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Here we are with summer in full swing! I hope you are enjoying some much-needed time with friends and family. Summer is an essential time for our students and staff to refocus and enjoy less structured activities and the many learning opportunities that surround us each day.

With graduation, the all-school reunion, and Fridley '49er Days behind us, I find myself reflecting on the past five years as superintendent of Fridley Public Schools. What a blessing it has been to be a part of this vibrant community! As I transition to taking charge of Osseo Area Schools, I want to share a few observations that are sure to stick with me.

There are no students in this state better equipped to shape the world around them than the students of Fridley Public Schools. Education Commissioner Willie Jett saw this firsthand when he visited Fridley High School this spring. Commissioner Jett is no stranger to challenging conversations, but I don't think he was prepared for the thoughtful and challenging questions they posed. After sharing thoughts on their elementary and secondary education experiences, the students asked Commissioner Jett exactly how he planned to turn the knowledge they shared into action! Our students know the value of their time and wisdom, and the commissioner assured them that their input would shape policy proposals and testimony before the Legislature. I was humbled to see our students recognize the power of their voices and perspectives.

Commissioner Jett visits FHS

The Minnesota Commissioner of Education, Willie Jett, visited Fridley High School on May 25 to tour the school and speak with a group of students about their hopes, dreams and concerns about the state of education in Minnesota and the country. The students asked great questions and challenged the commissioner to turn ideas into action.



The staff at each of our Fridley Public Schools is second to none, and they care deeply about the Fridley community. Our staff shows up for our scholars, and they demonstrate their commitment by centering decisions around the needs of our students. One of the most telling things to me is that many of our staff are graduates of Fridley schools themselves. They've chosen to come back and serve the community that set them on their path.

The Fridley community is a special place that mirrors the values of the global education our students receive as an International Baccalaureate World Schools district. I hope you follow our schools on social media, where you can see evidence of this at all grade levels. Our school community embraces culture, celebrates diversity, and extends a welcoming environment to all.

Thank you for welcoming me to the Fridley community, and for allowing me to work with you to make our schools the best place to learn and the best place to work. I will be eagerly watching your next accomplishments.

Dr. Kim Hiel
Superintendent

Welcome Dr. Lewis!

Join us welcoming Dr. Brenda Lewis as the new Superintendent of Fridley Public Schools!

Our fall District Bulletin will include a special greeting from Dr. Lewis.





FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CLASS OF 2023 AT 65TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Families, friends and staff filled the stands at Bob O'Neill Stadium to celebrate the class of 2023 at Fridley High School's 65th Commencement ceremony held Thursday, June 1. The windy evening carried the chants and cheers of hundreds of joyous supporters in attendance for the 212 graduates who earned their diplomas this year.

The ceremony began with student emcees Ben Davis and Khaliifo Aden reminiscing about their time at FHS, from cultural touchstones like Fortnite and TikTok, to school events like freezing football games, pep fests and the culture show – which Davis and Aden also emceed together.

Savannah Yang delivered the opening student address, reflecting on the challenges her class faced during

the COVID-19 pandemic and the resiliency it taught them.

"To succeed, make sure there is room for improvement," Yang implored her fellow graduates. "Do not give up on yourself. We have come this far, so why stop now? We are evolving as time passes, and things will only improve from here."

Alen Kahrimanovic described FHS as "a school filled with love, passion, inspiration, and inclusion" in a speech emphasizing how welcomed he felt at Fridley as a Bosnian immigrant.

"I owe everything to this school," Kahrimanovic said. "It has molded me into the man I am today, and I appreciate it."



Veronique Kolibe-Gnamikou and Serina Wood read their original poem “The Best Class,” inspired by and dedicated to the class of 2023. The first two stanzas read:

*Hello class of 2023
We made it through
And now we get our degree
But we can't forget how we got here
Everything we went through was our key*

*Our key to be here
Our key to our degree
Our key to help the world
And society*

Amayramy Ruiz Barrios gave an impassioned address about breaking barriers in pursuit of one's dreams, urging her classmates to continue that pursuit in order to benefit themselves and future generations.

“As we head into our new chapter in life, we must remember there will be barriers along the way,” Ruiz Barrios stated. “But being able to overcome them depends on our commitment to knocking them down.” FHS Principal Patty Hand extended her

appreciation to families and staff for the crucial parts they played in graduates earning their diploma. She also recognized the academic achievements of honor students, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme full diploma candidates and scholars, AVID participants, and associate degree recipients.

“Thank you seniors for your efforts, perseverance and hard work,” Hand said. “I also want to thank our families for all of their collaboration and support throughout their students’ educational journey.”

This year’s faculty address was delivered by Matt Kiefer, coordinator of the Get Ready program at FHS, who began his time at Fridley during the class of 2023’s freshman year.

“This job has afforded me so many great things over the past four years, but the greatest thing I have done is getting to know the students in front of me, the class of 2023,” Kiefer beamed. “I have watched you grow from awkward freshmen trying to find your place at Fridley High School, to confident seniors ready to take on the world.”





He offered graduates four final pieces of advice to take with them: to be present, invest in those around them, be kind, and remember they deserve to be happy.

“I honestly don’t know what this school is like without you in it. You all have been the constant in my life during my time here at Fridley High School,” Kiefer reflected. “But I can guarantee you one thing: next school year, as I walk the halls, I’ll still be smiling because I know you’ll be out in the world making it a better place.”

Before diplomas were awarded to graduates to conclude the ceremony, Superintendent Kim Hiel closed the evening’s speeches relating the impact of the class of 2023 on the district to the late Congressman

John Lewis’ famous “good trouble” motto.

“There has been more voice from this graduating class towards impacting the work in our school district than ever before,” Dr. Hiel told the crowd. “They entered each conversation not looking for trouble, but instead driving the work to make ‘good trouble.’”

“Remember to always ensure your voice is valued and heard,” she advised graduates. “Make sure your voice is in the room where decisions are being made that will impact your life. Come in softly, come in knowledgeable and come in to make collaborative decisions. But most of all, you must come in the room – and when you do, make some good trouble.”

FRIDLEY ALC CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2023 IN CEREMONY AT FCC



The Fridley Moore Lake Area Learning Center (ALC) honored the class of 2023 at its annual graduation celebration held at the Fridley Community Center on Thursday, May 25. Families, friends and staff gathered to celebrate the 25 graduates in an intimate ceremony that inspired many cheers, hugs and tears.

The celebration began with remarks from Principal Kelly McConville acknowledging the contributions of families and staff and praising the graduating class.

