



**FPS and EM students attended the Pioneer Conference Leadership Summit on Friday, August 25, at Peru State College. These selected students learned more about stress management, leadership skills, and team building while working with students from conference schools.**

**Front row (L to R) - Kiley Oldehoeft, Kaydence Haase, Taylin Schluter, Reagan Bartley**

**Back row (L to R) - Zach Vossler, Cohen Harre, Will Vyhnalek, A.J. Mueller**





## ***Superintendent's Desk***

Over the last several months, the Friend Board of Education and administration have met and spent hours listening to stakeholders and our students as we reviewed and eventually adopted a five-year strategic plan for the district. With the help of the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) we compiled data, reviewed it, and set out a plan that looks at areas of strength, but also areas for us to grow.

At FPS we have many things to be proud of. Some of our strengths include:

- Current state and upkeep of our facilities
- Parent and community involvement
- An educated staff with low turnover
- Strong School Foundation Board
- Strong overall culture

In listening to all stakeholders, we learned of some areas to improve. At FPS, we must:

- Increase parking for school events
- Improve the state of the lunch program
- Work to increase the diversity of programs we offer.
  - HAL (High Ability Learner) Program
  - In Person Spanish
- Create consistency in grading
- Work to create more supports of mental health

After compiling all of the data, we created a strategic plan that focuses on not only what stakeholders wanted to see but also some areas that the board of education and administration saw as needs as well. We then looked at prioritizing these areas and set to work on improvement.

Some of these goals were already in the process of implementation before the strategic plan was created. Much of the areas to improve have already been addressed in some form and will continue to be strengthened over time. So far, we have:

- Created an afterschool HAL program for students who qualify in grades 4-6
- We have begun discussion with teachers on what grading should look like.
  - This will take time, but will result in changes in the next two years
- We are working to provide different lunch menu options
- We are working with ESU 6 on a Mental Health Initiative to help our students.
- We are working to create opportunities to partner with area businesses, entities, and parents to help our students as a team.

Another area of concern that has been on my radar for the last year and is now becoming more pressing, is accessible daycare. I am working with community members and will be reaching out to other entities in order to try to work towards a solution to this growing problem.

As superintendent, I am always looking for input from the community. I look forward to the work over the course of this five-year strategic plan. I also look forward to the continuing partnership with Exeter-Milligan as we look to work together to improve the educational experience for all of our students by keeping our sights on continuous improvement.



## *Go For The Gold Every Day!!*



Hello, Parents and Students,

We are off and running at FPS!! We have been busy getting into routines, learning, and building relationships along the way! It is so wonderful to have all of our students back in the building!

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families- Just a reminder that if your child has two grades that are in the “D” range (70-76%) or one F (69% and below), he/she is required to attend W.I.T. (Wednesday Intervention Time) after school from 3:30-4:00. You are responsible for making sure they attend and that they also have a ride home afterwards. This a great opportunity for students to work with teachers on getting their grades up.

Just a friendly reminder that when you come to support our students at events, students need to sit with their parents/guardians who brought them- No running around or walking around on the catwalk in the gym. Please remember to model good sportsmanship for your children and also to represent our town of Friend (and EMF) in a positive manner at sporting events. Also, with more spectators attending our games, it would be very much appreciated if you would please pick up your trash as you exit the gym. GO BOBCATS!

Please keep an open line of communication. If you have any questions about your child, please ask his/her teacher so we can help you out. There are many ways to communicate: Remind App, E-mail, Phone, or set up a meeting if necessary. Communication and teamwork are the keys to success!

Here's to a great school year in 2023-2024! Liz Stutzman- PreK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal

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## Stutzman's Side Notes

**!IMPORTANT**

*“Go For The Gold Every Day”*

September 1<sup>st</sup>: 12:30 release

September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>: No School

September 11-15: Homecoming week! Pep Rally will be in the new gym at 1:00 on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

September 27<sup>th</sup>: Literacy Night 6:00-7:30 in the cafeteria, for our Preschoolers, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids and families! (Free meal, fun, and enhancing the love and importance of reading)

October 4<sup>th</sup>: 12:30 release- Parent Teacher Conference from 2:00-8:00

October 5<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 out

October 6<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL

October 13<sup>th</sup>: End of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Parties (Elementary)



### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS...PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

All juniors and seniors will be attending an Education Quest college planning and financial aid session on October 4 here at Friend Public School. An informational letter will be sent home with students the middle of September. *Parents and guardians -- you are encouraged to join us!*

The college planning and financial aid session will run from 10:00 am to approximately 10:45 a.m. in the media center. Juniors will then be excused back to class, and the seniors will take part in Apply2College Day from 11:00 to 12:15.

