

Friendship International



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ELECTION DAY IN THE U.S.

The General Election is always the Tuesday after the first Monday in November every year. This means the actual date varies from year to year. It will be November 5th this year and there is no school that day for Fayette County Schools.

Many schools are off on this day as one or more schools in any given school district may be used as a voting location (also called polling stations). Other polling stations may include churches, fire stations, libraries and more.

The office of United States President (and Vice President) is only elected every four years. As you have likely noticed, this is a presidential election year!

Any United States citizen who is 18 years of age or older is eligible to vote, but must register first. The deadline for registration for this election has already passed.

Everyone voting will see a variety of local offices and amendments on their ballot. These vary based on where you live – your state, your city, and even your district.

Kentucky voters can view their sample ballot ahead of time ([click here to see](#)) so that they can be aware of all of their choices before they vote.

Also in recent years, early in-person voting has become more common. The timing and rules vary by state. In Kentucky, early voting begins Thursday, October 31st. All voting must be complete when your state's polling locations close on Election Day. Here in Kentucky, polling locations are open from 6AM to 6PM.

Are you curious for more information about how the election process works in the U.S.? Be sure to come to Friendship on November 1st when our special speaker, Tina Wei Smith, will share an informative election process program for us!



UPCOMING DATES

October 25	Extended Classes (No Program)
October 31	Halloween
November 1	US Election Process with special speaker Tina Wei Smith
November 5	Election Day in America
November 8	What is the Bible? with Julie Tennent

Halloween Tips



Are you new to the U.S.? We have a few tips below so that you know what to expect for Trick-or-Treating on October 31st.

- Trick-or-Treating is going door-to-door in your neighborhood in a costume to gather small treats. Only Trick-or-Treat during the hours of 6-8PM on Halloween night.
- Parents should always accompany children, and can wear costumes if they like, but only children do the "Trick-or-Treating"
- A porch light ON usually means that home is participating.
- The sun will set during these hours - take a flashlight for after dark.
- Watch out for traffic, pets, and scary decorations or costumes that might upset young children - you can steer them away or avoid that house.

If you don't want to go out Trick-or-Treating (or you don't have kids), handing out treats at your home is a great way to meet your neighbors! Turn your porch light on as a signal that you are participating. Only hand out store-bought, individually wrapped candy, or very small toys (like plastic rings, bouncy balls, stickers and fun erasers). If you don't want to participate, that's okay! Keep your porch light off and the front door closed that night.

MORE LOCAL EVENTS TO CHECK OUT:



Pokemon Club at Jessamine County Library

Do you have a young Pokemon fan in your house? The Jessamine County Public Library hosts a free Pokemon Club once a month! Kids can gather together to trade cards. Every kid who comes gets a free pack of cards. Free and no registration required.

Next Meeting: Sat, Oct 25, 10:30 to 11:30 AM

[Click here for more details.](#)



Stepping Stone Farm Fall Festival

After our field trip, you may like to try out another local orchard! This one is a little bit of a drive up to Paris, Kentucky, but we think it is worth it (and the drive itself is very pretty this time of year). Stepping Stone Farm is hosting their Fall Festival this weekend. In addition to their normal attractions, they will have a variety of vendors to purchase food and items from. Costs vary for activities.

1674 Cynthiana Rd, Paris, KY

Saturday, October 26th from 10AM to 4PM

[Click here for more details](#)

(scroll to the end of the page for the event or click around the site for more about the farm)



SIMPLE RECIPE FOR FALL FLAVORS: ROASTED APPLES AND SWEET POTATOES



ADULTS & KIDS FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE PATTERN TO DRAW & DECORATE AN OWL