



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The school year seems like it has flown by with Spring Break starting on March 12. The end of the third quarter is Friday, March 23. The end of the school year always seems to come quickly each year as the spring weather arrives. 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 work with your student to emphasize the importance of attendance at school and to finish the year strong.

Thank you,
 Eric Nelson Jon Muller
Principal **Assistant Principal**

Cards for your Insurance Company

If your insurance company is in need of your child's report card, please print the report card from the “Reports” tab on the parent portal. Please, do not print off grades from the “Grades” tab. If you need assistance to access your child's information, please contact Allissa Grandia at: allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us

*March
Calendar*

7th Professional Development:
90-Minute Early Dismissal

12th -16th Spring Break

21st Professional Development:
90-Minute Early Dismissal

23rd MidTerm

30th No School

ACT workshop

An ACT workshop is planned at Pella High School for March 26 & 27th. This two night workshop will cover all four of the ACT testing subjects. An instructor from the ZAPS company will lead students in a classroom setting with tips and strategies for the ACT standardized test. It is encouraged for juniors to take the ACT test this spring or summer (dates in April, June, or July) if they are anticipating attending a four year institution. Please visit the [Doorway to College](#) website (look for the Register Now tab) to register for the workshop and to find any further study tips and stats on the ZAPs workshop benefits.

Junior Parents: Financial Aid Night

Pella High School is bringing ICAN (Iowa College Access Network) to present a Financial Aid Night on Monday, April 9th. Please put this on your calendar to attend if you have a junior student. ICAN is a fabulous resource which also provides a wealth of information for students, parents, and schools. The Financial Aid presentation will cover the details of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and other grants, and loans offered through this application. The reporting requirements have changed in this federal program recently, which allows for families to file earlier than senior year to determine eligibility for federal student aid.

Open Campus Next Year

Please continue to make attendance and grades a priority for your students, as open campus eligibility for next year's juniors during SMART Lunch and seniors during open periods is determined **this semester**.

Senior Service Day

Our annual Senior Service Day is Wednesday, April 18. Seniors are encouraged to sign up and take part in clean-up and maintenance projects throughout the community. More information and a permission slip will be shared during Homeroom in early April.

2018-19 Pella Schools Registration:

Deadline to Register Online is March 31

To complete registration, visit www.pellaschools.org/register and follow the steps under "Existing Student". Or, simply find the "Online Registration" button on your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The required 2018-19 Textbook Fee will be available under the "Payments" section too. Optional Fees such as: Athletic Passes, Yearbook, Band Fee, Choir Fee, and parking permit won't be available until July 1.

Senior Volunteer Hours

Any seniors collecting volunteer hours for our Distinguished Service Program should submit all the hours they have by Friday, April 27. If they are planning to accumulate hours during Tulip Time, they should still submit their other hours by the 27th, so we can try to complete the logging process. Tulip Time hours will still be counted; just turn them in the Monday after. The final deadline for seniors' hours will be Monday, May 7.

Semester Two Calendar

March

7	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
12-16	Spring Break
21	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
23	MidTerm
30	No School

April

7	Junior/Senior Prom
13	Post 12-Week Grades
18	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
25	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal

May

3	Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal
4	Tulip Time - 11:15 dismissal Post 15-Week Grades
9	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal Senior Awards Night
16	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
22	Seniors Last Day
23	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
25	Graduation @ 7:30 p.m. Vermeer Pavillion
29, 30, 31	Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out
31	Last Day of School - 12:30 Dismissal

* Go to www.pella.k12.ia.us and click on the calendar tab to see all events/activities. You may also access the calendar by going to www.littlehawkeyeconference.com