

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



December 15, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The first semester is winding down. We have three days left of regular classes and two days of semester assessments. Students are expected to complete their first semester coursework prior to winter break, unless special exceptions have been made. We are proud of all the outstanding efforts students have made during the first semester.

Thank you,

Eric Nelson

Principal

Jon Muller

Assistant Principal

Calendar

- Dec. 17: 90 Minute Early Dismissal - Professional Development
- Dec. 22: First Semester Assessments -- Periods 1 - 5
- Dec. 23: First Semester Assessments -- Periods 6 - 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



Semester Assessment Schedule: December 22 & 23

Monday, December 22			Tuesday, December 23		
1st	8:15-9:26	71min	6th	8:15-9:30	75min
2nd	9:31-10:42	71min	7th	9:45-11:00	75min
3rd	10:47-11:58	71min	Lunch	11:00 -12:30	90min
Lunch	11:58-12:48	50min	8th	12:30 -1:45	75min
4th	12:48-1:59	71min			
5th	2:04-3:15	71min			

1. Students are only required to be in school if they have an assessment. Students should be in the cafeteria, or leave campus if they do not have a test. Students are not to be in the academic areas of the building during semester assessments.
2. All students will eat during the same lunch period.
3. Students are not allowed to move any semester assessments.
4. If a student is ill or is unable to take their assessments during the scheduled semester assessment time, they will be expected to make-up their assessments prior to the assessment date OR on Monday, January 5. This must be coordinated with teachers and administrator.
5. Students are not to be dismissed early from assessment sessions.

2nd Semester Class Schedules, Course Drops or Adds

Through the Infinite Campus portal, students and parents are able to view and print class schedules from the Reports tab. Second semester schedules may have changed since first semester, so please review student schedules on the campus portal.

At the beginning of each semester, students will be allowed five (5) school days in which to add or drop a course. After the tenth (10) school day, dropping a course will result in an "F" for the class, unless an extreme emergency exists.

1st Semester Report Cards and Transcripts

Grades for Semester 1 are due January 6, 2015 by 9:00am. December 19 through January 8th grades will not be seen on the Infinite Campus portal. Grades will be entered during this time.

School Closing or Dismissals due to Weather

It is that time of year again where we have the possibility of closing school, starting late, or dismissing early due to weather issues. Our district will now have a text alert option for weather-related delays, dismissals, and cancellations. The district will be sending out the initial text (it will display as 68453); if you would like to receive the actual text alerts, you will need to opt-in by responding “yes” to the text. If you do not respond, you will not receive the text alerts. Parents who do opt-in, can opt-out at any time by responding “stop” to the text alert.

The following sources will also have announcements:

- Pella Community School District Website
- KNIA/KRLS
- WHO TV: Channel 13
- WHO Radio
- KCCI TV: Channel
- WOI TV : Channel 5
- KCOB/KRTI
- KBOE



Update Demographic Information

Winter Break is a great time to update your phone number, mailing address, and email address. This can be done through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal under Household Information and Family Members.

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