“I’m honored to be here to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of our graduating students,” McConville said. “To our graduates, I’m so proud of your accomplishments, and you should be proud of yourselves.”

Superintendent Kim Hiel followed with a speech emphasizing her pride in the graduates for overcoming adversity to earn their diplomas.

“From all of us in this room, no matter what path you took to receive your high school diploma, we all know the excitement of reaching that end goal,” Dr. Hiel said. “Our scholars here today have shown it can be done no matter what challenges may appear.”

As each graduate made their way to the lectern to accept their diplomas, Nicole Moussette, teacher

on special assignment at the ALC, highlighted their individual achievements and successes.

McConville concluded the ceremony reiterating his gratitude to families and staff. “Thank you again to everyone who has supported our graduates.”

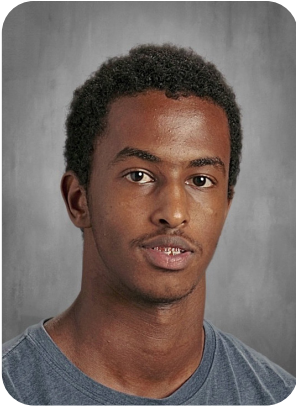


The ALC is an alternative school in the Fridley school district that gives students the opportunity to achieve their individual learning goals and receive a Fridley High School diploma. It features small classes, individual learning plans, flexible schedules, independent study and direct instruction, along with a variety of course completion options and credit for on-the-job training.



Fridley High School seniors from the Class of 2023 shared a glimpse of their experiences in the Fridley School District, along with their next steps, career aspirations, and what makes Fridley such a special place.

Aamir Ali



Aamir Ali has his future all planned out.

Straight out of high school, he's going to join the Army as an infantryman and test his mettle in the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program (RASP) to become a Ranger, the Army's elite special operations force. At the end of his enlistment, he will use

the GI Bill to attend Hennepin Technical College's Law Enforcement Professional Licensing Program to become an Anoka County sheriff. Once he adds those accomplishments to his resume, he thinks he'll go back to college to earn a degree in kinesiology.

"I've thought about getting into the FBI, but my mom is like, 'Nah, don't do the FBI,'" he said with a grin crossing his face, as if contemplating the bounds of his ambition amused him.

The sky seems to be the limit for Ali, who first attended Fridley High School as a shy, nervous junior after moving from Missouri. Looking back on who he was then to the young man with the master plan he has become today, even he is surprised by his own growth and maturity.

"When I first came to Fridley, I struggled," he observed. "I had to really push myself to go out there and talk and socialize, which I struggled with a lot."

He credits his fellow students and Fridley staff with helping him break out of his shell, especially his advising teacher, Emily Latzka.

"She's one of the people that helped me get out of my

comfort zone, to go out and socialize," Ali reflected. "She was the most helpful person, honestly. I'll never forget her."

Another way in which Fridley pushed his limits was Strive, a scholarship program sponsored through the Fridley-Columbia Heights Rotary Club that recognizes and rewards students who show the greatest improvement in grades in their senior year.

Ali intends to pay forward the investment his community has made in him when he becomes an Anoka County sheriff.

"One reason why I want to become a sheriff is I want to be a detective, mainly because I want to give back to my community. I want equal justice and to give closure to victims and their families."

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In the meantime, he is looking forward to the challenges and rigors the military will throw at him, with the goal that it will mold him into a better man.

"I really hope I come out of it disciplined, with great character, overall physically strong and mentally strong, and with some skills I can use in my civilian life."

"I have it all planned out now," Ali said of his future. "Hopefully all goes well and everything falls into place."

Hawa Ali



Hawa Ali encourages all students to get involved and try something new. The variety of opportunities Ali—a senior at Fridley Area Learning Center—has seized in the past few years has created a rich high school experience that will be a solid foundation for her future.

Ali started her Fridley career in kindergarten at Hayes Elementary School until second grade when she left temporarily for another district. She returned to Fridley in ninth grade to attend Fridley High School. At the beginning of her senior year, she transferred to the ALC.

Being a high school student during COVID-19 was difficult for Ali. “I would say 10th grade is the peak for all high school students, you’re learning and doing so much so you can prepare for the next two years and the moment we were supposed to be at our peak we got isolated into our homes,” she said.

“Don’t procrastinate, don’t ever procrastinate,” Ali gives as advice to younger students. “During 10th grade when we were doing online school I procrastinated too much and I failed many classes.”

Ali persevered and recovered all of her credits by taking classes at the ALC. “The fact that I’m able to be here after COVID and get through everything I’ve done, like recover all my credits, to finish with school is probably the greatest achievement.”

Ali has been involved in many activities while attending the ALC and Fridley High School. She has been a member of the Chinese Club and Key Club, and in her junior year she discovered theater.

“Theater has been what I’ve been excited about because it was new and I didn’t think I was going to like acting

as much as I did when I first started,” she said. “When I auditioned for the One Act play I was so nervous.” Ali noted that she initially felt out of place as a junior first starting out in theater compared to many students that had been acting since they were in middle school. “The fact that I was able to get the part on my first try was actually really exciting,” she said. “I was able to see things that I didn’t know existed like how to build a set, what you go through in order to know all about your character.”

Ali was also selected as a student representative from the ALC for the district’s strategic planning process that occurred this past school year. She attended a two-day workshop with other student and staff representatives.

“It was eye opening because students don’t see what’s really going on behind the scenes in a school district

and the fact that we were able to see that was really exciting,” she said. Hearing fellow student feedback helped Ali formulate ideas and questions. “The adults around us encouraged us to speak up and share ideas with them. It was really amazing.”

This participation helped to solidify the feeling of community that Ali has felt and appreciated throughout her time at Fridley.

“Seeing the students and staff interact and help each other is amazing,” she said.

Ali is thankful to her older sister, Samira Ali, for her constant support in helping her succeed the past few years. “Samira is still helping me today and she’s the reason why I was able to get where I am now.”

Next year, Ali will attend Minneapolis Community and Technical College and plans to major in architectural technology. She hopes to attend MCTC for two years before transferring to a larger college to get her bachelor’s degree. Ali is hoping to additionally minor in fine arts to continue her love of acting. If it turns out that architecture isn’t what she wants to pursue, she knows that acting will always be something she wants to do.

Dai'Veone Ellis



March 8 was no ordinary school day for Dai'Veone Ellis. He was anxiously waiting to hear back from his Act Six scholarship advisor, Joshua, on whether or not he had been awarded a full ride to Bethel University.

