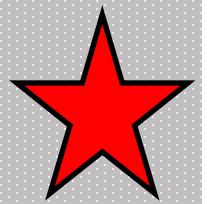




Friend Public School

March & April 2024



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



7th and 8th grade top spellers
Saline County Spelling Bee

Bottom picture left to right:
Sadie Brandt, Maddy Kenney, Zonder Arp,
Gehrig Weber, Tori Bresson, Ty Svehla

Left picture:
Gehrig took home first place to defend his three-year
winning streak!



5th and 6th-grade spellers did a
fantastic job competing in Wilber at the
Saline County Spelling Contest.

Right Picture:
Fifth grader, Devin Anderson placed 3rd
Sixth grader, Adylin Meints placed 4th

5th grade participants front row:
Camdyn Kenney, Devin Anderson, Paxin
Meints, Charlee Stutzman (alternate)

6th grade participants back row:
Carlee Bresson (alternate), McKinley
Bartels, Rylee Rohren, Adilyn Meints





Go For The Gold Every Day!!



Hello, Parents and Students,

Hopefully the famous Groundhogs prediction was right on February 2nd and we are heading into spring early! With spring comes a lot of activities, fun in the spring sun, and wrapping up the school year! Some tips to keep things easy on your student as we round out the school year.

1. *Keep consistent bedtimes and routines*
2. *Begin creating plans for the summer that involve academics (reading, a daily workbook, etc.) and fun activities (camps, offerings around town, exploring, summer teams, etc.)*
3. *Crucial content is still being taught until the end of the year, please make sure to study and stay up on homework and expectations.*
4. *Reflecting on how much your child has learned and grown throughout this school year is a great conversation to have!*
5. *Keeping screen time to a minimum*
6. *Enjoy being outside with your family and friends!! J Let's have a great spring!*

Liz Stutzman- PreK-12th Grade Principal

Pre School Round-Up



On Friday, April 12th **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 with Mrs. Meints and pick up paperwork. The students will get to meet their teacher and classmates, see their classroom, and enjoy some recess time.



Stutzman's Side Notes

"Go For The Gold Every Day"

March 4th: NHS Induction 6:00 and Special Meeting for EMF consolidation in Exeter at 7:00 pm

March 6th: Read with a Buddy Day (12:15-12:50 meet in the old gym) followed by Grandparents Day (1:00-1:45 new gym) then 2:00 release, End of 3rd quarter

March 7-8th: Spring Break

March 13th: 12:30 Release due to hosting Pioneer Quiz Bowl

March 15th: Student Council annual dodgeball tournament 7-9pm in the west gym. Spectators are welcome to cheer on their favorite team with a \$3 admission fee.

March 19th: Spring music programs- 6:00 K-6th grade, followed by 7:15 7th-12th grade

March 26th: York College Children's Play at the San Carlo Room 8:30 am

March 28th: 2:00 release

March 29th and April 1st: Easter Break

April 12th: 3-year-old Preschool round-up for incoming 3's students/parents 9:00 AM Preschool Room

April 25th: Activities Night -New gym 6:30 PM (All EMF activities) 7th-12th grades

Scholarships

- Seniors should be busy working on both local and national scholarship applications. Deadlines for several local scholarships are quickly approaching!
- The list of scholarship opportunities is updated almost daily. Seniors can visit [Scholarship Central](#) or the spreadsheet of information that has been shared with them via email.
- Many scholarship applications require the student to include a letter of recommendation or other documentation.
 - Seniors are reminded to plan ahead!
 - A lack of planning on the student's part does not equal an emergency on the part of the individual writing a recommendation letter or providing other documents.
- Seniors are asked to notify Ms. Hottovy about scholarships they are receiving so that information can be announced at Academic Honors Night on May 7.
 - A complete list of scholarship awards will be available at the graduation ceremony.
- A huge thank you goes out to our local benefactors for the many scholarship opportunities offered to our seniors!

Parents/Guardians of Juniors

- Preparation for the state required ACT test on March 26 is underway for all juniors.
- If your son/daughter will be testing on March 26, please mark your calendar now. It is important for students to have a good night's rest the night before the test and to eat a healthy breakfast that morning.
- Why is the ACT important?
 - Most colleges and universities use ACT scores to judge a student's readiness for college *and/or* to determine if a student will be accepted to their institution.
 - Doing well on the ACT can lead to more scholarships!
 - The test provides information to students on their strengths for education and career planning.
 - The State of Nebraska requires all third-year cohort students take the ACT as part of state accountability testing.
 - ACT results will help school personnel better advise students with their education and career planning. Also, it gives the school another way to analyze the academic development of our students.

