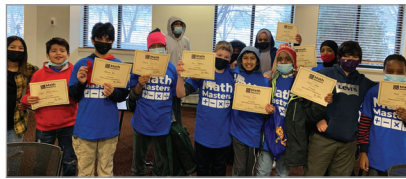




Fridley Middle School Math Masters compete in regional tournament



The Fridley Middle School (FMS) Math Masters had a successful performance at the regional math tournament competition in Robbinsdale on March 5. Students competed as individuals and on teams in eight rounds. Great work to FMS 6th grader Abhinav Rai who placed in the top 10 in the Fact Drill portion!

Fridley Speech team earns 5th at Sections, Hill & Riddle compete at State Tournament



Andy Hill

The Fridley High School Speech team earned 5th place overall in the Section 4AA Speech tournament on April 6, hosted at FHS. At the section meet, senior Andy Hill earned third place in storytelling, and senior Marin Riddle earned first place in poetry. Both students advanced and competed at the state speech tournament on April 22 at Eastview High School in Apple Valley.



Marin Riddle

VOTED BEST IN THE AREA FOR THE 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

DID YOU KNOW?

FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL was selected as the **Best Public School** by community newspaper voters in the Sun Media Readers' Choice Awards in both 2021 and 2022!



Fridley High School expands in-house college credit opportunities

Saving time and tuition, Fridley High School (FHS) students have been getting a head start on their college transcripts by completing classes taught by their high school teachers. Through a partnership with Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC), FHS offers an introduction to statistics course that allows students to successfully earn four college credits upon completion. For the 2022 – 2023 school year, FHS is expanding in-house college credit opportunities to offer College Algebra,* where students can earn three credits, and a college-level language and literature course,** which also provides three credits. The credits are recognized by the Minnesota State colleges and universities system, giving students an opportunity to begin their higher education while completing high school classes.

"We are excited to expand our current college credit offerings so students have the opportunity to jumpstart their postsecondary general education requirements, while continuing to learn directly from Fridley teachers," said Principal Patty Hand. "Working hand-in-hand with our International Baccalaureate (IB) programs and classes, students can be fully immersed in college-level work as a high school student."

Tuition for a three-credit ARCC class costs an average of \$498, which does not include books and materials. Through this partnership, FHS students earn credits at no cost and receive all necessary materials. In addition, the increased rigor in high school can better prepare students for college-level work, allowing for an easy transition into post-secondary plans. Concurrent enrollment courses also allow for increased flexibility as students decide on which postsecondary option to pursue.

"The statistics class is very practical if you plan on attending a college or university," said Frederick Rochac-Cabezas. "It was an easy decision to enroll since it's a way to save money while earning college credits."

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FHS math teacher Michael Wilmes works with seniors Pana Thao and Linnea Burdick in the Intro to Statistics class.

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS AT FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES



ARCC: Statistics

Aligns with FHS course:
Introduction to Statistics
4 college credits

ARCC: College Algebra

Aligns with FHS course:
DP Math - Analysis and Approaches
Standard Level Year 2
3 college credits

ARCC: Language and Literature

Aligns with FHS course:
English 12 - DP Language and Literature Higher Level
3 college credits



Pine Technical & Community College

Pine Tech: Emergency Medical Responder

Aligns with FHS course:
Emergency Medical Responder
3 college credits

Pine Tech: Emergency Medical Technician

Aligns with FHS course:
Emergency Medical Technician
6 college credits

Students can earn up to 9 college credits and healthcare provider-level CPR certification. At the completion of each course, students can earn certification as registered EMR and/or EMT professionals by taking a National Registry EMS exam.

IB PROGRAMMES



International Baccalaureate

Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme College Credit Opportunities

As an authorized IB World School, FHS students can enroll in multiple college-level Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme courses during their final two years of high school.

Students have the potential to earn both high school and college credit if they receive a qualifying score on the IB exam.



Fridley High School expands in-house college credit opportunities

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Senior Linnea Burdick said she would highly recommend the class to others. "I enrolled in the course to begin my college math requirement, but there are also many fun, real-world applications and scenarios," said Burdick. "It's been very collaborative when we collect data from friends and find correlations and apply them to real examples."