"Joshua sent me a text message and was like, 'Hey, do you want to join a Zoom?'" Ellis

recounted. "And he was like, 'There were a lot of candidates that applied for this and you worked very hard.' He basically made me think that I wasn't gonna get the scholarship. So I was not happy at all at first."

"And then he told me that I got the Act Six. And that, I could say right now, was one of the happiest moments of my life."

The Act Six scholarship is a full-tuition, full-need leadership and scholarship program that prepares and empowers emerging urban leaders to make a difference on their campus and in their communities.

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For Ellis, receiving the scholarship was the affirmation that all of the hard work he put into hunkering down and focusing on his academic journey since enrolling in Fridley High School his freshman year had paid off.

"I always say 'God puts you in certain places for a reason,'" he said. "And he certainly put me at Fridley

for the exact reason to be able to have so many opportunities. That's exactly what the IB [International Baccalaureate] programme gave me. It gave me more than enough options to choose what I wanted to do in the future."

He specifically praised the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class and his AVID teachers, Dan Nalepka and Elizabeth Jensen, for guiding him in a college direction and helping him understand why it was the best route for him. He also credited the bond he formed with English teacher Emily Heille as having a huge impact on his success at Fridley.

"I love her positive energy and how she doesn't just care about the class, she cares about the students as well," Ellis emphasized. "She's a great person and a great teacher. I've learned so much from her, not just within English but also outside of it by having conversations with her."

"Throughout my whole high school journey, I've felt like I've had support," he continued. "You don't find that at many schools, where teachers are genuinely happy for you."

Thanks in part to the support he received throughout his time at Fridley, Ellis felt more comfortable taking on leadership roles, especially his senior year. He was president of the Black Student Union, a cofounder of the Social Justice Club and a track team member. He was particularly proud of his efforts to advocate for student voice as a participant in the district's strategic planning process during the 2022-23 school year.

Now with the Act Six scholarship in hand, Ellis is ready to take advantage of the opportunity to grow into a community leader through his academic and career pursuits. He plans to become a nurse, start a nonprofit for students of color from single-parent households, and open a coffee shop – all with the intent of giving back to his community.

"I want to be able to lead and guide the community to more of a positive light," he said.

Amayramy Ruiz Barrios



Amayramy Ruiz Barrios credits her many accomplishments in high school to the connections she's made within the Fridley High School community. A four-sport athlete in cross country, dance, track and field, and soccer—and vice president for both Minnesota Honor Society and Student Council—her list

of accomplishments and awards are impressive.

"All these accomplishments and awards that I have won are because of the bonds I've created," she reflected. "They're based on how I treat people, how I communicate with people and collaborate with them."

Ruiz Barrios has received 16 varsity letters and six conference awards in her four sports. This year she added Most Valuable Senior awards for both soccer and dance, as well as being selected the 2023 FHS recipient of the Athena Award, which is presented to an outstanding female student athlete at 100 Twin Cities metro area private and public high schools. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, she was the recipient of the prestigious Yale Book Award her junior year, was homecoming queen in the fall and is also one of eight 2023 IB Diploma Candidates.

The familial support Ruiz Barrios has felt from her sister and her parents have also contributed to her success. "My sister is a couple years older than me, so when she got her driver's license she would pick me up from my clubs, activities, sports and events when my parents were working," she said. "My family is really committed to helping me pursue my dreams."

Ruiz Barrios also feels support from the other full Diploma Program candidates. She describes those classmates as a support group, always helping one another when in need. One course that is required to take as a full DP candidate is Theory of Knowledge taught by FHS teacher Dan Terebayza, which she says

is the most beneficial class she took in her high school career.

"I've been able to dig deeper with Theory of Knowledge and understand how I gain my knowledge," she said. "It makes me want to help other people to understand how they can continue having an open mind while still holding on to their traditional values and beliefs because it's very important to keep your values. It's okay to be wrong and it's okay to have different questions that maybe other people might not have."

Ruiz Barrios added that diversity is what she appreciates the most about going to school in Fridley. She has gotten to know so much about different cultures and the backgrounds of her peers.

"I am Mexican American so it's nice seeing that other people also feel confident in representing their culture," she said specifically about the FHS Culture Show, in which she was a dance participant. "It provides me the confidence to share my culture with people. In general, it's a safe place to talk about your culture at Fridley."

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Next year Ruiz Barrios will attend the University of Minnesota to study biology and pursue dental school upon graduation. She's excited for the challenge, but also confident in following this new chapter in her life.

As far as advice for the younger generation, she said, "I think focusing on what is important to you and focusing on what you are trying to achieve is very important." She advised to not let barriers, like people or transportation, get in your way, and if they do, be persistent in how you break them. "Don't let these barriers stop you."

Noah Soto



Baseball is life for Fridley High School graduate Noah Soto. Having played the sport on various levels since he was in fourth grade and earning a spot on the FHS varsity team as a 10th-grade student, it has played a huge foundational role in his life.

"I just feel like me," Soto said about why he loves playing the sport. "These coaches are probably the best coaching staff I've ever had." He included that his teammates have provided strong friendships all the way from middle school.

Soto started his Fridley journey as a fourth grader at Hayes Elementary. He moved to Washington state for part of his ninth grade year, but returned to Fridley High School in the spring of 2020.

Getting a varsity spot on the baseball team in 10th grade is Soto's biggest accomplishment of his high school career, especially with living in a different state for most of his freshman year. "I came in late so they didn't get to see what I could do, but then when I came in 10th grade and put me on varsity, I was like, 'This is where it's at.'"

Baseball Coach Dan Nalepka is one of the people that has helped Soto during his time at FHS. AVID teacher Liz Jensen is on that list too. "We have that relationship

where I can talk to them about anything I have on my mind and they're the ones that come up to me and ask me how I'm doing."

AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, has been the most beneficial class that Soto has taken at FHS because of how it helps prepare students for college. He also was grateful to the tutors that helped him keep up with his classes and grades.

When asked what Soto had appreciated most about going to school at Fridley, his answer was simple: the teachers. "They're always joyful," he said. "They help you out." He is also thankful for his friends and their support.

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Soto will be attending St. Cloud Technical and Community College this fall to study HVAC systems with hopes to take business classes additionally to start his own business. He plans to try out for the baseball team as well.

Soto's advice to younger students is to keep up with your grades and don't put off any of the work that you need to do. Also to get involved with sports and "make as many friends as you can. It'll make your time in high school 10 times better."



Araksan Sufian



The welcoming and supportive community at Fridley High School has helped Araksan Sufian thrive during her time here.

