

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

After a few weather delays and no school days, we are off to a strong start and look forward to another semester of teaching and learning with the students.

This month, we have **parent/teacher conferences scheduled on February 11 from 4:30-8:00 p.m.** Also on this date, students will have an opportunity to display their talents at **Excellence in Electives Night**. This will take place from **5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the competitive gym and commons area. Excellence in Electives is an opportunity to display the amazing student abilities and work with the community. Each of these department will be presenting: Project Lead the Way, Family and Consumer Services, Journalism, Art, Music, Spanish, French, Industrial Technology, Welding, and Agriculture.

Thank you for your continued support as we partner with you in helping guide and instruct these young men and women. We hope to see you at Parent/Teacher Conferences and our Excellence in Electives night.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Derek Schulte
Assistant Principal

February 2019 Calendar

1: Post 3-Week Grades

4: There will be school

5: 8th Grade Orientation

11: Parent-Teacher Conferences/
Excellence in Electives

12: Two Hour Early Dismissal

14: Two Hour Early Dismissal

15: No School

20: Professional Development:
90-Minute Early Dismissal

22: Post 6-Week Grades

27: Professional Development:
90-Minute Early 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

ACT workshop

An ACT workshop is planned at Pella High School for March 27 & 28th. 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 in April or June if they are anticipating attending a four year institution. Please visit the [Doorway to College](#) website 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 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Auditorium. 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.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Excellence in Electives

(February 11 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

If you want to schedule a conference with a particular teacher, please email him/her to schedule a conference meeting time. The conferences will be in teachers rooms. All winter coaches will be available by 5:30 p.m. Excellence in Elective teachers will be involved throughout the night with their program, but will be available at the beginning and end of the conferences.

Excellence in Electives (February 11 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Excellence in Electives is a way for students to highlight the various experiences they gain by taking elective courses here at Pella High. Many high school teachers will be in attendance. Teachers not participating in Excellence in Electives activities will be available in their classrooms for parent-teacher conferences. This will be the only parent-teacher conference of the second semester.

2019-20 School Registration is opening March 1

All district families are encouraged to register all of their school aged children for the 2019-20 school year starting March 1. Have a child turning 4 by September 15, 2019? We need you to register them for preschool too! More details to come in the next few weeks about this exciting annual event, so watch your inbox! Questions about the 2019-20 school registration can be directed to Allissa Grandia by emailing allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us or by calling 641-628-9539.

Semester Two Calendar:

- February**
- 1: Post 3-Week Grades
 - 4: Change: There will be school**
 - 5: 8th Grade Orientation
 - 11: Parent-Teacher Conferences / Excellence in Electives
 - 12: Two Hour Early Dismissal
 - 14: Two Hour Early Dismissal
 - 15: No School
 - 20: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 22: Post 6-Week Grades
 - 27: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- March**
- 6: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 11-15: Spring Break
 - 20: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 27: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 29: MidTerm
- April**
- 3: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 6: Junior/Senior Prom
 - 10: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 15-18: Iowa Assessment Week
 - 18: Post 12-Week Grades
 - 19: No School
 - 24: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
- May**
- 2: Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal
 - 3: Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal
 - 8: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Senior Awards Night
 - 10: Post 15-Week Grades
 - 15: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
 - 23: Seniors Last Day
 - 24: Graduation
- June**
- 4, 5, 6: Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out
 - 6: Last Day of School - 12:30 Dismissal

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