

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 we are already a third of the way through the school year. The students have achieved high levels in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. It is a pleasure working with them each and every day.

We appreciate the communication with parents on attendance. It is extremely important for students to have consistent attendance to enhance their learning opportunities. Our attendance rate is 96+%. Outstanding!

Congratulations on the football team making it to the championship game. The championship game is on **Thursday, November 20 at 7:06 p.m.** in the UNI Dome. Go Dutch.

Thank you,

Eric Nelson

Principal

Jon Muller

Assistant Principal

Calendar

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Construction Update

Progress is being made on two major projects at the high school. The high school renovation is in the design and development stage this year. It is an exciting project that will enhance the educational experience of our students. The Pella Career Academy is in progress with completion expected this spring. We are planning to be in the facility for the 2015-16 school year. You can watch the progress on the school website or at this link: [Pella Career Academy](#)

Senior Parents

Dollars for Scholars will be hosting a couple events in November in preparation for the senior scholarship applications. Remember, if your student is planning to attend any post-secondary schooling, and they complete this scholarship process, they WILL get some scholarship dollars in their name. On November 6th, the seniors attended an informational session about the scholarship application requirements and process. On November 17th, a work session will be held with Dollars for Scholars members available to assist with the application process. This will be held in the Media Center at 7pm. Please bring a laptop to work on! This will be a great way to understand the process and get a head start on the application.

Financial aid night is on **Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. The meeting will be sponsored by ICAN (Iowa College Access Network). If your son/daughter will be attending a post-secondary school (four-year college, two-year community college or vocational technical program) next year, you should consider attending this meeting at Pella High. Parents will learn about: FAFSA (financial aid form), grants, loans and scholarships. Please call the Pella High Guidance Department if you have additional questions, 641-628-9539.

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Dec. 22:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 1 - 4
Dec. 23:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 5 - 8
Dec. 23:	90 Minute Early Dismissal -- End of 1st Semester
Dec. 24 – Jan. 5:	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Jan. 6:	Classes begin Second Semester