Looking Ahead to Next School Year

- Registration for next year's classes will begin during 4th quarter.
 - Ms. Hottovy will visit with each grade level to discuss course options and requirements.
 - A Course Description Handbook will also be made available to students.
- Upcoming 7-12 grade students are encouraged to visit with their parent(s)/guardian(s) about how they might challenge themselves by taking classes that are considered more difficult or rigorous, or maybe just a class that is outside a student's comfort zone.
- High school students will also hear from both the school counselor and Kristi Lawrence, our Southeast Community College SENCAP representative, about how they can earn college credit next school year. Take a look at this website for more information: [SCC SENCAP](#)

Elementary Parents/Guardians

- I hope your student has come home and talked about what he/she is learning during our elementary lessons. Maybe you have heard about how students can show they are paying attention, what our feelings are telling us, managing big emotions, how the brain builds pathways and how-to problem solve.
- Discussing these lessons with your child will help them to further practice these skills both at school and at home!

8th Grade Campus Visits

- The 8th graders will be visiting Southeast Community College and Nebraska Wesleyan University (both in Lincoln) with their school counselor on April 11. More information will be coming to students and parents/guardians soon!

Community Service

- Businesses, organizations, churches, etc. in the Friend school district are reminded to contact Ms. Amy Hottovy or Mrs. Liz Stutzman with 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!



From The Office



Friendly Reminder-Don't forget to empty your voicemail so when a school blackboard is activated or your child is sick and we are trying to reach you, we can leave a message for you to access.

Also, if your phone number or email has changed, please call the school so we can update your child's records.

*****NOTE: Please use 402-947-2781 when calling the school*****



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Friend Public School App
for Android or iPhone users**

**It is your one stop shop for
all FPS information!!**





MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For the most current and up to date information, please go to: the school website: friendbulldogs.socs.net					2:00 out	Speech @ High Plains
					Girls State Basketball - Lincoln	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



april



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	NO SCHOOL	BG EMF Triangular (FCC) 4:00 JH TR Bobcat Invite (Friend) 10:00	TR Meridian Invite (Friend) 10:00 BG EMF Invite (FCC) 9:30 State FFA Convention –Lincoln	State FFA Convention-Lincoln Dental Day K-4, 7, 10	2:00 out State FFA Convention-Lincoln	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
FCCLA State Conference-Lincoln	BOE - Media Center 7:30 (Consolidation Vote) FCCLA State Conference-Lincoln	FCCLA State Conference-Lincoln JH TR @ McCool 9:30	BG @ Milford 9:30 <i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	TR @ Deshler 10:00 8th Grade Campus Visits	2:00 out 3-year old Preschool Round-Up 9:00am (Incoming 3's Parents/Kids only)	JH TR MUDECAS @ JCC 10:00
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		TR EMF Invite (Friend) 10:00 JV BG @ Clay Center	BG @ David City 9:30	JH TR @ David City Invite 10:00 District Music Vocal @ Milford TBA	2:00 out EMF FFA Banquet (Exeter) 6:15 District Music Instrumental @ Milford TBA	TR @ MUDECAS 10:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	BG vs. Southern (FCC) 4:00	TR @ SRC 9:00 JH TR @ Centennial Invite 2:00 BG @ Red Cloud 9:30	BG @ Palmyra Invite 8:30 JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward <i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	Activities Night 7-12 (Friend) 6:30	2:00 out	TR Pioneer Conference @ Pawnee City 9:00
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	JH TR @ Sutton Invite 12:30	BG @ Sutton Invite 9:00		For the most current and up to date information, please go to: the school website: friendbulldogs.socs.net		
28	29	30				

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

March

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Breakfast Bars
Stuffed Crust
Pepperoni Pizza
Corn
Fruit & Veggie Bar

2:00 out

1

Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin
Chicken Nuggets
Sweet Potato Fries
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

4

Egg, Cheese Omelet
Mini Corn Dogs
Potato Smiles
Fruit & Veggie Bar

5

Breakfast Bites
Italian Dunkers
(Cheese Breadstick)
Marinara Sauce
Corn
Fruit & Veggie Bar

2:00 out

6

NO SCHOOL

7

NO SCHOOL

8

Donuts
Mandarin Orange
Chicken
Rice
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

11

Apple Breakfast Bites
Grilled Chicken
Patty/Bun
Green Beans
Fruit & Veggie Bar

12

French Toast
Sloppy Joes
Doritos
Fruit & Veggie Bar

12:30 out

13

Breakfast Pizza
Bacon, Egg, Cheese
Walking Taco
Toppings
Shredded Cheese
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

14

Scrambled Eggs
Subs
Chips
Cookie
Fruit & Veggie Bar

2:00 out

15

Waffles
Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

18

Blueberry Muffin
Meaty Nachos
Toppings
Shredded Cheese
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

19

Breakfast Bites
Hamburger/Bun
Corn
Fruit & Veggie Bar

20

Pancakes
Spaghetti
Shredded Cheese
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

