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</p>	

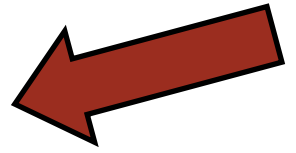
Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February				
			French Toast Grilled Chicken Patty/Bun Sweet Potato Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar
			1	2
Breakfast Pizza Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar	Biscuits & Gravy Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Bars Chicken Strips Mashed Potato Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Cinnamon Rolls Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	Scrambled Eggs Fiestada Spanish Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar
5	6	7	8	9
Egg Patty Chicken Nuggets French Fries Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Egg, Cheese Omelet Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Bacon, Egg, Cheese Breakfast Pizza Spaghetti Shredded Cheese Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar	Donuts Italian Dunkers (Cheese Breadstick) Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	Pancake Bites Subs Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar
12	13	14	15	16
Waffles Sloppy Joes Doritos Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar	Chocolate Chip Muffin Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Bites BBQ Rib Patty/Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	Pancakes Beef & Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	NO SCHOOL
19	20	21	22	23
Blueberry Muffin Cheese Calzones Marinara Sauce Brownies Fruit & Veggie Bar	Breakfast Pizza Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	Egg Cheese Omelet Chicken Alfredo Cooked Carrots Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar	Apple Breakfast Bites Tomato Soup Gilled Cheese Gold Fish Crackers Fruit & Veggie Bar	SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS
26	27	28	29	



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

ORGANIZATIONS &
BUSINESSES THAT WISH TO
OFFER COMMUNITY SERVICE
HOURS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
CONTACT THE SCHOOL AHEAD
OF TIME SO WE CAN VERIFY
THE EVENT & SHARE
INFORMATION WITH
STUDENTS. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COOPERATION!



Maddie from the UNL extension office visited Kindergarten in November. She taught us about the five food groups by making an old woman who eats a cheeseburger!
We also read a poem and used our project to act out the poem.



EM FCCLA PRESENTS

5TH QUARTER
GLOW IN
THE DARK
DODGEBALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

DODGEBALL WILL START AFTER THE
BASKETBALL GAMES AND LAST FOR 2
HOURS

GRADES 7-12 WELCOME
PLEASE BRING A CANNED FOOD
ITEM FOR ENTRY!



Staff:

Miss Daudt

Students:

Emily Bartels - 8th Grade

Dane Anderson - 7th Grade

Bulldogs of the Month

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