“The people,” said Sufian when asked about what she appreciates the most about going to school in Fridley. “It’s a great community. You can literally talk to anyone. They’re really open and don’t judge you. I feel very welcomed.”

Born in Ethiopia, Sufian moved to Minnesota with her family in 2017 speaking no English. She first attended Highview Middle School in New Brighton, before moving to Fridley her freshman year. She was worried about leaving her middle school friends in New Brighton, but as soon as she came to Fridley, she was welcomed by friendly students and helpful staff.

EL English with Ms. Kim was her favorite class at FHS because it gave her the necessary tools to succeed in her other classes. “EL English prepared me on how to write essays, how to look if I made a mistake in my writing and how to start an essay,” she recalled.

It was with the confidence from her EL English classes that she felt ready to enroll in two courses in the challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma Program her senior year, DP Math and DP Theory of Knowledge. “I thought Theory of Knowledge was going to be very hard because I am an English learner,” she said. “However, my EL English class prepared me for it so it was a great experience to learn about what the students in DP classes learn.”

Sufian also took advantage of the work study program at FHS. This allowed her to gain experience in the workforce while earning credit. This past semester she worked at the bakery at Hy-Vee. “I package baked goods and help customers. I love helping people.”

Sufian will continue to help people with her dream career in dentistry. Sufian will attend Century College for two years before transferring to a university.

“Since I was a little kid, I wanted to be a nurse but in my family there is already a nurse, a pharmacist and a doctor. So I thought, why not try something else?” she said. “I was doing research and came across dentistry. I’m always interested in helping people, so dentistry sounded like a great plan. I really enjoy what they do for people and I want people to feel great about themselves.”

Her greatest accomplishments are getting out of her comfort zone, improving her English and getting good grades. Advice she would give to younger students is to focus on getting good grades and joining activities and clubs to help you enjoy your high school experience.

She assured, “Once you graduate from high school, you will see how much you’ve done for yourself and you’ll feel so proud of that.”

“Friends, family, you know, they helped me a lot,” she reflected.

“Teachers, especially teachers, you can’t

forget them because they taught me a lot.” She is very thankful to Mr. Kieffer and Ms. Miller-Johnson for their help during her high school years.

“I’m grateful for where I came from; I wouldn’t change that,” she said. “At the same time, I’m grateful for where I am right now. I’ve learned a lot of things. I get to learn the language. I’m very proud of where I am at the moment.”

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Erik Valtierrez



Ever since his nascent days as a kindergartner at Stevenson Elementary School, Erik Valtierrez has embraced the culture of acceptance that permeates Fridley Public Schools.

“I’ve always appreciated the open community and being able to express yourself freely at Fridley,” he said. “I feel like I

can be myself and not have to worry about what others might think about how I express myself.”

When he set his sights on a full-ride scholarship from QuestBridge—a nonprofit that aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation’s best colleges—he knew what he had to do to stand out to the admissions officers: just be himself, like Fridley taught him.

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“If you’re candid and detailed in your essays, they’ll think, ‘Okay, we want to give this student a chance. We want to make sure that they get into a good school because we believe in them and we want to support them,’” Valtierrez explained about his thought process when applying to the scholarship.

Though he always knew he wanted to go to college, Valtierrez said he didn’t understand how it all worked

until he started taking the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class in eighth grade.

“Joining AVID helped me get a better understanding of what is necessary to get into college and to do well in college,” he noted. “Growing up in a lower income background, I feel like that’s knowledge that I don’t know if I would have gotten if I hadn’t been in that class.”

Not only did AVID help him learn what he needed to know to pursue his college goals, but his AVID teacher, Elizabeth Jensen, made a lasting impression on him as a mentor and advocate.

“She’s very nice, very sweet, very warm and welcoming,” Valtierrez said. “I feel like whenever I enter her classroom it’s a safe space. If I need to be somewhere just away from the classroom, I can always go to her. If I need to talk about some things that have been on my mind, I can go speak with her.”

As serendipity would have it, he was in Jensen’s class when he discovered his childhood dream had come true.

“I opened up my laptop. I went to QuestBridge, logged in, and I got the acceptance notification on my application screen,” he described. “So I clicked on it. And I was like, ‘Oh my God, I got into Bowdoin College.’ That was my exact reaction. I think I was trying to hold back a scream because I was like, ‘This cannot be happening.’ And Ms. Jensen was all excited with me too.”

Once he relocates to the cozy Bowdoin College campus at the heart of the small seaside town of Brunswick, Maine, he plans to use his full-ride scholarship to pursue his interests with a practical approach, contemplating a career as a paralegal by day and novelist by night.

His pragmatism colors his departing words of wisdom to younger students: “Definitely don’t be afraid to chase whatever you love. Obviously, still think about why you want it and the feasibility of it. But don’t let other people stop you.”

CLASS OF 2023

Looking toward the future!



Fridley High School senior athletes sign letters of intent

Congratulations to six Fridley High School seniors who earned athletic scholarships and signed their letters of intent on May 19, 2023 during the Senior Signing Day celebration.

Proud parents, family members, Fridley coaches and teachers celebrated the athletes as they signed off on their official college commitments.

Congratulations to Jamal Woods, Camila Faz, Kerome Thompson, Ben Davis, Cosette Henrikson and Savannah Yang!



Left to right: Jamal Woods (basketball, Anoka Ramsey), Camila Faz (swimming and diving, Iowa Central), Kerome Thompson (football, Augsburg University) and Ben Davis (football, Augsburg University). Not Pictured: Cosette Henrikson (basketball, Bethel University) and Savannah Yang (cheerleading, University of St. Thomas)



*FMS Assistant Principal
Matthew Engelhardt high-
fives fourth grade students*

THE NEXT LEVEL

FMS prepares incoming fifth grade students for move to middle school

Transitioning from one school to another is a big milestone in the lives of our students and families. While we celebrate the achievements and growth of scholars making the leap to a new school level, the exciting prospect of starting a new chapter in their educational journey may feel daunting to them. In the matter of a summer they go from an environment where they blossomed into the oldest group of students to an unfamiliar setting where they have been reset to the youngest class.

Each school in our district goes to great lengths to assuage the nerves and worries of transitioning students. Fridley Middle School hosts several events at the end of the school year to welcome incoming fifth graders and their families, with the goal of making middle school feel like home.

