



FAMILIES FIRST

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Calendar of Events:

-Meet and Eat Parenting Class: Tuesdays, 12-1pm, Jan. 17-Apr. 18 (no class 2/14 or 3/14)

-Evening Parenting Class: Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm, Jan.19, 26, Feb.2-OR-Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9

-Winter Book Bash: Date TBD, Pella Public Library

-Family Gingerbread House Making Event: 2023- December 2

-Father Daughter Dance 2023 (K-5): March 25

-Mother Son Fun Night 2023 (K-5): January 14

- Thursday in Pella 2023: Date TBD

For more information and to register, go to www.familiesfirstofpella.org

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENT A SUCCESS

It was a chilly morning on December 3, and the town was a -buzz with people attending the Sinterklaas parade, Tour of Homes, and Kerstmarkt. Over 130 families/groups grabbed a gingerbread house kit to go. 374 kits were sold this year. Thank you to all who participated! We love seeing pictures and hearing about the memories and traditions created around decorating gingerbread houses!

A HUGE thanks to the following: Pella Rolscreen Foundation and Marion County United Way for funding, Hy-Vee for providing LOTS of frosting, Jaarsma Bakery for providing LOTS of donuts, Fareway for providing supplies, and Trinity Reformed Church for letting us use their space all week with our prep process, and the Families First Activity Team and other volunteers for putting in lots of hours to put on this event!



PARENTING CLASSES IN JANUARY

Want to have some laughs and learn a few new parenting techniques? Go to our website and check out two parenting class options. Try a 3-week Evening Class or the Meet and Eat Class over the lunch hour. Classes, meals and childcare offered at no cost, thanks to our generous donors!

Go to www.familiesfirstofpella.org to register.

MOTHER SON FUN NIGHT-JANUARY 14

All K-5 boys (and their moms!) in the Pella School District are invited to attend Mother Son Fun Night on Saturday, January 14! Attendees can choose a shift (4:30-6 or 7-8:30pm) when they register online at www.familiesfirstofpella.org or turn in the registration form that was passed out to all K-5 boys through the schools.

Plan an evening of fun and enjoy inflatables, laser tag, mini golf, dodgeball, games, refreshments and more! Registration opens on Monday, December 12 at 9pm.

Two important notes:

*Because of supply chain issues, there is a shortage of laser tag vests. Laser tag will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

*Digital Galleria will be on site to take photos. After the event, participants will be emailed a private gallery to select and order photos. No payment required at the event.



Thank you, Sponsors!



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BOOK BASH RECAP

It was great to be back in-person for the Book Bash on November 12! Lots of families attended and we passed out 50 free copies of "Now I Eat my ABC's." Attendees enjoyed story time and singing, making and eating "magic toast," pom poms and tubes, a letters and beans sensory tub, a free cutie for the way home, and more! Thank you to Pella Community Foundation and United Way for funding and to Hy-Vee for providing the cuties!



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