

Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance

Last February I noticed that Ankeny Park and Recreation hosted a father and daughter Valentine's dance. I told Lydia about this then and she wanted to go very badly. It was for 1st through 5th grade girls so we couldn't go then. I told her that we would go this year. I signed her up for the dance about five months ago. She has been very excited for quite some time. All the girls at the dance were very dressed up, unfortunately for them; they were not even close to being as cute as Lydia

We had to go out last weekend and shop for a dress, shoes and something for her hair. Pookie made sure to order her a corsage to wear.

This Friday was finally the big night (February 8th). Her mom curled her hair all fancy. When she was ready to make her entrance, Ben and I had to wait at the bottom of the stairs for presentation. Mom then proceeded to take lots of pictures.

The dance was from 6pm to 8pm at the Ankeny Lakeside Center. It was a blast. They had punch and treats. We got our picture taken by the photographer (gallery to be updated in ~two weeks). She was especially excited because they played a lot of Hannah Montana songs. We did the chicken dance; she did the electric slide and the train. Lydia really loved the dancing. She was especially proud of this dance move she developed where she ran towards me and spread out her arms, I had to pick her up while she did fancy moves with her legs. I was pretty worn out when the night was over. They even had door prizes even though we didn't win any.

After the dance we went out for dinner, just the two of us. At dinner she had to call Dixie and her mom to tell them all about the dance. It couldn't have been any more special of a night. She definitely has me wrapped around her little finger.

Check out the pictures from the paparazzi in the gallery.

Charley