Juniors and seniors have been encouraged to create an account on EducationQuest.org and start exploring all this organization has to offer, including information about careers and colleges.

Juniors and seniors have also been encouraged to schedule a college visit soon!

- Juniors are allowed *one* excused absence for a college visit. It's never too early to start looking!
- Seniors are allowed *two* excused absences for college visits. I highly encourage them to get one in ASAP since they'll be taking part in Apply2College Day on October 4.
- Parent permission forms for college visits are due BEFORE the student is gone from school or the absence will *not* be considered excused. Forms are available in the office.

### **IMPORTANT TEST DATES**

October 25, 2023 - invited Juniors take the PSAT

November 8, 2023 - all Sophomores take the PreACT

- This short assessment predicts student performance on the ACT and offers career-interest information to students, parents, and teachers. It also helps ensure students take the best classes to prepare them for college and their options after high school.

December 6, 2023 - all Sophomores (and some Juniors) take the ASVAB

March 26, 2024 - all Juniors take the ACT

*Seniors are highly encouraged to retake the ACT between now and December to make sure they have the highest score possible to impact potential financial aid and scholarships.*

### **SENIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN WORKSHOP WITH THE COUNSELOR**

- Ms. Hottovy will be holding two sessions during parent/teacher conferences so parents & guardians of seniors can learn more about college, deadlines, scholarships, etc.
- Make plans to join us in the media center on October 4 at either 4:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

### **SCHOLARSHIP NOTES**

- Ms. Hottovy often sends scholarship opportunities and college/career information to juniors and seniors through school email. Have a conversation with your son/daughter about checking their email often and practicing good communication skills.
- If your business, organization, or family would like to begin offering a scholarship to this year's graduating seniors at Friend Public School, please contact Ms. Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience.
- Current scholarship benefactors who wish to make a change to their application form or process are also encouraged to contact the school counselor as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and support!
- Students and parents are able to see an updated list of scholarship opportunities as they become available. Look for the tab called "Scholarship Central" on the school website or follow this link: [Scholarships 23-24](#). At this time, local scholarships are not listed, but they will be added throughout the year.



- Seniors have been encouraged to create an account and complete a profile through Education Quest to see the MANY scholarship opportunities that exist. They should check the website weekly!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

We are excited to continue the opportunity for our students to serve their communities! Thanks to those organizations and businesses that have already contacted us as willing partners in the program. We are still looking for more to add to our list so students can see a variety of experiences from which to choose. If you are interested in offering and supervising community service, please contact Amy Hottovy at your earliest convenience ([amy.hottovy@friendschool.org](mailto:amy.hottovy@friendschool.org); 402.947.2781 extension 212).

**\*\*\* Please note: if you would like to offer community service hours to our students, we ask that you first make sure the activity or event meets our criteria before you hold the event and agree to sign paperwork. Contact Amy Hottovy or Liz Stutzman to verify your event/activity. Thank you!\*\*\***

## ELEMENTARY NOTES

Bi-weekly lessons with Ms. Hottovy will begin soon for our Kindergarten through 6th grade students! I'm excited to help promote their social emotional development, safety, and well-being through our digital Second Step program. I hope you'll ask your child(ren) about the skills we practice that help them be ready to learn, be safe, and be a good friend, student & person.

## PARENTING RESOURCES

Being a parent is not easy!

Multiple useful articles are available for parents on our school website under the Counselor Corner tab. More will be added throughout the school year. Click here to access them: [Parent/Guardian Resources](#).

If you are looking for assistance on how to best handle behavioral issues, parent/child conflict, aggression or arguing, or even just everyday problems that can arise, consider calling the Nebraska Family Helpline.

