

First State Bank Kids Club Newsletter



First State Bank Locations

Webster City, Eagle Grove,
Stanhope, Vincent, Fort Dodge

Spring 2009

SPRING CLEANING

Hey Kids,

Spring is coming! I'm going to work with my family on some "spring cleaning." Spring is a time of renewal and that makes it a great time for cleaning out closets, sorting through toys and helping family with other work.

Do you have clothes or toys that you don't use anymore? Talk to your family about cleaning out things you no longer use.

If your items are in gently used condition, which means they still look almost new and nice for use, you may be able to donate them to a charitable donation site like the Salvation Army, Red Cross or a homeless shelter. The clothes you outgrow, toys you no longer play with, or household items your family doesn't use could go to people who are unable to purchase brand new items.

Another option is to talk to your family about holding a garage sale. The money you make at the garage sale can be deposited to your savings account or donated to charity. Get your family or your friends and neighbors involved!

Donating or selling gently used items also helps the environment by keeping those things out of the landfill. When cleaning, be sure to set aside items that can be recycled and take them to a redemption center.

Good luck with your spring cleaning!

Your Friend,



Dollars the Dog



Dollars
The Dog

Parents & Guardians Section

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

We changed the parents and guardians section to bring you helpful tips and the latest news on the First State Bank Kids Club!

As your child gets older and is ready to take on more financial responsibility there are several ways for your child to earn more money.

- Save birthday and other gift money instead of spending it on the latest toy.
- Set up an allowance for your child. You can base the amount given on your child's age, need for money, or chores done around home.
- Get your child's help sorting items to be recycled and give the bottle and can redemption money to your child.
- Hold a garage sale and let your child keep the money made from his or her items sold.
- Talk to people in your neighborhood about odd jobs that can be done such as walking dogs or mowing lawns.
- Contact newspapers about a paper route.

Have your child deposit money earned into savings to earn interest. The Dollars Savings account can be opened with \$500 and earns even higher interest than the regular Kids Club Savings.

First State Bank Kid's Club is sponsoring the Kindergarten through 4th grade movies at Kendall Young Library in Webster City! The free movies are Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

GRANOLA PINWHEELS

Ingredients

- 4 T Creamy peanut butter
- 2 Flour tortillas (8 inches)
- 2 t Honey
- ½ c Granola (without fruit)

Directions

Spread peanut butter over each tortilla. Drizzle with honey. Sprinkle on granola. Roll up and cut into slices.

Yields 16 pinwheels

SPINNING PINWHEEL



You can make a springtime spinning pinwheel out of a few items you may already have at home!

You'll need:

- 1 sheet cardstock or construction paper
- Penny
- Scissors
- Stick pin or thumb tack
- Pen or pencil for writing
- Unused pencil with eraser

1. Cut the paper to a square (about 6x6 inches).
2. Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner.
3. Place the penny in the center where the two lines intersect and trace around the penny.
4. Cut along diagonal lines from the corner to the outline of the penny.
5. Fold in one flap from each corner of the square into the middle, do not crease paper, and fasten with pin to the side of the eraser on the pencil.
6. Blow at the pinwheel or take out to the breeze and watch it spin!

2009 NEW QUARTERS

The state quarter program was such a success that the United States Mint is adding more quarters to the program! There will be six new quarters in 2009 that feature the District of Columbia and five United States Territories.

Look for the following quarters to add to your collection:



Washington D.C. (now available)



Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



Guam



American Samoa



U.S. Virgin Islands



Northern Mariana Islands

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these 10 words about spring?

April

June

Bloom

March

Dandelion

May

Garden

Rain

Green

Sprout

M C L E D T S M R P O
A N H V G S P R O U T
R A I N E K D U B N Y
C Y S Q M A Y R E J G
H G B T O F O Z J U F
D I L X B G R E E N W
G R O M P A S D H E A
F N O E W R T M U L P
L A M V C D O S X Y R
Q D A N D E L I O N I
U J P K R N Z G H S L