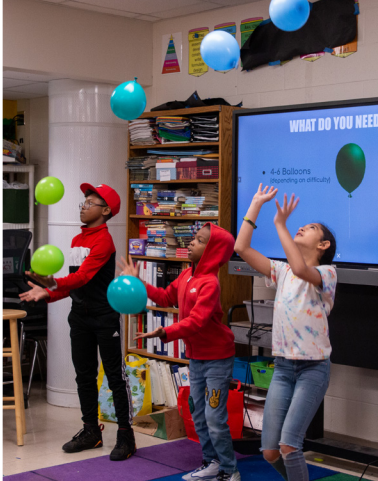
“Moving from elementary school to middle school is a really large step,” said Dr. Amy Cochran, principal of FMS. “It’s something that we want to celebrate, but

we also want to ensure that students are ready and comfortable with that transition.”

The first event, Fifth Grade Parent Night, happens in February, giving parents and guardians ample time to prepare themselves and their children for the transition to FMS.

“We talk about the schedule, elective options, activity opportunities,” Cochran explained. “That evening is an opportunity for families to get their questions answered and to start to be comfortable with the middle school.”

For the next event, FMS coordinates with both Hayes and Stevenson Elementary to bus their fourth grade students to the middle school on separate school days in April, where they are integrated into the fifth grade classrooms for an afternoon of meeting fifth grade teachers and students, touring the school and engaging in some fun ice breaking activities.



Top left: Hayes Elementary students playing games in fifth grade classroom at FMS.

Top right: FMS Principal Dr. Amy Cochran and Assistant Principal Matthew Engelhardt speak with fourth grade students and families.

Bottom: A group of students from Stevenson Elementary on a tour led by eighth grade students at FMS.



any questions they're still wondering about as we get ready to welcome them in the fall."

The emphasis on gradually acclimating incoming fifth graders carries into the first day of the new school year at FMS, when they are the only class of students in attendance.

"First and foremost, we want them to feel comfortable in their classrooms with their new teachers," Engelhardt explained. "As well as getting used to lockers, where the lunchroom is, where the gym is. And then slowly throughout the year we transition to more opportunities for growth and autonomy so that by the end of fifth grade they're ready to seamlessly transition to sixth grade."

FMS takes special care in tailoring the fifth grade experience by borrowing traits and routines students are accustomed to in fourth grade, allowing them to feel at ease while acquainting themselves with their new surroundings.

"The idea behind that is it lets students get familiar with the building and environment," Cochran noted. "They spend time with one teacher just like they do in fourth grade, they sit with their classroom at lunch, and their teacher walks with them everywhere they go just like in elementary school."

"Our goal with the transition process is to make them feel comfortable, but also really excited to come join us at Fridley Middle School," Engelhardt added. "We're excited to have a new group of Fridley Middle School Tigers come here and have a great school year!"

No matter which Fridley school your student might be calling their new home next fall, rest assured our staff are ready to welcome them and continue to mold them into world-class learners.

FMS Assistant Principal Matt Engelhardt emphasized the importance of partnering with the elementary schools to ensure a smooth transition for incoming middle school scholars.

"One of the beautiful things about Fridley Public Schools is that we're smaller, which creates a feeling of community," Engelhardt stated. "It allows us to have an intimate knowledge of our students and set up the best learning environment for them. The elementary schools do a great job of passing on information so we can provide for our students' needs, and then we give that information to the high school when they make their next transition."

Last but not least is Fifth Grade Orientation Night in May, which allows students and their families to visit the middle school one more time before summer break.

"That night is for students and families to spend time here together," Cochran said. "Meeting all of the fifth grade teachers, spending time in those classrooms, getting a tour of the building, practicing lockers, and lots of opportunities for one-on-one time with myself and the assistant principal to get to know us and ask fridleyschools.org

Elementary School Carnivals celebrate the culmination of the 22-23 school year

The Hayes Elementary and Stevenson Elementary School communities attended their annual school carnivals on May

11 and 19 respectively. Each carnival

hosted a variety of games and activities that students and families enjoyed, as well as food trucks. Hayes Elementary had a special “Pie Yah!” station where students could throw a pie at teachers and staff members. At Stevenson’s carnival, the dunk tank was a huge success as students enjoyed trying to dunk their teachers and staff members. Additionally, a silent auction and basket raffle at each site helped to raise funds for each school. Each carnival was a fun-filled evening for all!



Stevenson Elementary School Carnival on May 19

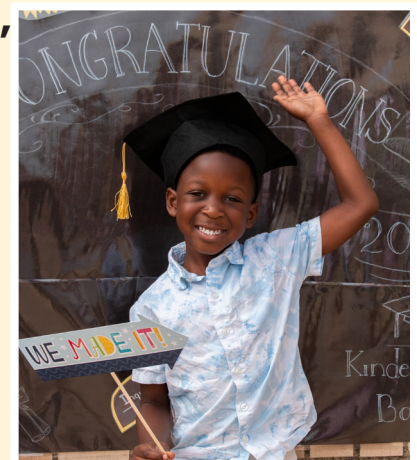


Hayes Elementary School Carnival on May 11



Preschool graduation celebrates students' accomplishments over the past year

It was a momentous day for our Fridley Preschool scholars on June 7 as they graduated from preschool! Separate graduation ceremonies were held for each morning and afternoon class so families and staff could celebrate the students. Each teacher chose how to celebrate their respective class through songs and slideshows. The ceremony culminated with students receiving a diploma while walking across a bridge. Afterward, families and students celebrated outside and commemorated the moment by taking photos in front of a special graduate-themed photo wall. Congratulations to our Fridley Preschool Class of 2023!



Fridley High School seniors named MSHSL Triple “A” Award recipients

Congratulations to Fridley High School’s (FHS) 2023 Minnesota State High School League Triple “A” (Academics, Arts, and Athletics) Award winners, seniors Elana Carlson and Kerome Thompson!

Each year, the award honors two senior students—one male and one female—who have excelled in the classroom, athletics and fine arts. Both Elana and Kerome are standout students who have challenged themselves academically at FHS while simultaneously maintaining extensive involvement in extracurricular activities.



Fridley High School juniors earn 2023 Harvard and Yale Book Awards

Congratulations to Fridley High School (FHS) juniors Palak Bhakta and Deodatus Gbadoe who earned the Harvard Book Award and Yale Book Award, respectively. Recipients of these awards must be outstanding students in the junior class who display excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.

“I am so proud of Palak and Deodatus for their hard work and dedication,” said Patty Hand, principal of FHS. “These awards exemplify the characteristics of the IB Learner profile, like being internationally minded, caring for others and being risk takers.”

