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Note from the Leadership Desk

Hello, all my Friendship Academy families. I love you all and miss you very much. My name, for those who may not know me, is Mrs. Effiom, a.k.a. 'Ms. Jo.' You would normally find me located behind the front desk in the school office. It is said that I am the face and voice of Friendship Academy. I have served FAA families since 2006 and I still enjoy serving you to the best of my abilities in whatever way I can.

As our school grows and expands to two locations, we are looking for more families just like yours to join us before all the spots fill. If you know of any families and friends looking for our great Friendship Academy of the Arts educational experience, invite them to go to www.friendshipacademy.org and apply. Space will fill fast.

Also, you will soon receive your personal invitation to re-enroll your child/children for the Fall 2020. This is a requirement. Please be sure to complete the re-enrollment form as soon as possible to ensure your spot is not given away. Friendship likes to keep our family together; therefore, we offer you first priority, but you must re-enroll by the stated time. Thank you, stay safe, and remember that this too shall pass.

Your friend,



Now enrolling!

We are now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year at our K-1 and 2-8 sites.

Spots are going quickly, so please [visit our website](#) to enroll!

While we are unable to offer a tour at this time, we will do our best to answer your questions. Please email school@friendshipacademy.org and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Upcoming Events

Please note two additional events that were not included in the earlier edition of this newsletter: Spirit Week and the upcoming virtual groundbreaking. There will also be NO Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) this year.

Week of April 6-10

End of Spring Break/Return to School (Virtually!)

Spirit Week (Virtual!)

Week of April 13-17

Tuesday, April 14

Family Night: Virtual 'Daddies and Donuts' (time TBA)

Friday, April 17

Virtual Groundbreaking of Second Site (more details pending)

Join us on Facebook!

Like our Facebook page, [Friendship Academy of the Arts](#), to see regular posts about scholars, staff, families, and community members living out The Friendship Way in real time.

To connect further and get answers to all your most important questions, join our Facebook group, [Friendship Academy of the Arts Families](#).

You can also join us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK



Monday,
April 6th

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Wear your favorite Friendship gear!



Tuesday,
April 7th

TIRED TUESDAY

Wear your pajamas or other comfy clothes!



Wednesday,
April 8th

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wear something silly to show up for Wacky Wednesday! Pattern confusion, funny outfits, and silly hats are encouraged!



Thursday,
April 9th

SPORTS GEAR

Wear a sports jersey or something from your favorite sports team!



Friday, April 10th

CLASS COLOR AT HOME

Work with your teacher to pick one color your grade will wear to show class spirit!

We miss you, so post your smiling faces and Virtual Spirit Week outfits on our Facebook pages!

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Family Night: Daddies and Donuts (Virtual Edition)

No, we don't have an in-person meeting this year, and we are sad not to be able to bring each of you some donuts in person. But for the third year in a row, we are hosting an event to celebrate ALL the fathers and 'father figures' at Friendship Academy who make the world a better place for their scholars. We invite you to attend virtually on Tuesday, April 14. There will be speeches, toasts, games, and discussion of all kinds.

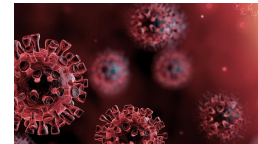
Please fill out the following form to state your preference for a time at which to hold the meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe171o6YNsimdUGc3QspBJosuJ1Zyy>

We hope to see you soon (through a webcam or phone camera, of course)!

COVID-19 Resources

During this time, we will continue to share any local, online, or national resources we have regarding COVID-19. We have a basic list on our [website](#) and will continue to update it as needed. Please get in touch with resources of your own, as well as any questions or concerns you may have, and we will continue to add them to the list!



Please note the stay-at-home order in the state of Minnesota ordered by Governor Tim Walz, which went into effect on Friday, March 27 at 11:59 p.m. Visit the following link for more information: [Governor Walz Issues Stay at Home Order for Minnesotans](#)

Also, please note that there is currently a [moratorium on evictions](#) until Governor Tim Walz has announced otherwise. No one can be forced out of their home or sent to court due to an inability to pay rent.

Seeking Shoutouts!

In order to stay connected throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be changing our newsletter from monthly to weekly for the time being.

Because we can't fill the halls of Friendship Academy with joy, passion, and friendship right now, we want to do so with this online space.

To shout out a scholar, a Friendship Academy family member, or a staff member who's been going above and beyond, **email M.L. Kenney at mkenney@friendshipacademy.org**. Your shoutout will be featured in this newsletter.



Give to FAA

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported us over the past few weeks. The work we do is simply not possible without the generosity of our community. To donate, please visit friendshipacademy.org/donate.

