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Volunteer Hours

2011-12
1515 Volunteers
8,833 hours so far

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

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

Help in our Community

Miracles in Motion -
If you are looking for a unique and rewarding volunteer

Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Next week we celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation week. This week is all about YOU! Perhaps you helped on a field trip, chaperoned a dance, sold some popcorn at a basketball game, escorted someone to their seat at a concert, spent a day helping in a classroom, made treats for staff, shelved books at a library or any of the other many volunteer opportunities available at Prairie schools. For whatever you did, please know that you made a difference in the life of our students and we sincerely appreciate your gift of sharing your time and talents at Prairie! THANK YOU!

Governor’s Awards for Volunteer Service

Congratulations to Jim Hodina for being selected to receive the individual 2012 Governor’s Award for Volunteer Service for College Community Schools. Jim has been instrumental in establishing a Chess Club at Prairie Creek, Point and High School. This activity has touched many students and has offered them a unique activity that stimulates thinking and offers social interaction as well. Jim is also an active member of the Prairie School Foundation.
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 mile west of Swisher, where 15 horses live to serve all ages and all disabilities.

The therapeutic horseback riding and driving classes require 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. This does NOT require horse experience. The Horse Committee members must have horse experience as they groom, tack and lead the horse. There are also opportunities to do property work, gardening, office work and more. Any hours you can give will make a difference in the lives of the students!

website: www.miraclesinmotion.net
email: miracles@miraclesinmotion.net

Congratulations to the Gateway Rotary Club for being selected to receive a group 2012 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service for College Community Schools. Gateway Rotary Club is based in Ely and has been of great support to both Prairie Edge K-12 program and PrairieWood Transition Center. The Rotary members have been very generous with their time and talents as well as supplying these programs with much needed equipment that was beyond the financial means of the school district.

Jim Hodina and the members of Gateway Rotary will receive a certificate and congratulations from Governor Branstad at the 2012 Governor's Awards for Volunteer Services to be held on Friday, June 29th at Prairie High School Concert Hall.

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:

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

**Prairie Booster Club - April 16**
Prairie Boosters is a group of dedicated volunteers who raise money through concession stand sales. They cover year-round athletic events and have the pleasure of providing many needs our coach's budgets can't cover. Boosters meet every third Monday and the next meeting is Monday, April 16 at 5:30 in the staff lunch room in the high school cafeteria. It is located in the far corner of the cafeteria. Would you consider joining them to learn more about what they do? You won't be assigned a job...simply come and listen to all of the great things we are involved in. Your time commitment can be as little as an hour a month to make the difference in the lives of Prairie athletes. For more information, please contact Booster Club President, Mary Gudenkauf at mgudenkauf@prairiepride.org.
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 Crest, 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.

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**Prairie View Fun Fair - April 20**
Prairie View needs your help at a fun event - Fun Fair on April 20th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please contact Suzie Johannes at sjohannes@aea10.k12.ia.us if you can help.

**Prairie Heights Multi-Cultural Night - April 26**
Prairie Heights is looking for Country Representatives for Multi-Cultural Night on Thursday, April 26. The event runs from 5:00-8:00 pm. Volunteers are invited to wear native dress, bring items for display, play native music, share samples of foods and talk to students about what it is like to grow up in their country. Volunteers are also needed to help Country Representatives locate and setup their rooms (3:30-5:00) and to stamp passports in the country rooms (1 hour shifts 5:00-8:00 pm). For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kristi Urich at kruich@southslope.net or call 319-400-7967.

**Prairie High School Post Prom - April 29**
Please consider helping with providing a safe, alcohol and drug-free event for our students after Prom on Saturday, April 29. Please contact Lisa Hawkins at lisah@southslope.net if you can help.

**Prairie Point Solo/Ensemble Festival - May 8**
Volunteers are needed to be Center Managers (check students in for their performance and keep things running on time), and work at the check-out table. The festival starts at approximately 3:00 pm until 7:45 pm. If you have help, please contact Mike Davies, Prairie Point Band Instructor at mdavies@prairiepride.org. This is a fun event! Thanks for your consideration.

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

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