Congratulations to Palak and Deodatus on this big honor!



Scholastic Achievement ceremony celebrates Class of 2023

Parents and guardians gathered in the District Auditorium to honor and celebrate the academic and athletic achievements of Fridley High School seniors at the annual Scholastic Achievement & Recognition Banquet held Thursday, May 18. This year’s ceremony marked the 65th anniversary of the event and was sponsored by the Fridley Lions Club.

The generous support of the Fridley community was evident throughout the ceremony that recognized a broad scope of academic and athletic achievements. Community scholarships awarded to the class of 2023 totaled \$174,400.

“With the rising costs of postsecondary education, scholarships are needed by many of our students to reach their fullest potential,” said Patty Hand, Fridley High School principal, during her opening remarks. “Our community continues to support this rich tradition of giving.”

“Thank you for being the amazing students you are,” Hand said to seniors in attendance. “I couldn’t be more proud.”



Left to right: Palak Bhakta. FHS Principal Patty Hand and Deodatus Gbadoe

ADULT & YOUTH ENRICHMENT

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Our Adult Enrichment program offers approximately 135 classes on a variety of interests and topics including arts, cooking, dance, defensive driving, finance/business, health and wellness, history and cultural awareness, hobbies and special interests; home and garden, music, and personal and family development.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

The Youth Enrichment program offers a variety of fun opportunities for students! Classes are held after-school, in the evenings and weekends and include offerings in the areas of arts and crafts, dance, drivers' training, music, languages, and swimming. Youth enrichment also offers summer and other seasonal sports camps.

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO



AQUATICS



Fridley/St. Anthony Aquatics Program

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with St. Anthony-New Brighton Public Schools to hire a shared swim lead between our two locations. Learn to swim lessons will be offered at the St. Anthony Pool and the Fridley Middle School pool. Both locations will share the same programming and instructors.

The St. Anthony/Fridley swim program provides instructional swimming classes which focus on skill progression and safety awareness for all ages from infant to adult.

The Fridley site is located at the indoor pool in the Fridley Middle School, our variety of swim lessons focus on skill development. Swim lessons are limited to four students per instructor and each level reinforces previously learned skills and introduces new skills for a fun and rewarding experience! Our classes include:

Parent and Child (Ages 6 months- 4 years)
Preschool Beginner(Ages 4-5)
Preschool Intermediate (Ages 4-5)
Preschool Advanced (Ages 4-5)
Level 1-6 (Ages 6 & up)

LOCATION

Fridley Middle School Pool
6100 West Moore Lake Drive
Fridley, MN 55432

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO



CONTACT

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Fridley Community Center
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Fridley, MN 55432
763-402-1391 (texting available)
sasha.herder@fridley.k12.mn.us

FRIDLEY SENIOR PROGRAM



Supporting a Balanced and Well Connected Life Through Active Aging

Welcome to the Fridley Senior Program! We offer a complete program of social, recreational and educational opportunities for members of our community, featuring a robust and active Senior Program held at the Fridley Community Center. This is the place for seniors to play games with their friends, learn a new skill, pursue a favorite hobby and generally have a good time. We've designed the Senior Program with special activities and services intended just for our seniors, including social events, cards, BINGO, outings, exercise classes, and a whole lot more.

FRIENDS OF FRIDLEY SENIOR PROGRAM

A 501(c)(3) charitable foundation has been established to support the long term needs of the Fridley Senior Program and low income seniors in our community. Thanks to a generous donation from the Fridley Lions Club, a Lions Share was established to help low income seniors with remodeling needs so they can stay in their homes safely.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend to the Fridley Senior Program please call 763-502-5150 or email Stephen Keeler – any size gift is appreciated and is tax deductible.

RESOURCES & SERVICES FOR SENIORS

ON-SITE SOCIAL WORKER

Fridley Community Education has a full-time social worker, Alaina Dehnke, who serves and supports seniors at the Senior Center. Alaina is available to meet one-on-one or with groups to answer questions, talk through concerns, assist with navigating resources, and/or make referrals to outside agencies.

To contact or schedule an appointment with Alaina, call 763 502-5121. Her office hours are on Mondays, 1-2 p.m.

SENIOR OUTREACH WORKER

Get help filling out forms for a variety of programs (Energy Assistance, TAP, SNAP) or find programs that you qualify for to make life a little easier. Call Angie Sable, Fridley ACCAP Outreach Worker at 763-783-4741 to set up an appointment.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING - LINKAGE LINE

To get your questions answered or to schedule a free, individual appointment, please call the LINKAGE LINE at 1-800-333-2433. The Health Insurance Counseling Program is made possible by Trellis (was MAAA) and Anoka County and is not affiliated with any insurance company.

CONTACTS

HELPFUL CONTACTS:

Senior Program - 763-502-5150
Senior Info Line - 763-783-4707
Meals on Wheels - 763-236-3636
ACCAP Outreach - 763-783-4741
Store to Door - 651-642-1892
Chores & More - 763-783-4767

**Senior Center is closed December 23 -
January 2. We will reopen January 3.**

STEPHEN KEELER

Community Education Director
763-502-5106
stephen.keeler@fridley.k12.mn.us

NEWSLETTER

The Senior Newsletter provides up-to-date information, resources, news, events, and more! Most seniors will be able to pick up your newsletters at the Senior Center once again for free! Therefore, we will be returning to a fee-based registration for mailed newsletters. The annual fee is \$10 and you can sign up by calling the Senior Center at 763-502-5150. If you would like to receive the newsletter for free electronically, please email Stephen Keeler at stephen.keeler@fridley.k12.mn.us



First and only International Baccalaureate program for 3- and 4-year-old Preschool in Minnesota

WELCOME TO FRIDLEY PRESCHOOL, AN IB WORLD SCHOOL!

Fridley Preschool is the only International Baccalaureate (IB) 3- and 4-year-old preschool program in the state of Minnesota. Additionally, our school district is the first and only district in the state, and one of few in the nation, to offer the full IB Continuum to all students from pre-K through grade 12.

Here at Fridley Public Schools, we focus on developing the whole child, and that starts with our district's earliest learners. Both 3- and 4-year-old preschool programs are designed to provide your child with the necessary learning experiences to prepare for kindergarten. Utilizing our transdisciplinary IB curriculum framework, your child will be a step ahead when it comes to "kindergarten readiness" and a holistic IB educational experience.

WHY CHOOSE FRIDLEY PRESCHOOL?

