

# Pella High School

## Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The last day of third quarter is on Friday. The school year seems to have flown by this 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. Spring can be a time when students begin to get "spring fever". Please discuss with your student to emphasize the importance of attendance at school and to finish the year strong.

Have a great Spring Break.

Thank you,  
Eric Nelson  
Principal

Jon Muller  
Assistant Principal

### Calendar

**March 18:**

End of the 3rd Quarter

**March 19-26:**

Spring Break-No School

**March 28:**

Start of 4th Quarter &  
Phase II Move Day

**April 9:**

Prom @ Central College -  
Graham Hall

## *Report Cards*

The end of the third quarter is March 18. Third quarter grades are due from the teachers on March 29 at 9:00 a.m. through Infinite Campus. To print a report card, go under “Reports” on your parent portal. If you need assistance to access your child’s information, please contact Allissa Grandia at: [allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us](mailto:allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us)

## *Junior/Senior Prom: April 9th*

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

## *2016-17 School Registration: Now Open until May 1, 2016*

To complete registration, visit [www.pellaschools.org/register](http://www.pellaschools.org/register) and follow the steps under ‘Existing Parent’. Or, simply find the registration link in your ‘Inbox’ on the Infinite Campus parent portal. School fees are now completely separate from school registration. School fees will be available for online payment on July 1, 2016.

## *Senior Volunteer Hours*

Any seniors collecting volunteer hours for our Distinguished Service Program, should submit all the hours they have by Monday, April 25. If they are planning to accumulate hours during Tulip Time, they should still submit their other hours by the 25th, so we can try to complete the logging process. The final deadline for seniors’ hours will be May 13.

## *ACT Workshop*

ZAPS will be hosting an ACT preparation workshop at Pella High School on March 30th and 31st (6:30-9pm). The workshop will provide students with practice tests, along with tips and strategies for taking the ACT. All four of the ACT test subjects will be covered. Please go online to register and for further details, [www.doorwaytocollege.com](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com).

## *1:1 Laptops Reminders*

The 2nd 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 2 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 3 months after having no incidents through the first 3 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 6 broken screens in the 1st semester, we have only had 1 broken screen 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 HS.

Thanks!



# Calendar



## March

- 18 - End of the third Quarter
- 21-25 Spring Break-No School
- 28 - Start of 4th Quarter & Phase II Move Day

## April

- 9 - Prom @ Central College-Graham Hall
- 15 - Post 3 Week Grades

## May

- 5 - Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal
- 6 - Tulip Time - 11:15 dismissal
- 6 - Post 6-Week Grades
- 11 - Senior Awards Night
- 17 - Senior Semester Assessments: Periods 5-8
- 18 - Senior Semester Assessments: Periods 1-4
- 18 - Seniors Last Day 11:30 dismissal (seniors only)
- 18 - Senior Picnic - Caldwell Park
- 25 - 27 - Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out
- 27 - Last Day of School/2nd semester - 12:30 Dismissal
- 27 - Graduation - Central College-Kuyper Fieldhouse

\* Go to [www.pellaschools.org](http://www.pellaschools.org) and click on the calendar tab to see all events/activities. You may also access the calendar by going to [www.littlehawkeyeconference.com](http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com)