

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have had an outstanding first two months to the school year. The construction continues with the hope of moving into the new administration area around winter break. The students have adapted to the construction and the distractions. We are proud of their ability to adjust and continue to strive at a high level. Our students continue to impress with how they perform in the classroom each and everyday. We have had the pleasure of a successful fall with athletics and extracurricular activities.

Thank you,

Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

Wade Van Vark
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Report Cards

First quarter grades are due from the teachers on November 1 at 9:00 a.m. through Infinite Campus. Quarter report cards will be available under "Reports" on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you need assistance to access your child's information, please contact Allissa Grandia at: allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us

Calendar

October

- 17: Parent Teacher Conference - Open Forum 4:30-8:00
- 18: 2-hour early dismissal
- 19: Picture Retakes
- 20: 2-hour early dismissal
- 21: No School - P/T Comp. Day
- 26: Profess. Dev: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 28: End of the 1st Quarter
- 31: Day One of Quarter Two

November

- 1: Grades for Qtr One are Due by 9:00 a.m.
- 2: Prof Dev: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 9: Prof Devt: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 14: Parent Teacher Conferences: Individual Format 4:30-8:00

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 17-- Open Forum

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the high school will be on Monday, October 17, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. This session will follow a traditional format. All teachers will be located in the cafeteria or West Gym. Athletic coaches will be at the conferences by 5:30 p.m.

During Parent Teacher conferences, the guidance office staff will be available for appointments. If you have questions regarding student needs or concerns, including academic or social, or post-secondary options such as college admission requirements, college visits, and college and/or scholarship applications, please schedule a time to meet on October 17th.

[Wade VanVark](#) | [Jessica Manning](#) | [Teresa Thompson](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 14 -- Individual Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the high school will be on Monday, November 14, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. All teachers will be located in their classrooms. Athletic coaches will be at the conferences by 5:30 p.m.

Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number or a new email address?

Through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (ICPP), parents are able to update emails, phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts through the Infinite Campus parent portal. See the steps below on how to make your updates on the ICPP:

Address update: under Family > Household Information

Phone & Email update: under Family > Family Members

Emergency Contact update: under Student > Demographics

Seniors and Scholarships

College visit dates, scholarship deadlines, and financial aid notices are all located in the Senior Bulletin, which can be found on the announcement page on the school website.

Picture Retakes - October 19th

Picture retakers will be Wednesday October 19th from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m. If students have already had their picture taken and would like to have it retaken they must return the picture packet that was purchased. All students must have their picture taken, if they did not have it taken in September they must have it taken on October 19th. You do not have to purchase the pictures. If interested in purchasing pictures [click here for the form](#)



School Calendar - Quarter One

October

- 17: Parent Teacher Conference - Open Forum 4:30-8:00
- 18: 2-hour early dismissal
- 19: Picture Retakes
- 20: 2-hour early dismissal
- 21: No School - P/T Comp. Day
- 26: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 28: End of the 1st Quarter

School Calendar - Quarter One

October

- 31: Day One of Quarter Two

November

- 1: Grades for Quarter One are Due by 9:00 a.m.
- 2: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 9: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 14: Parent Teacher Conferences: Individual Format 4:30-8:00
- 16: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 18: 3-Week Grade Progress Report
- 23: 90-Minute Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break
- 24 & 25: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 30: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal

December

- 7: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 9: 6-Week Grade Progress Report
- 14: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- 22: 90-Minute Early Dismissal for Winter Break
- 23 - January 3: No School - Winter Break

January

- 4: School Reconvenes
- 11 & 12: Semester Assessments
- 12: End of Semester One
- 13: No School - Teacher Work Day
- 16: Day One of Second Semester
- 17: Grades for Semester One are Due by 9:00 a.m.