21

Egg Patty
Cheese Calzones
Marinara Sauce
Pudding
Fruit & Veggie Bar

2:00 out

22

Pancake Bites
Hot Dog/Bun
Chili
Shredded Cheese
Fruit & Veggie Bar

25

Breakfast Pizza
Chicken Taco
Toppings
Shredded Cheese
Refried Beans
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

26

Biscuits & Gravy
Hot Turkey Sandwich
Cooked Carrots
Bread/Butter
Fruit & Veggie Bar

27

Chocolate Chip Muffin
Fiestada
Spanish Rice
Churro
Fruit & Veggie Bar

2:00 out

28

NO SCHOOL

29

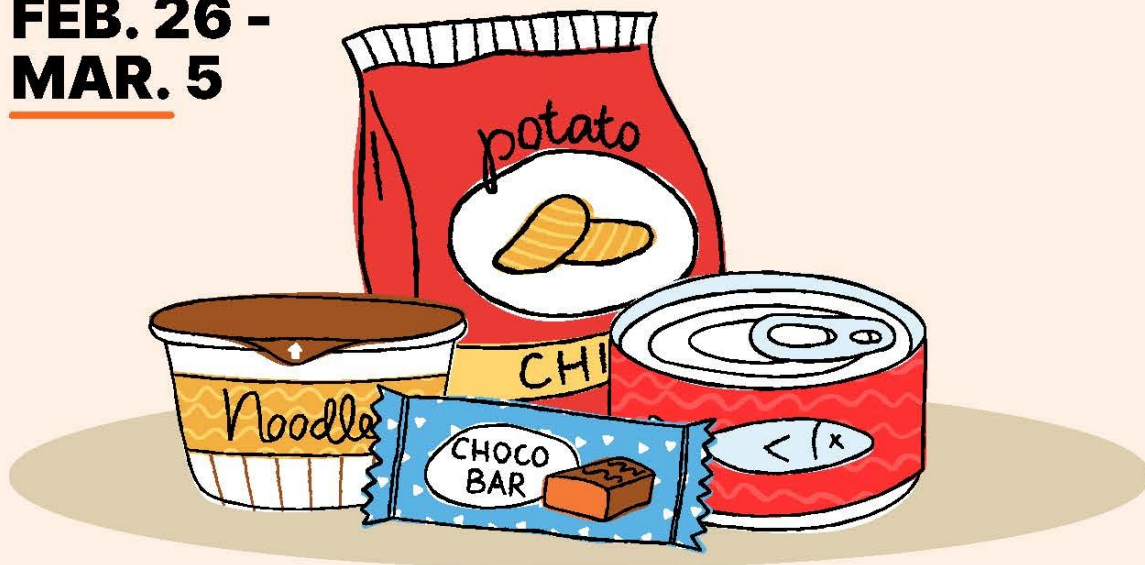
Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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

FHS STUDENT COUNCIL

FOOD DRIVE

**FEB. 26 -
MAR. 5**



MOVIE DAY

The class with the most cans per person will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn on March 13 6th-8th periods.

LIMIT

Limit of ten ramen noodles per class.

AVERAGE

9 cans per person to win.

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Food
- ▶ Food & Vegetables
- ▶ Dry Cereals
- ▶ Toiletries

Friend Historical Society
and



present

SING!
DANCE!
ACT!

Fairy Tale Forest

...have you ever wondered what happened
to Cinderella after the ball?

Ages: 7-15

Dates & Times:

Monday, June 3rd - 7th 9:30am - 3:30pm

Performance on Friday the 7th at 2:30

Location: Friend Historical Society
Friend Nebraska

Fee: \$50

Registration opens February 1st
scholarships available

TAFK.org

info @ tafk.org: 402.202.1087



Attention ALL
Friend High School
Alumni



*The class of 2004 will be hosting the
2024 FHS Alumni Reunion!*

Friday, May 24th: Class celebrations in the evening, at specified locations based off of each class.

Saturday, May 25th:

* 10:00am-2:00pm: Fun stops around town! Pick up your punch card at “The Binzebo” and enjoy your pit stops around town with a great time at each stop from there!

* 2:00-4:00: Gathering on the Country Club Patio

* 5:00pm- Doors Open for The FHS Alumni Banquet at the San Carlo Room, 6:00pm- Supper will be served followed by entertainment!

Ticket Information: Beginning April 1st tickets can be purchased at Johnsons Pharmacy or Friend Public School OR you can Venmo Liz Stutzman at @LizStutzman

Tickets will be \$30 each and if purchased through Venmo we will have your tickets at the banquet for you, unless you would like your ticket mailed to you in advance.



Sunday, May 26th:

9:00-10:00 am: School Tours, please enter through the main entrance by the flagpole.

Friend Pool will open this weekend as well!

