



A Principal's Moment

Friend Elementary School – Friend, Nebraska
Principal

Alyson Dickinson – Elementary

To The Parents of Friend Elementary Students

May 5th, 2017

As I reflect back at the 2016-2017 school year, I cannot thank everyone enough for their continued support of me as Friend's Elementary Principal and Guidance Counselor. This year has been filled with so many wonderful learning experiences. Our implementation of our new reading program "Wonders" has been a success and positive experience. Everyone within our school and community has done an excellent job at providing numerous opportunities for our youth. I am so proud of our accomplishments and as we look ahead and move forward, I am optimistic and positive that our school continues to head in the right direction. We truly are a great school with Education being A Friend Value and that is and always will be the Bulldog Way!!!

Please remember that summer is a time for relaxation and rejuvenation. However, students need to review reading and math skills daily. A few minutes per day can go a long way in retaining information. We want students returning on August 16th prepared for their grade level skills. Remember, if you received a Summer School letter from me (Mrs. Dickinson) it is highly recommended by your child's classroom teacher that they receive some summer instruction. Please help us, help your child achieve success by attending the summer session (May 30-June 22nd) M-Th 8:30-11:00.

NeSA testing is completed. Grades 3rd-6th took the Nebraska Standardized Test in April. I administered the test daily and I am so **proud** of each student's effort. They worked so hard and took the test seriously. Results should be mailed to each student from the Nebraska Department of Education sometime this summer.

We held our final elementary music program of the year.. Bravo to the elementary students, Mrs. Franzen and Miss Rethman for a job well done. You will be missed Mrs. Franzen. We wish you success in Crete next year. Thank you for all you have done for all of us at FPS. I also want to thank Mrs. Clouse and Miss Sizer for all that they have done for our elementary students. We wish you success at Seward Elementary and in Washington State as you begin a new educational adventure. On May 8th we will have our Bike-To-School event. Friend Elementary and our local hospital will partner together to provide the valuable learning experience of bike safety to our students. It will be fun to see all students and families following the bike rules. Everyone will have a terrific time and will learn some important tips. Please participate.

A reminder that next Wednesday May 10th will be our PAWS celebration. The students will go to our local park for a picnic. Awards and popsicles will also be given to students that earned this activity. Those students not able to participate in this activity will stay with their classroom teacher at school. I am so proud of students who reached their goal.

.Principal's Thoughts- I want to wish all elementary students and their families a terrific and safe summer. Please enjoy each other and I look forward to seeing everyone back on August 14th at 6 p.m. for our annual Back to School Night as we will all celebrate what will be another fantastic year at Friend Public School with many exciting happenings. A Magic theme will be in place. We will be having a special pep rally to kick off our year. Big surprises are in store for everyone!!!

Mark your calendars for these important events:

May 8th-Bike To School

May 17th-PAWS Celebration

May 19th-Last Day of School- Early Release-12:30

August 14th-Back to School Night Celebration- 6 p.m.

August 16th-First Day of School (1/2 day)- Early Release-12:30

Thank you,
Alyson Dickinson – Elementary Principal

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