

FRIENDSHIP BOBCAT CONNECTIONS



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It's been a wonderful 20-21 school opening and an exciting first month of school. Our students are ready and eager to learn and have quickly adapted to all new protocols and procedures. Teachers have been busy at work; reconnecting, teaching, engaging students, problem-solving, sharing ideas, and developing learning activities that are standards based and focused on content learning targets for student academic success. We are committed towards providing high quality, positive educational experiences where each student will be empowered to reach their highest potential academically, behaviorally, and socially.

The key to success is parent involvement and a strong home/school partnership.

We ask that you support your child's learning at home in the following manner:

- Ensure your child attends school daily and arrives on time. School begins promptly at 7:50 am and ends at 2:30 pm for all modes of learning (in-person and Volusia On-line).
- Review homework/assignments/classwork daily and read with your children nightly.
- Encourage your children to do their personal best each day. Set academic and behavior expectations for your children.
- Communicate with your child's teacher as needed to stay current on their progress. **Please follow us on Twitter @FriendshipVCS and #FESForward**

Facebook: VCS Friendship Bobcat

*Dr. Eidie Velez,
Principal*

A Message from our School Nurse



We are highly encouraging proper hand washing here at Friendship. There are many posters and visible prompts located by sinks and restrooms. Our teachers and staff are also reminding students about frequent handwashing and are providing hand sanitizer when needed. We are enforcing VCS Mask policy 503 and providing masks to those students who forget their mask at home. All of these things will help as we head into flu season!!! As a reminder, we ask that you keep sick students at home. We have posted our "Sick Day Guidelines" in this newsletter. Stay Happy and Healthy Bobcats! Your School Nurse, Ms. Snell HST/clinic

Wellness Policy

SB Policy 521 can be viewed on our school website



PTO/SAC



PARENTS WE NEED YOU!!! Your involvement makes a difference to ALL students. We ask you to consider joining our PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) or SAC (School Advisory Council). Help us plan events and make decisions related to school improvement. Both committees meet once a month on Monday's. Our next two meeting dates are October 19, 2020 and November 16th. PTO begins at 3:00pm and SAC begins at 4:15pm

Pedestrian & Bike Safety

All bike riders must wear a helmet to and from school as required by state law. Bikes must be locked in the bike rack. No scooters are allowed

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2nd: Picture Day

October 8th: Virtual Open House via TEAMS

VPK & Kinder: 5:00pm
1st & 2nd Grade: 5:30pm
3rd & 4th Grade: 6:00pm
5th Grade & ESE: 6:30pm
(A link will be sent to you by your child's teacher)

October 9th to October 22nd:
On-Line Book Fair

November 3: No School/Teacher Duty Day

November 11: Veterans Day Holiday

November 23: Thanksgiving Holiday begins. Classes resume November 30, 2020

December 21: Winter Holiday begins. Classes resume January 5, 2021

Only 6 Early Release Wednesdays during 20-21 school year:

December 8, 2020
January 6, 2021
February 3, 2021
March 3, 2021
April 7, 2021
May 19, 2021
VPK-Kindergarten dismissed at 1:25
1st thru 5th Gr. dismissed at 1:30pm

GO BOBCATS!!



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<p>ISSUE NO 2 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020-2021</p>		<p><u>School Uniforms</u></p>
<p>COUNSELORS CORNER</p>	<p>Counselor's Corner</p> <p>Our School Counselor Mrs. Dean is dedicated to developing our students into great citizens. She is our ambassador for social emotional learning. Mrs. Dean teaches tolerance, anti-bullying, kindness and self-esteem. She is also available to assist our families needing community resources and general assistance. If you need her services, please contact the main office and ask for Mrs. Dean.</p>	<p>Students are required to wear a uniform. Polo or oxford button down style shirts in Red, Navy Blue, Black, Grey or White are to be worn.</p> <p>Shirts should not have logos or be of a t-shirt style.</p>
<p><u>Volusia Schools Adds Schools to Free Meal Program Through December 18</u></p> <p>All students attending in-person classes in Volusia County Schools will receive their breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Additionally, a free, weekly curbside meal service will be provided for children not attending in-person classes. For students not attending in-person classes, schools are still open for curbside meal service for all children 18 years and younger. Families may pick up meals each Tuesday from 6:30 a.m.-7 a.m. and the program will operate through December 18.</p> <p>Meals provided through the curbside service are free and are bundled with five breakfasts and five lunches. Registration is required by Thursday of the previous week. Register for meals using this form: https://forms.gle/vUWCh3GazNwN62966. Parents may register to pick up meals at any participating.</p> <p>Parents must show their ID when picking up meals, as well as a form of ID for each student requesting meals. Current student ID cards or birth certificates are acceptable. All parents, regardless of where their children attend school are encouraged to apply for free or reduced meal benefits for this school year. Families may access the meal benefits application here: https://www.vcsedu.org/schoolwaycafe/free-and-reduced-meal-applications</p>		<p>Pants/shorts should fit around the waist and be free of tears or designs. They should be Khaki, Blue or Black or Blue or Black denim.</p> <p>The preferred shoes are sneakers to protect your child's feet. Uniforms are closely monitored. For specifics please visit our website for the official policy.</p> <p>Students may wear any School Spirit shirts on Fridays ONLY!!!</p>
<p>Security & Safety</p>	<p>Each month we practice evacuation procedures with All students. They are aware of each type of drill and what to do in the event of a real event. If you happen to be on campus during an evacuation drill, you will be asked to follow our safety procedures.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency where a school evacuation is warranted, our primary evacuation site is Deltona Lakes Elem and our secondary evacuation site is Volusia Pines Elem.</p>	<p>RE-OPENING PLAN</p> <p>Please visit our school home page for information about our school's re-opening plan regarding COVID-19 Safety & Health protocols and procedures</p>
<p>TITLE I</p>	<p>Friendship is a Title 1 School. Title 1 funds helps to support various school programs and purchase of academic materials. Title I is determined by free and reduced lunch eligibility. Please make sure to complete the 20-21 application on-line today at: (English) https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application or (Spanish) https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application</p>	

SICK DAY GUIDELINES

Your child should stay home if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Has been **vomiting** or has **diarrhea**
- Has symptoms that keep him/her from participating in school, such as:
 - o Very tired or lack of appetite
 - o Cough that he/she cannot control, sneezing often
 - o Headache, chills, body aches, earache
 - o Sore throat- a little sore is OK, but a bad sore throat could be **strep throat**, even if there is no fever. Other signs of strep throat in children are a headache and upset stomach, or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these signs. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat.
- **Keep your child home if he/she is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others.**

24 HOUR RULE:

- **FEVER:** Keep your child home until his/her **FEVER has been gone WITHOUT medicine for 24 hours.** Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- **VOMITING or DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **LAST** time he/she **vomited or had diarrhea.**
- **ANTIBIOTICS:** Keep your child home until 24 hours after the **FIRST** dose of **antibiotic** for anything like an ear infection or strep throat.

We often have many children and adults with colds coming to school, and each one is passing their sickness to others. Remember to wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes. Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home while the sickest.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the school clinic or the Health Services office {386} 734-7190 Ext. 20448.