



# FAMILIES FIRST

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## Calendar of Events:

- Meet and Eat Parenting Class:** First and Second Tuesday of the month, Sept. '24-May '25, 12-1pm
- Evening Parenting Class:** Winter 2025- Dates TBD
- Fall Book Bash:** Date TBD, 10-11:30am, come and go
- Family Gingerbread House Making Event 2025:** December 6, 9-11am
- Father Daughter Dance 2026 (K-5):** Date TBD
- Mother Son Fun Night 2026 (K-5):** Date TBD
- Thursday in Pella 2025:** June 5

For more information and to register, go to [www.familiesfirstofpella.org](http://www.familiesfirstofpella.org)

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## NEW FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Stacy Schutte, our financial coordinator, has accepted a new job, and will be leaving Families First. Thank you, Stacy, for all of your work managing our finances, assisting with events, and applying for grants. We wish you all the best on your new endeavor!

If you are interested in a flexible, part-time position, and enjoy working in the non-profit world, contact Allison at [familiesfirst94@gmail.com](mailto:familiesfirst94@gmail.com).

### JOB OPPORTUNITY



Part-time position is available as the Financial Coordinator of Families First of Pella

This part-time position (25% of full time) is responsible to work with the director and board of directors of Families First of Pella. Duties include:

- Managing budget for Families First
- Seeking funding opportunities
- Writing grants
- Assisting with events

A full job description can be obtained at [www.familiesfirstofpella.org](http://www.familiesfirstofpella.org). To apply for this position, email a letter of application, resume, and list of 3 references with contact information to [familiesfirst94@gmail.com](mailto:familiesfirst94@gmail.com).



**Go to [www.familiesfirstofpella.org](http://www.familiesfirstofpella.org) to register.**

# FIRST THURSDAY IN PELLA - June 5

Thursday, June 5  
6-8pm  
Uptown on the Square

**Free to  
attend!**

Families First is partnering with Leighton State Bank to kick off Thursdays in Pella on June 5<sup>th</sup>! All of the crowd favorites will be back! Bingo on the Toren for cash prizes, Bike Rodeo, inflatables, parachute and popsicles, LSB games, and the ELMA book giveaway. NEW this year...LSB will offer laser tag in the Memorial Building!



## Love and Logicisms: Thoughts on Boredom

"In boredom are the seeds of creativity. Wise parents allow their kids to get bored, and they help them channel this feeling into creative discoveries.

The more we entertain kids, the more they will start to believe they need to be entertained. Wise parents hand the 'boredom problem' right back to their kids in a loving way. In response to, 'This is booring!' smart parents ask with empathy, 'What are you going to do?'"

(From "Love and Logicisms: Wise Words About Kids" by Jim Fay and Dr. Charles Fay)

## ♥ CONNECTION FIRST ♥

Parenting experts agree that the foundation of successful parenting is maintaining a connection with your child. Behavior can't change without a connection. Each month, check out this section for a connection idea!

**Idea:** We can't slow time down, but we can make it count.

### **\*protect the little moments\***

Bedtime snuggles, after-school chats, car ride discussions, a shared giggle. These aren't small, they **are** the childhood. (@ParentalPath)

### Boredom Jar Idea:

At the beginning of the summer, brainstorm a list of fun activities your child(ren) can try! Write them on slips of paper, and put them in a jar. When your child is bored, he/she can pull out an idea.

Examples: chalk, dance party, lunch picnic, bubbles, research jokes, balloon tennis, paint a rock, write a letter to a family member, etc.

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