Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Welcome to winter break - and to winter! We lucked out and won’t be having to make up any snow days - yet! Our very best wishes to you all for a happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you all for the 6,837 volunteer hours that have been given to our district so far this school year. You have definitely made a difference in the lives of our students.

January is just around the corner. Check out the great volunteer opportunities below!

Please check IN and OUT when you volunteer!

We use our computerized system for volunteers and visitors for two reasons. Most importantly, we want to keep our schools safe for everyone - our students, staff, visitors and YOU! Our system checks everyone against a national sex offender data base so we know that everyone who enters our schools are safe to be around kids and we know who is in our buildings at any given moment in case of an emergency.

We also keep track of all volunteer hours. Iowa currently ranks second in the nation for volunteer service. By collecting and submitting your hours, we can join Governor Branstad’s goal of making Iowa #1!

Please help us by checking in when you arrive AND checking out when you leave our schools. Thank you.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Toys for Tots toy collection at College Community Schools. A special thank you to PHS Teacher Erik Columbus and Paraprofessional Angie Wagner and the students in their classroom for collecting and delivering the donations to the Salvation Army.

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

College Community District Office

We need your help to assemble Kindergarten and 1st Grade Reading Kits on Thursday, January 10, 2013
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.

**HyVee "Cash 4 Students"**
Send your receipts to any Prairie School. For every $200 in receipts, the school will receive $1.

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**Help Our Community**

Help others in our community by donating your old cell phones and eyeglasses! You can drop them off at your child’s school office.

Your old cell phone will be taken to The ARC of East Central Iowa. The ARC uses this program to support their programs for the disabled in our community.

Your eyeglasses are donated to an agency who has a program in place to provide glasses to third-world countries to those who cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses.

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Grade Reading Kits on Thursday, January 10, 2013 from either 8:00-11:30 am or 12:30-3:30 pm in the District Office Board Room. Many volunteers are needed for this important project. If you can help, please contact Kathy Waychoff at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org or by phone at 848-5224. Thank you!

**Prairie High School G2 Presentations**

Each semester the Prairie High School project based learning school within-a-school students (named G-squared) holds Presentations of Learning. We need your assistance in assessing the student’s presentations on either January 9th or 10th from 11:00 to 2:30 (lunch will be provided). Please contact Kathy Waychoff at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org or by phone at 848-5224 if you can help. Thank you!

**Prairie Music Association**

On Saturday, January 5th, Prairie Music Association will host the first annual Premiere Show Choir Festival. This event is being sponsored by PMA and proceeds support music for all students in our Prairie district from K-12th grades.

Concessions will be available all day from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. Individually wrapped, fresh baked brownies and bars are needed to sell. Donations may be dropped off at the high school cafeteria on Saturday, January 5th by 11:00 am. If you are able to help bake, please contact Sharon Langenberg at tsbyslangenberg@gmail.com.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you can help, please contact Michelle Krapfl at michelle.krapfl@mcgladrey.com.

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.