Our high-quality preschool program has multiple options to meet your family needs. This includes low cost half-day 3-year-old, NO COST half-day 4-year-old, and scholarship eligible cost based 3 and 4-year-old full-day preschool.

- **IB Primary Years Programme**

Fridley Preschool is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School that offers the Primary Years Programme (PYP). Founded on a philosophy that recognizes a child's natural curiosity, creativity and ability to reflect, the PYP generates a stimulating, challenging learning environment to nurture those assets and foster a lifelong love of learning in every child.

- **Caring and nurturing teachers**

Each classroom is led by a Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) licensed early childhood educator. Your child will receive personalized attention as each class is capped at 20 students with a teacher and classroom assistant in each classroom.

- **Parent Aware Four-Star Rating**

Fridley Public Schools is proud to offer a Four-Star Parent Aware rated preschool program to help prepare your child for school success.

- **High-quality and Aligned Curriculum**

Our preschool curriculum has been written to encompass several areas of inquiry and is aligned with Minnesota's Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPs). The ECIPs are Minnesota's early learning standards that provide a framework for developmentally appropriate expectations from birth to kindergarten. They also align to the Minnesota Kindergarten Academic Standards.

CONTACT

Preschool Program Questions:

KATIE BROWN

Secretary (half-day)
763-502-5105

JORDAN WRIGHT

Secretary (full-day)
763-502-5107

4-year-old enrollment:

LORI O'DOWD

Enrollment Coordinator
763-502-5081

Additional contacts:

STEPHEN KEELER

Community Education Director
763-502-5106 (full-day)

KARIN BECKSTRAND

Preschool IB PYP Coordinator
763-502-5117 (half-day)

SALLY LEONE

Childcare Coordinator
763-502-5135 (full-day)

Preschool Location:

Fridley Community Center

6085 7th Street NE
Fridley, MN 55432

3- & 4-YEAR-OLD CLASS OPTIONS

2023-24 school year



3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL CLASS OPTIONS

Children must be 3 years old on Sept. 2, 2023. Your child must fall into the birthdate range of: Sept. 2, 2019 - Sept. 1, 2020.

Class Options:	
AM SESSION	Monday - Thursday Mornings 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. 9 monthly payments of \$300/mo or \$2700 annually <i>A Sliding Fee Scale is also available. See page 27.</i>
PM SESSION	Monday - Thursday Afternoons: 12:00 - 2:45 p.m. 9 monthly payments of \$300/mo or \$2700 annually <i>A Sliding Fee Scale is also available. See page 27.</i>
FULL DAY OPTION	Monday - Friday Full Day: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$345 per week <i>Needs-based scholarships available</i>

To Register:

To register, you must submit an application:

- Online at: <https://fridley.ce.eleyo.com>
- By phone at 763-502-5105 with Visa/MasterCard/Discover
- In-person at the Enrollment Center in the FCC
- **For more information about half-day preschool -** Please call Katie Brown at 763-502-5105.
- **For more information about the full-day preschool option -** Please call Jordan Wright at 763-502-5107.

You must submit all required documents listed below:

- Child's birth certificate
- Up-to-date immunization records

4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL CLASS OPTIONS

Children must be 4 years old on Sept. 2, 2023. Your child must fall into the birthdate range of: Sept. 2, 2018 - Sept. 1, 2019.

Class Options:	
AM SESSION	Monday - Friday Mornings 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. No cost to families
PM SESSION	Monday - Friday Afternoons: 12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. No cost to families
FULL DAY OPTION	Monday - Friday Full Day: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$275 per week <i>Needs-based scholarships available</i>

To Register:

- Online at: www.fridleyschools.org/preschoolregistration
- In-person at the Enrollment Center in the FCC
- **For more information about enrolling into our half-day preschool program -** Please call Lori O'Dowd at 763-502-5081.
- **For more information about the full-day preschool option -** Please call Jordan Wright at 763-502-5107.

You must submit all required documents listed below:

- Proof of address (driver's license, utility bill, rental/purchase agreement) OR Open Enrollment Form
- Child's birth certificate
- Up-to-date immunization records
- Preschool screening documents if screened outside our district

Copies will be made of each document and originals returned to you.

Registration is not complete until we have received all of the above documents.



DOES YOUR 4-YEAR-OLD HALF-DAY STUDENT NEED BUS TRANSPORTATION?

Free transportation is provided for families within Fridley district boundaries and those who reside in the Northwest Suburban Integration School Districts, which include: Anoka-Hennepin, Brooklyn Center, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, ISD728 (Elk River Area), Fridley, Osseo, and Rockford.

EVENT SERVICES & RENTALS

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Rental opportunities are available through Fridley Event Services. Our facilities are an excellent option for any group large or small!

Whether you are planning to host a conference, banquet, meeting, training, private party, performance (theatre, dance, and concert) or athletic event we have the space that is right for you! Our facilities are conveniently located, easily-accessible and fully serviced.

We can accommodate groups looking for a location to meet once, weekly, monthly, or annually. Our service stands out because of the personal attention our customers receive in all phases of the planning process as well as during and after their event.

Our goal is to partner with you in each stage of the planning process to ensure your event is the absolute best it can be!

FACILITY AMENITIES

Our facilities include the following amenities:



LCD PROJECTION
EQUIPMENT & SCREEN



WIRELESS MICROPHONES



SOUND SYSTEM



HIGH SPEED,
WIRELESS INTERNET

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

GYMNASIUMS AT FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Main gym with seating for up to 500
- Concession Area
- Auxiliary gym
- Locker room facilities available

GYMNASIUMS AT FRIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Main gym with seating for up to 200
- Auxiliary gym
- Locker room facilities available

THE POOL AT FRIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Available for private parties & events
- Lifeguards on duty

TENNIS COURTS AT FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Six courts available
- Reasonably priced

ATHLETIC FIELDS

- Football fields
- Soccer fields
- Baseball fields
- Softball fields
- Multi-use green space
- Reasonably priced

FRIDLEY EVENT SERVICES

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT

WITH FRIDLEY EVENT SERVICES!

CONTACT

INFORMATION, TOURS, AND BOOKINGS

For information, to schedule a tour, or to book a facility, please contact:

STEPHEN KEELER
Community Education Director
763-502-5104
stephen.keeler@fridley.k12.mn.us

FOR PRICING & BOOKING
www.fridleyeventservices.com
763-502-5104

LOCATIONS

FRIDLEY COMMUNITY CENTER (FCC)

6085 Seventh Street NE,
Fridley, MN 55432

*Conveniently located one mile
north of Hwy 694 on 61st Ave NE*

FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

6000 West Moore Lake Drive,
Fridley, MN 55432

*Conveniently located 1/2 mile north
of Hwy 694 on West Moore Lake Drive*

FRIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

6100 West Moore Lake Drive,
Fridley, MN 55432

*Conveniently located 3/4 mile north
of Hwy 694 on West Moore Lake Drive*

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION



We offer multiple classes and programs to meet the needs of you and your family!