The Introduction to Statistics class has seen increased student interest through the past three years that it's been offered. In the 2020 – 2021 school year, 30 students enrolled in the course. That number nearly doubled the following year to 55 students. Gaining momentum, a total of 110 students are currently registered for the course in the 2022 – 2023 school year.

To formulate the partnership, FHS teachers work with ARCC faculty to align and develop the course curriculum and syllabus, ensuring college-level coursework is attained. For most disciplines, high school partner teachers must have a master's degree in the related field, along with 18 graduate credits in the discipline. FHS students can also take advantage of ARCC online and on-campus resources, such as tutoring, academic advising, libraries, databases, health and fitness center, and academic support center. For students to enroll in ARCC classes, they must meet eligibility requirements and have taken the necessary prerequisite courses.

There is a grade-point average requirement of 2.6 for juniors and seniors to enroll in an FHS concurrent enrollment course.

**ARCC College Algebra aligns with the Fridley High School course: DP Math: Analysis and Approaches Standard Level Year 2.*

(Prerequisites: DP Math: Analysis and Approaches SL Year 1 and Algebra 2)

***ARCC Language and Literature aligns with the Fridley High School course: English 12: DP Language and Literature Higher Level*

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME



Seniors Vyronica Ducat and Fareed Mayegun in the Intro to Statistics class, where students concurrently earn three Anoka-Ramsey Community College credits upon completion of the course.

The ARCC partnership is one of many pathways to career and college success that Fridley offers. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, FHS provides access to all IB Programmes and the opportunity to earn an IB Diploma (DP), which is considered to be a significant asset for high caliber college admission. The IB DP is an intensely rigorous pathway of courses along with additional core element requirements, including an in-depth, college-level research paper (the extended essay), the Theory of Knowledge course, and completion of 150 hours of community service. Students can earn up to one year of college credits upon completion of individual IB DP courses, depending on the university they select and their final exam scores.

IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME

Through a partnership with Pine Technical and Community College,



Fridley High School also offers opportunities for students to concurrently enroll and earn college credits in the emergency medical responder (EMR) and emergency medical technician (EMT) courses, which allow students to earn three credits and six credits respectively. The IB Career-related Programme is a pathway for students who are interested in pursuing a specific career-related education. FHS offers health career and information technology pathways, which allow students to earn industry-standard certifications along with their high school diploma.

Governor appoints Fridley superintendent to career and technical education advisory board

Minnesota Governor Walz has appointed six members—including Dr. Kim Hiel, superintendent of Fridley Public Schools—to serve on the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations (MFSO) Board of Directors. MFSO promotes and supports career and technical student organizations as they work to provide opportunities for leadership, personal development, community service and career preparation.

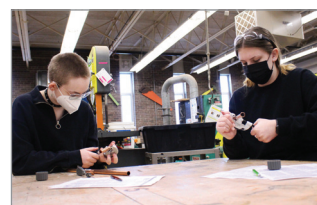


Dr. Kim Hiel

to take on this role where I will help to ensure that all students are provided with leadership opportunities and are able to follow their interests and dreams."

The MFSO acts in an advisory capacity to the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota

State Colleges and Universities in allocating, managing and reporting on legislative funds awarded to career and technical student organizations, which have served students for more than 75 years. The board represents career areas including agriculture, business, technology, industrial, marketing, service occupations, family and consumer sciences and health occupations.



Fridley Public Schools is a respected leader in preparing students for careers in the competitive marketplace as the first and only school district in Minnesota to offer the full International Baccalaureate (IB) Continuum to students in preschool through grade 12. Students at Fridley High School engage in career-related learning to prepare themselves to enter postsecondary studies and/or training in their chosen career field, or to enter the workforce directly after high school by obtaining industry-recognized certifications while in high school.

All Fridley schools are authorized IB World Schools, fostering global citizens who are civic-minded, confident and competent communicators.





Justin Reese selected as Fridley High School activities director

Fridley Public Schools is pleased to announce that Justin Reese has been hired as the district's new activities director. Reese has worked for the district since 2010 and currently serves as a behavior specialist and equity and inclusion specialist at Fridley High School (FHS). He has served as FHS head varsity coach for football and track and field since 2015, and assistant varsity boys basketball coach since 2008. Reese begins his new role on July 1.



