Back to School - August 2012

Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your summer break and are happy to see you all back on campus. We are starting out the year with a lot of volunteer opportunities. Check them out below.

Remember to Register to Volunteer

To volunteer in any of our schools, you must be registered. This is done in order to keep your children, our staff and you, as a volunteer, in a safe environment. To complete the online volunteer registration form, please visit our website, www.prairiepride.org, click on Community and then on Volunteer. All registrations will be checked against a national sex offender data base. Please complete and submit your online registration at least 24 hours prior to your first volunteer session.

Please remember that accompanying your child on a field trip is considered a volunteer experience so you must be a registered volunteer.

Volunteer Orientation Schedule

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at one of our elementary schools, please plan on attending a Volunteer Orientation. We will discuss volunteer policies, procedures and take a tour of the building. No RSVP is necessary - everyone is welcome!

Crest - Wednesday, September 26 - 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Office Conference Room.

Heights - Wednesday, September 19 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Education Impact at College Community Schools

Education is a program benefiting grades K-5 and has been in our schools for many years. It takes just a few seconds to clip that colorful label and send it to school. What a great way to help schools from the comfort of your own home!

The impact of this program is amazing! Prairie elementary and intermediate schools received a total of $13,990 in 2011-12 to benefit our schools. WOW! Take a minute and clip those labels and send them in. You can send them to any Prairie elementary school or Prairie Creek Intermediate or send them to Kathy Waychoff, District Volunteer Coordinator, at 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, and they will be distributed evenly to our schools.

Thank you!

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, in the Office Conference Room.

Ridge - Tuesday, September 18 - 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Office Conference Room.

View - Tuesday, September 25 - 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Office Conference Room.

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

All Schools
Share your expertise with our students as a Classroom Volunteer. Please contact your child(ren)’s teacher(s) to see what their needs are for 2012-13.

Prairie Crest Elementary
Reading Lunch Buddies - help a student polish and improve their reading skills over lunch time. This would be a weekly commitment to establish a relationship with a student. Contact Kaye Siders at Crest at ksiders@prairiepride.org.

Prairie Heights Elementary
Help busy kindergarten teachers with clerical items, working with small groups of children and cutting and laminating jobs. Contact Molly Hoeger at mhoeger@prairiepride.org or Natasha Kauten at nkauten@prairiepride.org.

Prairie View Elementary
Refresh and repaint the playground on Friday, September 7th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Let’s help the kids enjoy a freshly painted playground to start out 2012-13! Please contact Brooke Giddings at mail4brooke@gmail.com.

Prairie Creek Intermediate
IMC Volunteer - help in our library with a variety of tasks. Fall Book Fair volunteers are also needed. Contact IMC Specialist, Ernie Cox at ecox@prairiepride.org.
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 Crest, Heights or View.

**PRAIRIE FARMS & LAND O LAKES MILK TOPS**
Send to Crest.

**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.

Classroom Support - help students learn through individual and/or small group support. Contact your child's teacher or Dona Howe at dhowe@prairiepride.org.

PTO - Creek PTO is looking for a treasurer and a recorder. Meetings will last no longer than 60 minutes! Contact Principal Sue Skala at sskala@prairiepride.org.

Social Events Co-Facilitator - Help organize 4-6 fun events for students outside of our school day. Contact Principal Sue Skala at sskala@prairiepride.org.

**Prairie Point Middle School & 9th Grade Academy**
Help with Family and Consumer Science classes during their Foods Labs. No experience is necessary. Volunteers needed August 29-30 and Sept 5 & 6, from 7:50 am to 11:00 am and/or 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm. Contact Julie Leytem at jleytem@prairiepride.org.

Classroom Math Volunteer needed on Thursdays any time between 8:00 and 9:30 to help students with math. Extensive math skills is NOT required. Contact Mary Bennett at mbennett@prairiepride.org.

**Prairie High School**
Bands Across the Prairie - September 22
Be a part of a fun and exciting event as we host the 12th Annual "Bands Across the Prairie" marching band invitational. There are many ways to help thoughtout this evening event. Contact Deron Jimmerson, Associate Band Director at djimmerson@prairiepride.org.

Stack the Stands - October 27
Help with Stack the Stands Invitational Dance Team Competition involving dance teams from across eastern Iowa at this all day event. We need help with concessions, greeters, team helpers, scoring, music, etc. Contact Natasha Kauten at nkauten@prairiepride.org.

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.