The Helpline is supervised by licensed mental health professionals and can assist you by assessing immediate safety needs, making recommendations or referrals to appropriate resources, and identifying the level of a behavioral/mental health crisis. It is a great way for parents to have easy access to necessary services to safely resolve challenges that families can face.

**888-866-8660**

**[www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov](http://www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov)**

## BULLDOG BOUTIQUE

The Bulldog Boutique is a place where ALL Friend Public School students can find new or gently used clothing and personal items...no questions asked and free of charge! Staff members are encouraged to let the school counselor know if a child is in need.

If any district patrons would like to donate to our Boutique, use the QR code below to find items that would help us meet our students' needs. Thank you for your generosity!



*On behalf of the Fillmore County Cancer Conquerors,  
I would like to thank everyone who donated to the EMF  
Cross Country Color Run. We appreciate your support.  
Your donations make a difference to those  
in our community who are fighting cancer.  
-Denice Kovanda*

## **ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS 23-24!!**



Congratulations to our new Elementary Student Council Members for the 2023-24 school year! These students were selected based on teacher recommendations. The members are being recognized for their leadership, kindness, work-ethic, and all-around positive attitude! They have earned the role of leaders among their peers! The Elementary Student Council will be working on various activities and service learning projects throughout the school year. The council is sponsored by Mrs. Eigsti and Mrs. Wiese.

Congratulations to the following students!

Back Row (L-R): Maliyah Burchett, Carlee Bresson, McKinley Bartels, Trigg Svehla, Camden Kenney

Front row (L-R): Kolton Cool, Abel Lloyd, Charlee Stutzman, Neely Stutzman, Addison Vossler


# Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Meal Prices 2023-24</b> Breakfast.....\$1.95 Grades K-6 lunch \$2.90 Grades 7-12 lunch \$3.15 Extra lunch entrée..\$1.25 Milk (extra or snack time) \$ .40	<b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</b>			<b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Broccoli/Cheese Jell-O Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>12:30 out</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL Labor Day</b>  <b>4</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>5</b>	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>6</b>	<b>Egg, Cheese Omelet</b> Hamburger/Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>7</b>	<b>Breakfast Bites</b> Italian Dunkers (Cheese Breadstick) Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>2:00 out</b>
<b>Egg Patties</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>11</b>	<b>Donuts</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>12</b>	<b>Waffles</b> Hot Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>13</b>	<b>Breakfast Bar</b> Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>14</b>	<b>Chocolate Chip Muffin</b> Subs Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>2:00 out</b>
<b>Blueberry Muffin</b> Sloppy Joes Doritos Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>18</b>	<b>Breakfast Pizza, bacon, egg, cheese</b> Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>19</b>	<b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Goulash Green Beans Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>20</b>	<b>French Toast</b> Cheese Calzones Marinara Sauce Brownies Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>21</b>	<b>Scrambled Eggs</b> Fiestada Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>2:00 out</b>
<b>Donuts</b> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>25</b>	<b>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin</b> Soft Shell Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>26</b>	<b>Pancakes</b> Biscuits & Gravy Tator Tots Apple Juice Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>27</b>	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Chicken Strips Sweet Potato Fries Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>28</b>	<b>Breakfast Bites</b> Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar  <b>2:00 out</b>
				<b>29</b>

Friend Public School is an equal opportunity provider.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Blueberry Muffin</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  2	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Beef & Cheese Quesadilla Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar  3	<b>Waffles</b> Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar  12:30 out 4	<b>Breakfast Bar</b> Walking Taco Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  2:00 out 5	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>  6
<b>Donut</b> Italian Dunkers (Cheese Breadsticks) Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar  9	<b>Egg, Cheese Omelet</b> Hamburger/Bun Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar  10	<b>Breakfast Bites</b> Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Fruit & Veggie Bar  11	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> <b>Bacon, Egg, Cheese</b> Spaghetti Shredded Cheese Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar  12	<b>Egg Patty</b> Fiestada Spanish Rice Churro Fruit & Veggie Bar  2:00 out 13
<b>Breakfast Bites</b> Meaty Nachos Toppings Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  16	<b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  17	<b>Pancakes</b> Chili Shredded Cheese Crackers Cinnamon Rolls Fruit & Veggie Bar  18	<b>Scrambled Eggs</b> Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Broccoli & Cheese Jell-O Fruit & Veggie Bar  19	<b>Blueberry Muffin</b> Subs Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar  2:00 out 20
<b>French Toast</b> Hot Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  23	<b>Donuts</b> Taco Salad Toppings Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  24	<b>Chocolate Chip Muffin</b> Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar  25	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> <b>Bacon, Egg, Cheese</b> Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar  26	<b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar  2:00 out 27
<b>Breakfast Bar</b> Chicken Strips French Fries Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar  30	<b>Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffin</b> Lasagna Casserole Shredded Cheese Breadsticks Fruit & Veggie Bar  31	<b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</b>		





# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to the calendar on the school website:  <a href="https://friendbulldogs.socs.net">https://friendbulldogs.socs.net</a></p>					<b>12:30 out</b>	XC @ Beatrice 9:00  SB @ Fairbury Tournament 9:00	
<b>3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Teacher Cohort</i>  JH FB @ Tri County 4:30  JH VB @ L-N 4:00/5:00  VB @ L-N (Lawrence) 6:00/7:00  SB Triangular @ Crete 4:30/6:00	<b>6</b>	XC @ Milford Invite (Milford Golf Course) 4:15  GG @ Henderson 10:00  VB @ SRC 5:00/6:00  <b>SB Triangular (Geneva) 4:30/7:30</b>	<b>2:00 out</b>  FB @ Sandy Creek 7:00	GG @ Aurora 9:00  <b>VB EMF Invite (Friend) 9:00</b>  SB @ West Point Beemer 9:00	
<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>JH &amp; JV FB vs. McCool (Milligan) 4:30/6:00</b>  VB MUDECAS TBA  SB Triangular @ St. Paul 4:00/5:30	<b>GG EMF Invite (Friend) 9:00</b>  <b>SB vs. Central City 5:00/6:30</b>  VB MUDECAS TBA  BOE—Media Center 7:30	<b>JH VB vs. Freeman (Friend) 1:00/2:00</b>  <i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	GG @ Tecumseh 9:00  XC @ Central City Invite 4:30  <b>JH VB vs. Thayer Central (Exeter) 4:00/5:00</b>  <b>SB Triangular (Geneva) 4:30/7:30</b>  VB MUDECAS TBA	<b>2:00 out</b>  <b>FB vs. Freeman (Milligan) 7:00</b>  <b>Homecoming (Milligan)</b>  <b>E-M Booster Tailgate</b>	<b>JH VB EMF Invite (Friend) 9:00</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	
	GG @ Humboldt 9:00  JH & JV FB @ Thayer Central 4:30/6:15  JH VB @ Sterling 1:30/2:30  FCCLA @ Kearney  SB @ Linc NW 5:00/6:30	GG @ Fullerton 10:00  <b>VB vs. Sutton (Exeter) 6:00/7:00</b>  <b>SB JV vs. York (Geneva) 5:00</b>	<i>Sophomore Filed Trip</i>	JH VB @ McCool 2:00/3:00  XC @ Doniphan-Trumball 4:15  <b>VB Triangular (Friend) 5:00/7:00</b>  <b>SB vs. Cass Cty (Geneva) 5:00/6:30</b>	<b>2:00 out</b>  FB @ Palmyra 7:00	SB @ SNC Tournament 10:00	
<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
	<b>JH VB vs. Freeman (Friend) 4:30</b>  <b>VB vs. Tri County (Friend) 6:00/7:00</b>  JV FB @ Heartland 6:30  XC @ UNK (HS only) 2:30	GG @ Ravenna 10:00  JH VB @ Sandy Creek 4:00/5:00  SB @ Milford 5:00/6:30  <b>VB vs. Osceola (Exeter) 6:00/7:00</b> <b>VB Parents Night Pink Out</b>	<i>FCA Lunch Meeting See you at the Pole 7am Flag Pole</i>	EMF FFA Quarter 1 meeting (Exeter) 7:00	<b>2:00 out</b>  <b>FB vs. Thayer Central (Friend) 7:00</b>  <b>FB Parents Night Friend Booster Tailgate</b>	JH VB @ Dorchester Invite (B Team) 9:00  VB @ JCC Tournament 5:00/7:00	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		



# OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
<b>1</b>	GG @ Districts TBA SB Sub-District TBA JH VB @ Osceola 4:00/5:00 <b>JH &amp; JV FB vs. SRC (Friend) 4:30/6:30</b>	<b>2</b>	GG Districts TBA  <b>12:30 out</b> PT Conferences 2:00-8:00pm Financial Aid Workshop Apply2CollegeDay 10:00	<b>3</b>	<b>2:00 OUT</b> XC @ McCool Invite 4:00 VB @ Meridian 5:00/6:00  JH VB vs. Cross County (Exeter) 4:00/5:00	<b>4</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> FB vs. JCC (Milligan) 3:00 <i>Pink Out</i> SB Districts TBA	JV VB @ Dorchester Inv. 9:00 Marching Band @ Harvest of Harmony XC JH State Meet @ Papillion SB Districts TBA				
<b>8</b>	<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> State Girls Golf JH FB vs. Heartland (Milligan) 4:00 JV FB vs. L-N (Milligan) 6:00 JH VB vs. SRC (Exeter) 4:30/5:30 VB Pioneer Conference BOE—Media Center 7:30	<b>9</b>	State Girls Golf VB Pioneer Conference  <b>SKIP Flu Clinic 9:30</b> K-4, 7, 10 Hearing & Vision State SB @ Hastings <i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	<b>10</b>	State SB @ Hastings XC Districts TBA FB @ Southern 7:00 <b>EMF FFA Officer Meeting (Friend) 6:30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2:00 out</b> End of Quarter 1 State SB @ Hastings	VB Pioneer Conference				
<b>15</b>	SB State Final Omaha TBA	<b>16</b>	VB Silver Lake Quad (Roseland) 4:00/5:15	<b>17</b>	EMF FFA District Livestock Judging 9:00	<b>18</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day</b> FB Playoffs 1st Round TBD	JV VB EMF Invite (Friend) 10:00				
<b>22</b>	VB Sub-district TBA	<b>19</b>	VB Sub-district TBA	<b>20</b>	PSAT-Juniors <i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>2:00 out</b> State Cross Country @ Kearney VB @ Diller-Odell 6:00/7:00 <i>6th grade Field Trip</i>	VB District Finals				
 <p><b>Red Ribbon Week</b> October 23-27</p>							<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>For the most current and up to date information, please go to the calendar on the school website: <a href="https://friendbulldogs.socs.net">https://friendbulldogs.socs.net</a></i></p> </div>									





**EMF's  
One Act  
2023  
Presents  
by Alec Strum**



**Local Performances**

**Exeter Matinee, 2PM at Exeter-Milligan School, Sunday, November 5th  
Tickets at door: \$5 with dessert bar**

**Milligan Matinee, 2PM at Milligan Auditorium, Sunday, November 12th  
Tickets at door: \$5 with popcorn**

**Friend Dinner Theatre, Dinner 7PM, Performance 7:45PM  
Monday, November 20th  
Tickets available beginning of November for Dinner Theatre**

**Friend Matinee, 1 PM at Friend School, Tuesday, November 21st  
Tickets at door: \$5 with EMF elementary students**

**Cast & Crew**

**Caleb Black as Zeus  
Brooklyn Oldehoft as Prometheus  
Kmila Benitez as Hera  
Halona Wootton as Demeter  
Liberty Johnson as Hestia  
Tucker Svec as Hermes  
Logan Krupicka as Hades  
Lily Jeffries as Dionysus  
Kyler Sladek as Persephone  
Kiley Oldehoeft as Aphrodite  
Savana Krupicka as Artemis  
Jacob Weber as Hephaestus**

**Troy Kallhoff as Poseidon  
Neil Scott as Ares  
Kierra Papik as Athena**

**Crew/Chorus  
Joe DeSantiago  
Cheyenne Krupicka  
Mandy Landis  
Taylor Pribyl  
Hadley Sladek  
Divinity Smith  
Jacob Yocum**



# FPS Student Council 2023-2024



Front Row L-R: Kendyll Tomlinson, Avery Tuttle, Taylin Schluter, Kyler Sladek, Halona Wootton, Alexis Paulsen, Jaxson Brandt, Hadley Sladek, Sophie Weber, Jacob Spohn, Rylan Bartels