WELCOME TO ECFE!

The Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program offers fun, interactive and educational activities to parents and children ages birth to 5 years. The goal of the program is to strengthen families and help parents and children grow and develop within a circle of support. Parents and children participate in fun activities that encourage learning. Parents participate in discussions led by a parent educator while their children play, learn and socialize with other children.

*The word "parents" includes all individuals who function in a parenting role – mothers, fathers, partners, guardians, grandparents and other relatives, foster parents, etc.

Come for your child... Stay for yourself!



ABOUT FRIDLEY ECFE:

- ECFE welcomes all parents
- Our parent educators offer research-based information to our program participants and are always available to answer questions
- Our classes are fun and educational for both parents and children
- We offer parent discussions to connect parents to other parents in the community
- Parents can learn about community resources

ECFE/PRESCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Are you in an ECFE class? Do you come to the Creative Play Center? Or are you interested in becoming a community member? We invite you to join our Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council advises Fridley Community Education and advocates for its programs and community engagement. The council's input and planning has been looked upon to guide community needs and create events that welcome and support all Fridley families. The council meets once a month. All parents and community members are welcome! Please call Lila Mapp at 763-502-5143 for more information.

fridleyschools.org

CONTACTS

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ECFE Coordinator
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MORA SLIFKA
ECFE Teacher, Early Childhood Screener
763-502-5157
Mora.Slifka@Fridley.k12.mn.us

*All ECFE classes are held at the
Fridley Community Center, 6085
7th Street NE, Fridley, MN 55432*

“ *I love being able to play with my child, and then go and learn and socialize with other parents. This is one of the best ECFEs!* **”**

Fridley ECFE Parent

REGISTER NOW!



WELCOME TO

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

FRIDLEY TIGER CLUB

TIGER CLUB SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE



Welcome to **Fridley Tiger Club School-Age Childcare**! Located within the Fridley Community Center, our program offers before- and after-school care on school days, and all-day care on non-school days to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Our School-Age-Care program is Minnesota School-Age Childcare Association (MnSACA) Accredited and Department of Human Services (DHS) Certified.

LEARNING & CURRICULUM:

Tiger Club is an ideal place where students can explore their interests through fun and challenging activities designed to build confidence and foster independence in a safe, nurturing environment. Our program is choice-based and play-based, and our team creates a variety of games, crafts, experiments and much more in interest areas that include, art, literacy, math, science, dramatic play, and technology. Whether delivered in a classroom, gym, playground, or outdoors, our curriculum will give children opportunities to learn and grow in an engaging and informal way.



ABOUT OUR STAFF:

Our staff are trained in out-of-school time curriculum planning, choice-based programming, child development, active supervision, CPR, and first aid. A staff to child ratio of 1-to-15 or less is maintained at all times to provide small group and individual attention. Staff build one-on-one connections with students and work to support each child's individual social and emotional growth.

CHILDREN WILL ENJOY:

- Daily gym and/or playground time
- Daily creative and dramatic play
- Daily planned activities to choose from incorporating art, literacy, math, science, and much more
- Seasonal community service projects
- Daily meals: breakfast and snack (plus lunch on non-school days)
- Field trips and/or on-site presenters on non-school days
- Annual special events and parent engagement opportunities

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://fridley.ce.eleyo.com>

SPACE IS LIMITED: Register early to begin the first week of school!

New registrations are required every school year, regardless of prior season attendance.

Once school year begins, new contracts are accepted based on space availability!

**SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
AUGUST 11**

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24 SEASON:

DAYS & DATES:

Monday through Friday; September 6 – June 6
*Closed and non-school days schedule available

HOURS OF OPERATION: School days: 6:30 a.m. to school start; school release to 6 p.m.

Non-school days: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child, required at time of registration. (Non-Refundable)

TUITION RATES:

Elementary Tuition:

- AM & PM - \$37 per day (Drop-In rate: \$48)
- AM or PM - \$22.50 per day (Drop-In rate: \$25.50)

Middle School Tuition:

- AM & PM - \$37 per day (Drop-In rate: \$48)
- AM ONLY - \$20 per day (Drop-In rate: \$23)
- PM ONLY - \$25 per day (Drop-In rate: \$28)

Non-School-Day Tuition:

- Full-day - \$52 per day (Drop In rate: \$63)

*We accept County Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP)

TUITION INCLUDES:

All daily activities, meals (breakfast and snack), and transportation to and/or from school on school days; and all activities (including field trips) and meals (breakfast, lunch and snack) on non-school days.

SCHEDULE OPTIONS:

- Consistent weekly set schedules ONLY
- Minimum of one (1) set scheduled day a week
- No "drop-in only" OR rotating schedules available
- Tuition is due each week regardless of attendance
- Non-school days not required; separate sign-up

TRANSPORTATION:

On school days, children are escorted between the FCC and their attending school via the district's transportation department according to their weekly set schedule.



For information or questions regarding Tiger Club School Year, contact:

Jordan Wright (Tiger Club secretary) at 763-502-5107 or jordan.wright@fridley.k12.mn.us

Fridley Community Theatre Presents

The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY



Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice

Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

July 21-22-27-28 at 7:00 pm

July 29 at 2:00 pm

Fridley District Auditorium - 6000 West Moore Lake Drive

Reserved Tickets \$20 Adults - \$15 Students thru HS

Tickets available (beginning June 19) at 763-502-5100 during office hours or on-line at

www.FridleyCommunityTheatre.org

The Addams Family contains adult themes and may not be suitable for all audience members.

The Addams Family is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide. www.theatricalrights.com



A World-Class Community of Learners
FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
6000 West Moore Lake Drive
Fridley, MN 55432

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FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

10th annual
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
RESOURCE FAIR**

BACKPACKS • SCHOOL SUPPLIES • COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 26, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Fridley High School Parking Lot
6000 West Moore Lake Drive, Fridley**

**ONLY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FRIDLEY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN RECEIVE A
BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES.**

Families must register for the event!

Register at:

***www.fridleyschools.org/resourcefair
or scan the QR code***



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FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The first and only school district in Minnesota to provide the full E-12 International Baccalaureate Continuum