Justin Reese

"I am so excited for Mr. Reese to join our team," said Patty Hand, FHS principal. "He is a dedicated, caring, hard-working educator with a remarkable ability to connect with students, staff and families. He brings unique experiences from a variety of roles within our community over the years."

Reese's work at FHS has included collaborating with staff across departments to support the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students. Prior to his role as behavior and equity and inclusion specialist, Reese served as a paraeducator, AVID tutor, and diversity coordinator, working on districtwide initiatives to promote student growth and achievement.

"I am humbled and grateful to step into this position and continue the Fridley activities mission of developing and inspiring excellence of our young leaders," said Reese. "The value of activities and athletics at the high school level can impact students for the rest of their lives, and I couldn't be more proud to serve in this role."

Over the past decade, Reese said he has grown immensely, both personally and professionally, and credits the community for its unwavering support. Looking forward, he said he is excited to build upon the rich tradition and foundation of the Fridley Public Schools' activities department.

"My years in the Fridley Public School District have molded me into the person I am today," he said. "I want to continue to give back to this strong school community in every way that I can, and I hope to continue to inspire and elevate our student leaders."

Reese has received numerous awards for his service as a coach. Among them, he is a six-time recipient of the Section 4AAAA Coach of the Year award (2015 - 2021) from the Minnesota State High School League, and in 2020, Reese was named State Coach of the Year and Class 4A Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. In 2020, KARE-11 honored him as Coach of the Year.

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2022-23 FHS Activities Director



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Join us for the **FUTURE** **KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL**

Wednesday, May 18 *from* 4:30 - 6:00 PM
at Commons Park
555 61st Avenue NE, Fridley

Welcome future Fridley kindergarten scholars and families!

All families with incoming kindergartners (in 2022-23 school year) are invited to attend the Kindergarten Social!

- » Meet and greet with teachers and principal
- » Meet school mascots - Jack the Giraffe and Integrity Tiger!
- » Meet your future classmates and enjoy a summer treat!

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Stevenson Elementary hosts family bike-giveaway event

Held in partnership with Allina Health and Bike4Kids, Stevenson Elementary returned to its annual bike fair on April 22 after a two-year hiatus. Children and their parents received free bikes and brand new helmets to usher in spring. In addition, teachers and volunteers were on hand to help kids select a bike, ensure proper tire pressure and adjust seat heights.

Principal Veronica Mathison was elated with the success of the event. "This event brought incredible joy to our Stevenson students and to families. It was wonderful to see the smiles and excitement kids had to ride their bikes and wear their new helmets."

In addition to representatives from Allina Health, Fridley Police Department's Ofc. Nico Wallat, Ofc. Jason Elasky and Sgt. Patrick Faber volunteered their time to make the fair a rousing success. Wallat is the resource officer for Stevenson and was excited about the students having a way to get around during the summer months.

"We know our kids will have a healthy and safe way to spend their summer," said Ofc. Wallat. "That, for us, is fantastic. We wouldn't have missed it!"

"This is such a great event for our school community," Mathison added. "We are so grateful for the generosity of Allina Health and Bikes4Kids."



Juliana Harris named 2022 FHS Athena Award winner

Congratulations to Juliana Harris, Fridley High School (FHS) senior, who has been named the 2022 Athena Award winner! The Athena Award program honors female high school student-athletes in the Twin Cities region based on athletic achievements, academic success, volunteer work and other extracurricular participation. One winner is selected from each participating Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) school, and is determined by the Minneapolis Athena Awards committee.

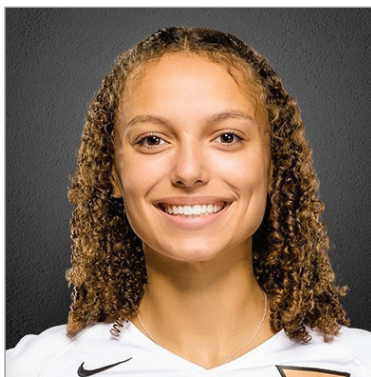
Harris is a three-sport athlete who has been a member of the varsity basketball, volleyball and track teams since 9th grade. She is an All-Conference sprinter, running the 100, 200, 400 meter dashes, and participates in 4x1 and 4x2 relays and triple jump.

