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Friendship Insider

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Dear Friendship Families, Students, and Staff,

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all scholars, families and staff—both old and new. To the new families, I pray your experience with us will be a rewarding one, and to our returning families, thanks for continuing to entrust us with your precious jewels and believing in our mission and vision.

Once again, we are about to embark on a journey toward academic excellence. However, this profound journey is not going to be an easy one. As the past has shown us, it takes the collective efforts of all of us working together in harmony to make this journey a success. Fortunately for us, we have assembled an amazing team of teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, support staff, parents, and community volunteers to make this happen.

Throughout the summer, the administration was hard at work reflecting on the previous year to identify our accomplishments and areas for growth. As a result, we have resolved to continue to improve on our success while at the same time making substantial plans to close our gaps and eliminate our shortcomings.

Based on this analysis we have identified three priorities for this new school year:

1. Strengthen our staff effectiveness

Important Dates

September 3rd - First Day of School
September 27th - School Store
September 30, 2024:
Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:00pm (Intermediate Campus)

Daily School Schedule

7:30am - Building Opens
 8:15am - 8:55am - Freedom School
 9:00am - 9:55am - Enrichment
 10:00am - 4:00pm - Core Instruction
 5:00pm - Building Closes

Friendship Academy of the Arts
2024-2025 CALENDAR

Month	Calendar Grid	Notes
August	August 28 - Open House	
September	September 3 - Labor Day September 5 - First Day of School September 9-17 - NWEA Testing September 27 - School Store	
October	October 3 - No School October 16 - No School - Conferences October 17-18 - MIA Break October 24 - Math / Game Night October 31 - Orange and Black Sock Hop	
November	November 1 - No School November 8 - Last Day of Quarter 1 November 23 - Family TG Event November 22 - School Store November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break	
December	December 6 - Literacy Night December 13 - No School December 24-31 - Winter Break	
January	January 1-3 - Winter Break January 9-17 - NWEA Testing January 20 - No School (MLK Day) January 23 - Last Day of Quarter 2 January 24 - No School January 31 - School Store	
February	February 10 - National African-American Parent Involvement Day February 13 - Red & White Sock Hop February 14 - No School - Conferences February 17 - No School February 28 - Wax Museum	
March	March 27 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day March 27 - School Store & Last Day of Quarter 3 March 28 - Spring Break	
April	April 1-4 - Spring Break April 7-13 - Spirit Week April 21 - May 2 - MGA Testing April 23 - Administrative Professional Day April 24 - Dads and Donuts	
May	May 2 - PD Day / Conferences May 5-9 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 15-23 - NWEA Testing May 26 - No School (Memorial Day) May 28 - School Store May 28 - STEM Fair May 30 - Field Day	
June	June 6 - Back Up Field Day June 7 - Family Year End Celebration June 11 - Last Day of School / Graduation (Kindergarten & 8th) June 12 - Staff Celebration June 23 - CDF Freedom School Starts	

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- Increase our student achievement, and
- Strengthen our Parent and Community Engagement.

In addition to these priorities, we have made some adjustments to the uniform and phone policies. You should have received a call from our Behavioral Specialist and Parent Liaison about these changes. They were also explained to families at our Open House on Wednesday.

Open House was a blast! It was exciting to see all of you in our buildings again. I personally want to thank everyone for making this year's Open House a resounding success.

Looking forward to your support, participation, and partnership this year as we continue our journey to academic excellence!

Yours,

Carr S. Kpanyor, Jr
Interim Executive Director



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School Resources



2024-2025 Uniform Policy

Tops:
Navy Blue or Black (plain) Shirt
OR
Friendship Academy Shirts

Bottoms:
Navy Blue or Black
*NO DENIM or JEANS

Shoes:
All Black closed toe and heel rubber sole.
*NO CROCS or SANDLES

*Each scholar will receive (1) Friendship shirt. Additional shirts maybe purchased in the school office while supplies last.. S-XL \$10.00 2XL-\$15.00

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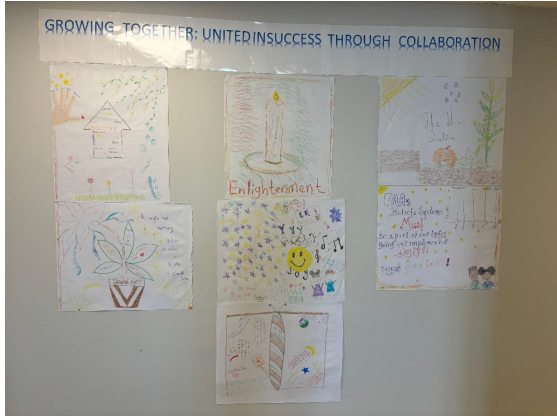
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