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Service 11:00 AM at Andrew Cemetery



Congratulations to 6th grader, Valerie Spohn, for winning the 2023 Patriots Pen Essay Contest, "Why Does America Inspire You?" Valerie won \$25, and her essay is going on to the district competition. Way to go, Valerie!!



Elementary Academic pep rally
Most Improved Student winners for
1st Semester!

Left to Right:
Nash Beck, Caroline Graves,
Lincoln Grisak, Atley Bruntz,
Brynn Rohren, Charlee Stutzman,
Brayden Burt

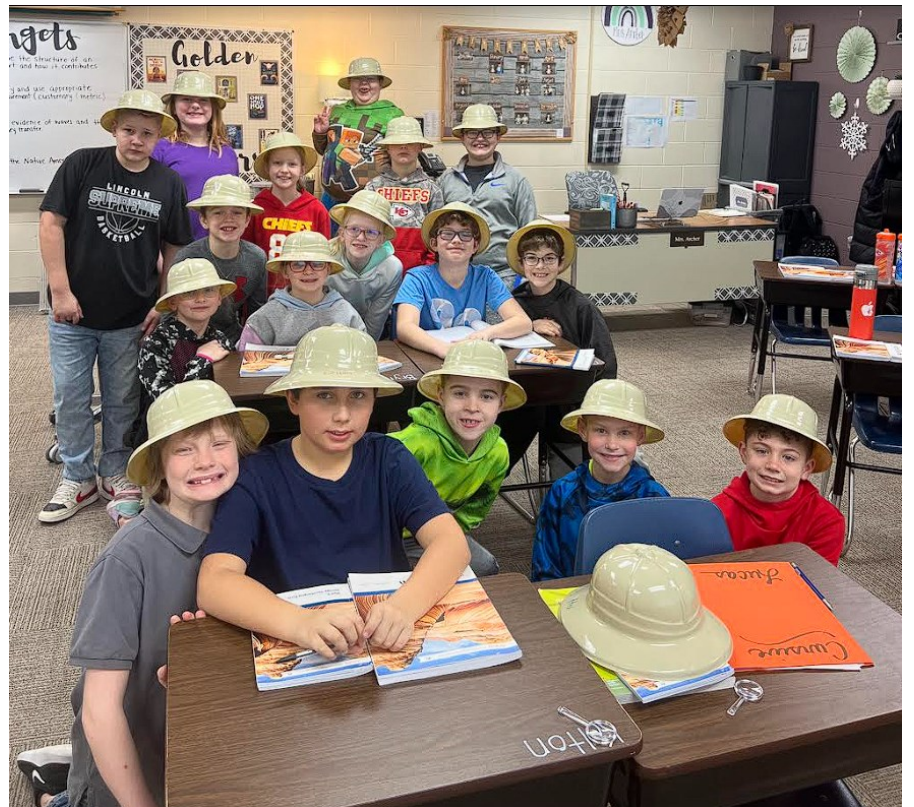
High School Academic pep rally
Most Improved Student winners for
1st Semester!

Left to Right:
Dane Anderson, Maddison Allen,
Bob Milton, Jacob Weber, Rylan Bartels,
Hailey Goodrich, Jordon Lawyer





4th Graders in Mrs. Archer's class just finished learning about Geology in one of their English Language Arts units! Students were introduced to a wide variety of content within this subject area. They enjoyed learning about the structure and classification of volcanoes, causes of earthquakes and how they are measured, geysers, tsunamis and the rock cycle. During the unit, students gained knowledge in the area of Geology, while also learning English Language Arts skills such as the sequence of adjectives, note taking, using commas and quotations in writing, and finding text evidence to answer questions....just to name a few! Each day students put on their "Geology Hats" and used their magnifying glasses to research and study rocks! A highlight of the unit was getting to "eat rocks".....but don't worry, they were made out of chocolate! The end of the unit culminated with each student getting to break open their own geode! It is safe to say that 4th graders "ROCKED" the geology unit!!





Daycare Survey

For: Business Owners, Parents, Friend Community Members

Why: We need feedback on the current state of childcare in Friend.

How: Scan this QR Code and take this survey.
Survey takes 5-7 minutes.



Thank you for your valuable time and input.

HONOR THE PAST. LIVE IN THE PRESENT. LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

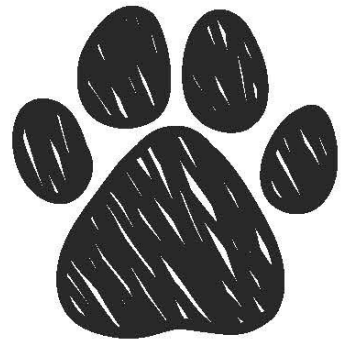


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Bulldogs of the Month



Staff:
Jay Lawver

Mark Milton—11th Grade
Sadie Brandt—7th Grade

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