A life-long basketball player, Harris said her favorite memories include Basketball Senior Night this past season, as well as finding out she was on the starting varsity line-up her freshman year. "I still remember the moment that Coach [Erik] Redepenning pulled me aside and told me I was a starting player," said Harris. "Our first game was at Mahtomedi High School and it was a proud moment to step onto the court with the team."

Harris is also a frequent volunteer, assisting with the Fridley Hoops youth basketball camps for elementary-aged students. "I absolutely love working with the kids," she said. "You really see the future of Fridley forming, and it's been so amazing to be a part of that." In addition, she is a passionate volunteer in assisting patients who are suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

Harris is an FHS academic all-star, and a member of the honor roll and dean's list at Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC) through the high school's Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program. Alongside her high school diploma, Harris is on track to graduate with her associate's degree at ARCC in June.

Looking back at her high school athletic career, Harris is incredibly thankful to head track and field coach Justin Reese and athletic trainer Erin Green for their constant support and guidance. "Both Coach Reese and Erin have meant a lot to



Fridley High School senior Juliana Harris



Harris is a three-sport athlete and is a member of the varsity basketball, volleyball and track teams.

me," said Harris. "Erin has helped me tremendously and assisted with many of my injuries every single year, and we've grown so close," she said. "And Coach Reese is always checking in with me and has been a great support system."

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Juliana Harris

Inspired by her work with students at youth camps, Harris' current post-secondary plan is to pursue a degree in elementary education. With potential track scholarships, she is considering attending the University of Minnesota-Morris, Augsburg University, or University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in the fall.

Harris is deeply honored to have been named this year's Athena Award recipient. Her father, Marcus, a former Division 1 college athlete whose sister was an Athena Award winner in 1994, was especially elated to hear the news of Harris' achievement.

"My parents are very proud, and it means a lot to me to have earned this award since I've been playing sports for so long," she said. "It's amazing to have something to show for all this effort and hard work."

Along with Athena Award winners from across the metro area, Harris will be recognized at the 50th anniversary Athena Awards luncheon on May 6 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR!



Juliana Harris is a Fridley High School Academic All-Star and on the Dean's List at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

She is on track to earn her associate's degree alongside her Fridley High School diploma!

COLLEGE READINESS



Fridley High School hosts in-house college fair with 50+ colleges and universities

Fridley High School hosted its annual in-house college fair on March 11. All grade 9-12 high school students had the opportunity to attend the fair and meet with representatives from 56 different colleges from a wide array of post-secondary options. Options included two- and four-year universities, as well as trade schools.

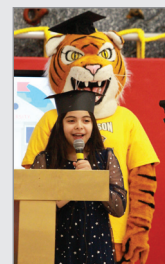
Stevenson Elementary celebrates schoolwide College and Career Month



March was College and Career Month at Stevenson Elementary!

On March 14-18, students enjoyed a College and Career Spirit Week with dress-up days and classroom activities.

On Friday, March 18, students and staff dressed for Career Day and celebrated with an exciting integrity celebration! In addition to a 4th grade graduation skit, the staff college mascot-themed Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament was a big hit! Students also competed in a schoolwide Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. Congratulations to Stevenson IB PYP Coordinator Kate Talafous and 1st grade student Emberly Vue who were the champions in their tournament brackets!



STAFF NEWS

Matthew Engelhardt to serve as Fridley Middle School Assistant Principal

Fridley Public Schools is pleased to announce that Mr. Matthew Engelhardt has been hired as the new assistant principal of Fridley Middle School. Engelhardt currently serves as the school's dean of students and is responsible for student management, staff support, activities, and important district initiatives. Engelhardt begins his new role on June 27.



Matthew Engelhardt

“Serving in this role amongst an amazing staff, fantastic students and a caring community is everything I could ask for upon stepping into this position. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the tremendous work happening within the walls of this school and across the entire district.”

Matthew Engelhardt
2022-23 FMS Assistant Principal

Dr. Amy Cochran, Fridley Middle School principal, said Engelhardt's experience building a positive school-wide culture that motivates students to achieve academic success and constant pursuit of individual goals will serve the school well.

“Mr. Engelhardt has built strong relationships with our staff and students,” said Cochran. “He is committed to ensuring students' middle school experience is positive, and serves as a smooth transition to high school and beyond.”

