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Volunteer Hours

2011-12
157 Volunteers
To be determined

2010-11
680 Volunteers
for a total of 9,616 hours

2009-10
825 Volunteers
for a total of 10,414 hours

Help Prairie Students Be Prepared for

Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Welcome back to school! District-wide Fall Registration will take place on August 1 and 2. Please watch your mail for your registration packets in mid July. We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are happy to see you all back on campus! Please read the important article below regarding registering to volunteer at College Community Schools.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to keep our records up to date, we are going to need to ask every volunteer to register online for the 2011-12 school year. We were hoping that with our new system we would not have to ask you to reregister but until we get the necessary upgrades to the system, we will be registering each year. You will receive the Volunteer Venue beginning in August 2011 only if you have registered online after July 1, 2011.

We register all volunteers to keep our students, staff, visitors and volunteers (YOU!) in a safe environment. All registrations are checked against a national sex offender database. College Community Schools abides by the laws of Iowa regarding volunteers in schools.

Beginning JULY 1, 2011, please go to www.prairiepride.org, click on Community and then on Volunteer. This will take you to the Volunteer Registration form. Registering takes just a couple of minutes and is required if you want to volunteer in any of our schools. Please remember that accompanying your child on a field trip is considered a volunteer experience, so if you choose to attend field trips, please register. Be sure to submit your registration form at least 24 hours before your first volunteer session.
Prepared for School

During Fall Registration you have the opportunity to help other Prairie families in need of school supplies. We will "STUFF THE BACKPACK" with school supplies to be divided between the schools and distributed to those students whose families can not provide necessary school supplies. If you wish to participate, just pick up an extra item from your school supply list and drop it in the big red backpack at registration. Thank you for your help of Prairie kids!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the College Community District Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Waychoff, at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org or at 848-5224.

Help Your School from Home

You can make a difference at school by supporting these programs.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Clip the Box Top for Education coupon and send to Edge, Creek, Crest, Heights, Ridge and View.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION
Clip the designated label from the following products: Campbell's, BIC, Pepperidge Farms, Prego, Swanson and V-8. Send them to Edge, Crest, Heights and View.

TYSON PROJECT A+
Clip the labels from participating Tyson products and send to Heights or View.

SWISS VALLEY CASH FOR CAPS

ROCKWELL COLLINS RETIRED VOLUNTEERS (RCRV) SUPPORT PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

Kris Lucas accepts Grant from RCRV President, Terry Lamb.

Special Education Teachers, Kris Lucas from Ridge, and Lisa Freel from Point, were awarded $1,000 each to purchase adaptive IPads for their special needs students. The focus of the 2011 Grant Program through RCRV was 'adaptive devices'. A huge THANK YOU to Rockwell Collins Retired Volunteers for their continued support of College Community Schools students.

HELP WANTED AT PRAIRIE!

HELP AT JOHN WALL STADIUM
We are fortunate to be able to enjoy events at our beautifully renovated John Wall Stadium. I am sure we will all do our part to keep our stadium clean while attending school events, however, the stadium does need to have trash cleaned up after football games. If you have a group or just want to help yourself, please contact Kris Hartgrave in Buildings and Maintenance at khartgrave@prairiepride.org or by phone at 848-5204.

READER NEEDED AT PRAIRIE POINT
We have a student who needs to have school materials available on audio. We are looking for volunteers that would read school materials into a recording system so this student can learn effectively. If you can help, please contact Prairie Point teacher, Mary Bennett at mbennett@prairiepride.org or leave a message at the Point office at 319-848-5100. Thank you!

Help Wanted in our Community
FOR CAPS
Send milk bottle caps to Heights or View.

RECYCLE PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES
Send your empty Dell, HP and Lexmark printer ink cartridges to Creek, Ridge and View.

TARGET "Take Charge of Education"
If you use your Target charge card when making purchases, you may specify a school for a donation from Target Stores.

MIRACLES IN MOTION - Swisher
If you're looking for a unique and rewarding volunteer opportunity, Miracles in Motion is a local nonprofit organization that teaches persons with disabilities how to ride, drive and care for horses. Founded in 1988, the equestrian center is located about 1 miles west of Swisher, where about 16 horses live to serve all ages and all disabilities.

The therapeutic horseback riding and driving classes required 1-3 volunteers per student. There are two types of volunteers - Horse Committee and Sidewalkers. Sidewalkers walk alongside the horse and student providing a hold to ensure the safety of the rider and requires no horse experience. The Horse Committee members must have horse experience as they groom, tack and lead the horse. Any hours you can give will make a difference in the lives of the students!

Website:  www.miraclesinmotion.net
Email: miracles@miraclesinmotion.net

Tack and Breyer Horse Sale - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 13. Details at http://www.miraclesinmotion.net/news/

DISCOVER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Check out the following websites for all sorts of volunteer opportunities right in our back yard!
Corridor Volunteers - www.corridorvolunteers.org
Volunteer Match - www.volunteermatch.org
United Way - www.uweci.org
Iowa Volunteers - www.iowavolunteers.org

DONATE OLD CELL PHONES
Send your old cell phones, chargers or other cell phone equipment to school. They will be donated the The ARC to support programs for disabled people in our community.

DONATE OLD EYE GLASSES
Send your old eye glasses to any of our offices. They will be collected and sent to local eye doctors for recycling.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our Prairie students!

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If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please email
me at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org. Thank you.