Middle Row L-R: Ella Archer, Abby Klooz, Abbie Milton, Keila Ricenbaw, Aniston Meints, Kiahna Bachle, Dylen Collier, Reagan Bartley, Babe Weber, Ashley Braun, Gracie Vyhnaelek, Malorie Lawver, Keltyn Kirchhoff

Back Row L-R: Mason Vossler, Chase Paulsen, Zach Spohn, Jacob Weber, Jacob Klooz, Hunter Svehla, Caleb Black, Grady Bresson, Evan Brahmstedt

## SPIRIT WEEK

September 11-15th  
Homecoming: September 15th

**MON**

*USA*  
Wear Red, White, and/or Blue.  
(No political shirts/items)



**TUE**

*Jersey Day*  
Wear your favorite sports jersey.



**WED**

*Music Genre Day*  
Wear/decorate in your class music genre.



**THU**

*Adam Sandler Day*  
Wear/decorate in your best Adam Sandler outfit.



**FRI**

*Bobcat Pride*  
Wear White, Black, and Silver.



\*All outfits must be school appropriate\*  
HS Student Council





The Student Council is off to a great start for the 2023-2024 school year! This year, I have a large Student Council: 33 members! They are all proving to be wonderful, servant leaders and have already completed yearly events, planned for future events, and assisted with events that they were not expecting!

As always, the council welcomed students back to school with high fives, cheering, and a little treat. StuCo also invited the Kona Ice truck to sell snow cones to students, staff, guardians, and any community member after the first day of school. A fun day was planned from beginning to end!

The members were busy with volunteer projects even before school started on the 15th of August. Twelve members volunteered at the Booster Golf Tournament on August 12th, six members helped at the Back-to-School event on the evening of the 14th, and five members donated some of their time to help at the Carnival in the park on the 20th of August.

One of the Student Council's biggest events they organize is Homecoming. Homecoming is Friday, September 15th. This year is the first year Friend will co-op Homecoming! The game, coronation, and dance will all be held in Milligan. Friend will host the pep rally this year. The pep rally will be held in the West gym beginning at 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Next year, Friend will host the game, coronation, and dance while EM will host the pep rally.

This year's theme for Homecoming is 'Tune Out the Falcons'. Dress-up days during Spirit Week include USA Day (Monday), Jersey Day (Tuesday), Music Genre Day (Wednesday), Adam Sandler Day (Thursday), and Spirit Day (Friday).

Looking into the near future, the Student Council will then begin planning for Red Ribbon Week, which always falls on the last full week of October. The committee for RRW will plan some activities to help remind students to make healthy choices in their daily lives.

The students always do a great job planning and executing all the events throughout the year. It is a pleasure to see the members' growth in their leadership skills from their Freshman year to their Senior year!

Mrs. Niemeier



This year's Black Lightning Dance Team consists of 4 members. They are Freshmen (From Left to Right) Alexis Paulsen, Sophie Weber, and Gracie Vyhnaelek and Senior, Halona Wootton. On Friday mornings of home football games they can be found getting our elementary students ready for that night's game! The girls helped cheer on the EMF football boys by dancing during halftime at the Home Opener game on August 25th. Look for them to take the field again at halftime of the September 29th football game in Friend and the October 5th football game in Milligan.

# *Friend Public Schools*



**Nebraska State Record holder; 35.4 miles traveled in an hour!**

Dear Supporters,

The Friend Electric Car Team builds and races electric vehicles in competitions throughout Nebraska. We compete against other high schools and colleges.

In the past, the teams have had a lot of success. In fact, we currently hold the state record with 35.4 miles traveled in an hour. Also, we own the track record at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a speed of 37.6 miles traveled in an hour. Lastly, we hold track records in Lincoln, Hastings, and Wayne.

This success is only possible through the generous donations of local businesses and community members. The Electric Car Team would like to thank you for considering donating to the team. The participants on the 2023-2024 Electric Car Team are Jake Leif, Chase Paulsen, Jordon Lawver, Preston Knollenberg, Jacob Klooz, Mason Semler, Will Vyhnalek, Jacob Weber, and the instructor, Mr. Jay Hitchcock.

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**Lori Klooz**  
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# *Bulldogs of the Month*



**Students:**  
**Elijah Ocegüera - 8th Grade**  
**Lindsey Landis - Freshman**



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