“I could not be more excited to serve as the assistant principal at Fridley Middle School,” said Engelhardt. “Serving in this role amongst an amazing staff, fantastic students and a caring community is everything I could ask for upon stepping into this position. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the tremendous work happening within the walls of this school and across the entire district,” he continued.

Before joining the Fridley Middle School team, Engelhardt served as an athletic director and instructional leader at Folwell Performing Arts in Minneapolis and New Visions School/Athlos Leadership Academy in Minneapolis/Brooklyn Park, and as a dean and athletic director at Inspire Academy in Phoenix, Arizona.

Engelhardt received bachelor's and master's degrees in kinesiology, as well as his K-12 administrative license, from the University of Minnesota.

Minnesota Honor Society hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

Fridley High School's chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society held its semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive on March 18. The drive provided 57 pints of blood for the American Red Cross, and will positively impact the lives of over 170 people. In addition, 28 students became first-time donors! Even the Minnesota Red Cross gave our high school a shout out!



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WOW, outstanding support from @FPS_District14! We are grateful for everyone who rolled up a sleeve, especially those 28 first-time donors. Your donations are on the way to saving lives! Thanks for giving back in such a meaningful way. #heroes



EMR/EMT students receive training from Army National Guard

Fridley High School students in EMR/EMT (Emergency Medical Responder/Emergency Medical Technician) classes had the opportunity to receive hands-on training from Minnesota Army National Guard members on March 18. Guard members, including combat medics, worked with students on skills regarding trauma and medical scenarios. Students enjoyed seeing prehospital care from a military perspective and learning real-world lifesaving techniques.



Hayes LEGO League builds robotic town, imagines future of transportation

Igniting curiosity, innovation, and teamwork skills, participants in Hayes Elementary's LEGO League developed and programmed fully-functioning cargo transport systems in a robotic town, presenting their creative work at their final showcase on April 14. The challenge at hand was to imagine the future of transportation, focusing on innovative, inclusive and environmentally friendly ways to transport cargo, specifically packages and mail, in the next generation.

LEGO League is an after-school program open to 3rd and 4th graders at Hayes Elementary. Each year, the group tackles a specific challenge from FIRST LEGO League: Explore. This year's CARGO CONNECT challenge allowed students to create a different robot each week, building upon their coding knowledge to work toward their final product. They began by creating LEGO robots according to instructions, then adapted the build and code to achieve certain goals. Students presented their robotic town at Hayes Elementary School to a panel of staff judges. Students were awarded the “Genius Award” for their hard work and collaboration in developing and coding innovative solutions for future mail transportation.



Fridley Key Club earns Distinguished status, awards at Leadership Conference

Congratulations to the Fridley High School Key Club on earning many awards and accolades at the annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Convention (DCON) in Fargo, ND on March 4-6.

Sophomore Soyome Getachew was elected to the MinnDak District Board as Lt. Governor for Division 7a (North Metro). She will serve as a liaison for all metro clubs

to the district, encourage the chartering of new clubs in the area, and will participate in planning divisional events, including next year's DCON.

Veronique Kolibe-Gnamikou, a junior, just ended her term as Division 7a Lt. Governor after one year of serving in this role.



Fridley Key Club students at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Convention. From left to right: Ayden Reeves, Priya Rana, Devika Ramnarine, Soyome Getachew, Nathan Gonzalez, Veronique Kolibe-Gnamikou, and Serina Wood

The Fridley Key Club participated in over 2,500 hours of community service this past year, earning them recognition of Distinguished Diamond Level club. Fridley was the only club in the Minnesota-Dakotas region to earn this distinction for 2021-22 school year.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Priya Rana named recipient of Key Club Sandy Niningner Medal

This year's most prestigious individual award in Key Club, the Sandy Niningner Medal, was awarded to FHS senior Priya Rana. This award is given annually to one senior Key Clubber in the Minnesota-Dakotas district who has distinguished themselves by making the most of opportunities, and given of themselves above and beyond the call of duty.

