



FAMILIES FIRST

April 2024

Calendar of Events:

-Meet and Eat Parenting Class: Tuesdays, 12-1pm, Jan. 30-May 21 (12 weeks)

-Evening Parenting Class: Fall 2024 Dates TBD

-Fall Book Bash: November Date TBD

-Family Gingerbread House Making Event 2024: December 6

-Father Daughter Dance 2025 (K-5): Date TBD

-Mother Son Fun Night 2025 (K-5): Date TBD

- Thursday in Pella 2024: June 6

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

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FIRST THURSDAY IN PELLA

Thursday, June 6-Mark your calendars!

Kick off the FIRST Thursday in Pella with “#GameNight” on June 6th! We are partnering with Leighton State Bank to offer lots of family fun. Enjoy the Bike Rodeo, BINGO on the Toren, ELMA book giveaway, inflatables, face painters and more! This event will be held from 6-8pm uptown on the square. No cost to attend!

WHAT IS “GOOD INSIDE?”

“Good Inside” is a book written by Dr. Becky Kennedy, a clinical psychologist, A.K.A. the *Millennial Parenting Whisperer*. Dr. Becky “empowers parents with a game-changing approach that leads to meaningful and lasting change” in our homes, and we will be offering “Good Inside” parenting classes this fall! If you want to learn more, check out Dr. Becky on Instagram and Facebook.

We plan to offer “Good Inside” parenting classes during the Meet and Eat Class on the first and second Tuesday of each month, throughout the school year. Watch for more information in August! If you’d like to be added to the Families First Connection Email list, to be among the first to hear when registration opens, email Allison at familiesfirst94@gmail.com.

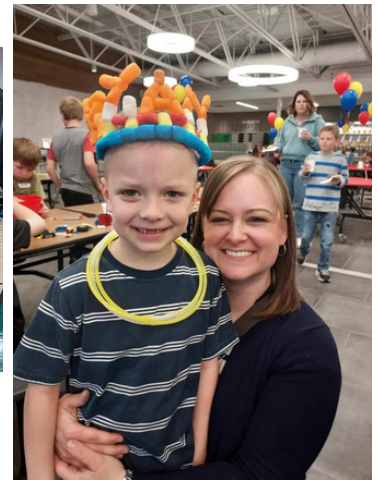
Go to www.familiesfirstofpella.org to register.

BIG EVENTS

Our biggest events and fundraisers were held in March and April. We hosted 719 people for Mother Son Fun Night on March 23rd, and 875 people for the Father Daughter Dance on April 6th. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the raffle drawings! The proceeds from these events help us fund our parenting classes and literacy programs.

A huge thank you to our funders...Pella Rolscreen Foundation, Pella Community Foundation, Marion County Bank, and Marion County United Way! Thank you, also, to Digital Galleria Designs for taking pics and Hy-Vee for cookies at cost! Thank you to Pella High School for allowing us to use the facilities!

Thank you to these businesses for donating to the raffle: Adventureland, Blank Park Zoo, Cranberry Stone, Culver's, DejaVu, Dutch Fix, Expressions, Nederlanders, Pella Cinemas, Pizza Ranch, Valle Drive In!



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

These big events take BIG help! Thank you so much to the Families First Activity Team, the Tulip Queen and Court, lots of high school boys at Mother Son Fun Night, Flourishing Families at Third Church, high school girls at the FD Dance, and others, for all or your help!



Choices

How can we gain control with our kids by giving them more control?
Read the attached article,
"How to Boss Your Kids Around,"
to learn more.

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