

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

The mission of the Pella Community Schools is to maximize life's opportunities for every child.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is amazing how fast the school year has passed this year. Three quarters are complete with one left to go for the year. The end always seems to come quickly as the spring weather arrives each year. We appreciate your efforts to continue to motivate your sons and daughters through the long winter months and all of your efforts to continue to have them attend school regularly and achieve in the classroom.

Also, I thought you may be interested in a report by the U.S. News and World Report ranks Pella Community High as the 13th best school in the state. This is the link on the report:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/iowa/rankings>

Have a great Spring Break.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

Calendar

March 14:	End of 3rd Quarter
March 17-21:	No School –Spring Break
March 24:	Start of 4th Quarter
March 26:	90 minute Early Dismissal Professional Development
April 2:	90 minute Early Dismissal Professional Development
April 5:	Junior/Senior Prom (9:00 p.m. to Midnight)
April 9:	90 minute Early Dismissal Professional Development
April 14:	In Progress Grade Posting (3 Week 4 th Quarter Progress Check)
April 18:	No School - Good Friday
April 23:	90 minute Early Dismissal Professional Development



1:1 Laptops

The second semester is flying by, and overall we have had a very good start to the semester with regards to 1:1 laptop repairs. This semester, we have had only 4 repairs as a result of damages. This is good news, but there are still a few things that we want to remind you of as we enter the final few months of school. Please be aware of the following issues:

- **Food & Drink by the computers** - We have had 2 liquid spills/damages to student laptops in the past week after having no incidents through the first 6 months of school. Please make sure you are keeping all food and drink away from your laptop to reduce the chances of this type of damage. Repair costs for a liquid damage add up quickly as multiple parts are easily damaged in these scenarios.
- **Carrying the laptops** - All student laptops should have a shoulder strap and should be carried messenger style at all times while traveling with the computer. We have seen a large increase in the number of students that don't have a shoulder strap, are carrying the computer incorrectly, and even carrying the computer down the hallway with it wide open.
- **Screen damages** - After having 15 broken screens in the 1st semester, we have only had 2 broken screens so far during the 2nd semester. Great job with your awareness to this issue, and keep up the good work. As a reminder, you should never place anything on your keyboard at any time as this has been the biggest cause for broken screens throughout the school year.
- **CHARGERS** - We are starting to hear reports of many missing or lost chargers throughout the schools, and people borrowing chargers without returning them. Keep your charger in your possession at all times. If you are needing to borrow a charger, you may check one out from the media center. If you have lost your charger, you may purchase a replacement for \$40....come to Room 118 at the HS or to the media center at the MS to request a replacement. Students with a lost or missing charger will be assessed a fee at the end of the school year when laptops are checked in.

As always, if you are having problems with your computer or your laptop case, bring your computer to Room 118 at the high school or to the media center at the middle school.

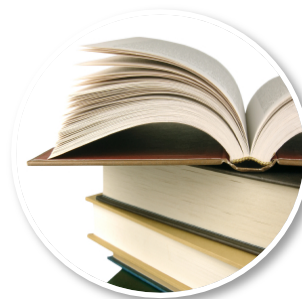
Thanks!

Pella IT Department



Report Cards

The end of the third quarter is March 14. Third quarter grades are due from the teachers on March 25 at 9:00 a.m. through Infinite Campus. If you need assistance to access your child's information, please contact Allissa Grandia at: allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us



Junior/Senior Prom: April 5

Prom is on Saturday, April 5th, at Graham Hall, Central College from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight. After Prom is at the high school from midnight to 4:00 a.m. and the doors lock at 1:00 a.m.

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May 1 & 2:	Tulip Time - 11:15 a.m. Dismissal each day
May 2:	In Progress Grade Posting (6 Week 4th Quarter Progress Check)
May 7:	90 minute Early Dismissal - Professional Development
May 7:	Senior Awards Night
May 14:	90 minute Early Dismissal - Professional Development
May 16:	Seniors Last Day
May 23:	Graduation
May 26:	No School- Memorial Day
May 28 & 29:	2nd Semester Assessments
May 29:	1 Hour Early Dismissal - End of 2nd Semester