Rana has been a community-service leader and valued Key Club officer throughout her time at FHS. She has served as Key Club secretary for the past three years, consistently earning the title as *Distinguished Officer* at the annual DCON

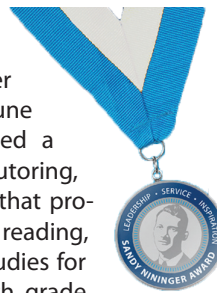


Priya Rana

and has been instrumental in a multitude of Key Club projects and volunteer service opportunities. In June 2020, Rana also co-founded a non-profit called Kavya Tutoring, a virtual tutoring program that provides academic support in reading, science, math and social studies for students in 1st through 8th grade.

She serves as vice president and said the nonprofit has allowed her to develop leadership and communication skills, while she has discovered a new passion for teaching children.

"I am so thankful for my advisors, officers, and board members for all of the help and support," said Rana upon earning the Sandy Niningner Medal. "I could never have achieved so much without them, and I am so happy to be apart of this wonderful organization called Key Club."



Fridley High School Band, Choir visits California, engages in professional soundtrack session

From March 19-23, 34 Fridley High School Varsity Band, Concert Band and Concert Choir students represented Fridley on their spring break band trip to California, where they had opportunities to engage in professional music clinics at Disneyland.

Students learned at a clinic led by California State University-Fullerton band director Dr. Gregory Whitmore, then engaged in a soundtrack session workshop at Disneyland. Led by a Disney music director, the band performed four soundtrack snippets. "Our band sightread the music, practiced with the director, then recorded the soundtrack," said FHS Band Director Becca Shuman.

"Then they saw their music come to life as they watched a film clip with their recorded soundtrack. It was a fun experience for our students as professional session musicians!"

This was the music department's first trip in four years, as the last scheduled trip to Nashville in 2020 was cancelled a week before departure.



Fridley High School presents Thirteen Past Midnight



Fridley High School Drama department students presented "Thirteen Past Midnight" on April 21-23 in the District Auditorium. The cast consisted of 16 students, with 10 students participating on the stage, props, technical crew.

"Our students did a great job of bringing the collection of eccentric characters to life," said Technical Director and Auditorium and Events Coordinator Dan Wold. "As the majority of the cast consisted of seniors, it was a fitting tribute to their last time together and final high school production."

Fridley Middle School presents Willy Wonka Jr.



The Fridley Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students presented *Willy Wonka Jr.* as their spring production on March 7-9. Great work to our student performers and technical crew!

Superintendent holds student listening sessions, gathers feedback to amplify student voice

Superintendent Dr. Kim Hiel visited Fridley High School and Fridley Middle School classrooms on March 17, hearing directly from students on their opinions and views about changes they would like to see in the district and how administration can contribute to a positive and successful school climate. These listening sessions took place in FMS 8th grade AVID classes and FHS 9th grade health classes. High school students prepared a presentation for Dr. Hiel on topics of their selection, including mental health resources, increased activity spaces, class subject ideas and more. Middle school students discussed various topics with each other in small groups, sharing their ideas with Dr. Hiel.


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UPCOMING DATES

TUESDAY, MAY 17
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Fridley Community Center, 5:30 p.m. Work Session, 7 p.m.
Public Forum, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
FUTURE KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL (HAYES AND STEVENSON)

Commons Park, 4:30-6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19
**FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT
AND AWARDS BANQUET**

Fridley High School, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20
STEVENSON SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Stevenson Elementary, 5 - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 26
AREA LEARNING CENTER GRADUATION CEREMONY

Fridley Community Center, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 30
NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

Memorial Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

FHS Football Field, 7 p.m.

Fridley Preschool hosts Family STEM Night

From exploring watercolor science to analyzing magnetic rice, Fridley Preschool students and their families enjoyed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Night on April 28 at the Fridley Community Center. The event gave parents a look at what their young learners are discovering through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP).

"This was an opportunity to show our families how the IB PYP engages our students with hands-on learning that promotes discovery and exploration," said PYP Coordinator Karin Beckstrand. "STEM is an exciting and natural conduit for learning. Our students thrive in this inquiry- and play-based environment."

The Fridley Preschool is the first and only preschool in Minnesota authorized to offer the IB PYP. The advantage of PYP is that it allows students to develop a strong foundation for conceptual understanding, reflection, and transdisciplinary themes.

LEARN MORE:

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