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# SPiRiT WEEK

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## Note from the Leadership Desk

This week marks the first time Dr. Russell has ever made a video version of "Friendship Insider," a weekly email he sends out to all FAA staff. Now "Friendship Insider" is available to the whole FAA community as well! In this video, Dr. Russell discusses academic updates, the state of our school culture, and ways to stay connected with FAA.



*Click here to watch this week's "Friendship Insider"*

**Now enrolling!**

We are continuing to enroll 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](mailto:school@friendshipacademy.org) and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

## Upcoming Events

### Week of April 6-10

End of Spring Break/Return to School (Virtually!)  
 Spirit Week (Virtual!)  
 MCAs (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) are CANCELLED

### Week of April 13-17

Tuesday, April 14  
 Family Night: Virtual 'Daddies and Distance Learning' (5:30 p.m.)  
 Friday, April 17  
 Virtual Groundbreaking of Second Site

## 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!

Friendship Academy of the Arts  
 Friendship Academy of the Arts Families

# Family Night: Daddies and Distance Learning



# DADDIES AND DISTANCE LEARNING

All fathers and 'father figures' of Friendship Academy are invited to this digital event, where we will celebrate you and all you do to support and empower your children. Tune in and make sure your scholar tunes in too! ALL are welcome.

APRIL 14, 2020 | 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM  
VIRTUAL EVENT, STREAMED ONLINE  
RSVP FOR LINK:

<https://forms.gle/JpVdikzcn6Ps5K1U8>

Featuring:

- An update and speech from Dr. Russell
- Shoutouts to our father figures!
- Online games for scholars and grownups alike
- A gift card raffle

*Click here to RSVP to "Daddies and Distance Learning"*

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INTERMEDIATE**

**VIRTUAL GROUNDBREAKING  
CEREMONY**

**LIVE**

**BRING YOUR SHOVEL!**  
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**APRIL 17, 2020**  
@11:00 AM



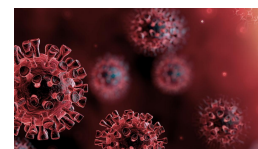
# COVID-19 Resources

[Links to food, childcare, and other resources](#)

[5 Tips for Grandparents on How to Stay Connected with Their Grandkids, Despite Social Distancing](#)

[Twin Cities Coronavirus Solidarity Facebook Group](#)

[United Way 211: Providing free and confidential health services for Minnesota](#)



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 email [school@friendshipacademy.org](mailto:school@friendshipacademy.org) with any questions or concerns you may have, and we will continue to add more resources to the list!

## *Shoutouts!*

- Salina Lee (Grade 3) made a tornado in a jar as part of a unit on tornadoes the class has been studying! Her teachers are so proud of her. (from Ms. Kayla)
- Abdul Wright, father of Aubree and Naomi Wright (both Grade 3), recently helped third grade understand how to put text on a slide in Google Classroom by sharing his screen with them remotely and demonstrating. Thank you for your help, Mr. Wright! (from Ms. Nell)
- Ms. Verlon has been an incredible help to teachers this week, contacting families and helping mail out important paperwork. Thank you, Ms. Verlon! (from Ms. Stevie)



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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](mailto: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](https://friendshipacademy.org/donate).