Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Winter break is coming soon! I know the students are excited - how about you? Please take this time to enjoy family and friends and come back in January refreshed and ready to go.

My wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Check out volunteer opportunities below!

Checking in and out when you volunteer -

Please make sure that you check out on the visitor/volunteer computer in the office after your volunteer time. It helps us keep track of who is in the building for safety reasons and then we can also count your volunteer time in our grand total. We report all volunteer time to the School Board so let’s make every minute count! Thanks!

Help Wanted at Prairie Schools

Contact information is listed with the request or you can contact Kathy Waychoff, District Volunteer Coordinator kwaychoff@prairiepride.org or call 848-5224

EDGE (K-8 Program)

Have lunch and make a new friend! Join the Edge Lunch Buddy program.

When: The first Tuesday of each month from 11:30 to 12:15

Why: Promote healthy relationships with emotionally and behaviorally challenged children.
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
Send milk bottle caps to Crest, or Heights.

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

Lunch is provided by the Edge Lunch Buddy Program.

CREST ELEMENTARY
- CANDLE LIGHT LUNCH GUESTS
Guests help reinforce good school habits while sharing lunch with Crest students who are being honored. Need one guest per month for spring - 11:00-12:30.

- READING AND WRITING BUDDIES
Listen to 1st and 2nd grade students read, any day from 8:50 to 10:15. We also need volunteers to help during writing time any day from 2:00-2:30.

- READING LUNCH BUDDY
Listen to reading and help student develop strong reading skills during lunch setting, any day between 11:10 and 12:10.

HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
- KINDERGARTEN BOOK BUDDY
Help students with reading, any day between 10:00-10:30

- KINDERGARTEN IPOD LISTENING CENTER
Assist students in the IPod Listening Center any day between 9:30-10:30

- CHESS CLUB
Help students learn and improve their Chess skills, Thursdays from 3:45-5:00 pm. A basic knowledge of Chess is helpful.

-PTO MEETING CHILD CARE
Childcare providers are needed at PTO meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:10. Please contact Tanya Matthews at tmatthews2@hotmail.com if you can help.

VIEW ELEMENTARY
- KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER
Your help is needed in a kindergarten class any day of the week, any time between 12:10-1:20.

- HANDWRITING HELPER
Help a 2nd grade student with handwriting, any day of the week, any time between 10:45-11:40 or 12:10-12:30

- PTO SPIRIT WEAR
PTO needs your help with coordinating Spirit Wear. Please contact Shelly Waldron at shewaldo@juno.com

- PTO MEETING CHILD CARE
Childcare providers are needed at PTO meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:15-7:30. Please contact Stephanie Setter at stephanie.setter@uiowa.edu if you can help.
GLASSES
Send your old eye glasses to any of our offices. They will be collected and sent to local eye doctors for recycling.

CREEK INTERMEDIATE
- 5TH GRADE CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER
Classroom volunteer is needed any day from 1:00-2:00 to help with clerical work, setting up science labs, bulletin boards, etc. Please contact Creek Teacher, Jennifer Frye at jfrye@prairiepride.org.

COMMUNITY/MISCELLANEOUS
January 16, 2012 is Martin Luther King Day and is celebrated by the MLK Day of Service. It is the perfect day for us to answer Dr. King's challenge to do something to help others. United Way of East Central Iowa is organizing local projects and are in need of community volunteers. Please check out the opportunities at www.unitedwayofeastcentraliowa.org. "Make it a day on - not a day off!"

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.