Dear Prairie Volunteers,

According to the Center for Public Education, students with involved parents and guardians, no matter their income or background, are more likely to:

- earn higher grades and test scores
- enroll in higher-level programs
- be promoted, pass their classes and earn credits
- attend school regularly
- have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school
- graduate and go on to post-secondary education

But remember, when you volunteer, you are impacting your own child's education but you are also effecting the education for other students who see you as a role-model.

Check out the great volunteer opportunities below!
Send in the labels or receipts from the following programs and our school receives funds that help support our programs for students.

**Prairie Crest** - Target for Education, Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Hy-Vee Receipts, Tyson A+ Projects, Pop Tabs

**Prairie Heights** - Hy Vee Receipts, Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Pop Tabs, Tyson A+ Project

**Prairie Ridge** - Box Tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts

**Prairie View** - Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Target for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Pop tabs

**Prairie Creek** - Box Tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Target for Education

**Prairie Point** - Box tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Target for Education

**Prairie High School** - Hy Vee Receipts

**Prairie Edge** - Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education

If your child's building does not participate in a program, send your labels or receipts to Kathy Waychoff, College Community Schools, 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404, and

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**Help Wanted at College Community Schools!**

**PRAIRIE CREEK INTERMEDIATE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Volunteers are needed at Prairie Creek Intermediate to assist with hearing screenings on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th. Volunteers will retrieve selected students from classrooms and take them to the Grant Wood representative located at Creek conducting the screenings. If you can help on Thursday, December 12th and/or Friday, December 13th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am or from 11:30 pm to 3:00 pm, please contact Rene Messerli at the office at Prairie Creek at rmesserli@prairiepride.org.

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**New Door Entry System at College Community Schools**

The new exterior door entry system will be fully operational effective Monday, November 11 at all College Community School buildings. **You will need to know about this when you volunteer!**

The new buzzer systems will allow the K-12 schools to remain locked during normal school hours. However, the main entrance will be unlocked during the drop-off and pick up times. When you come to volunteer at other times, you will have to use the buzzer and be identified by school staff before the front door is unlocked for you.

Cooperation from all students, staff, visitors and volunteers is required so that our learning environment is safe for everyone.

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**Volunteer Hours**

**2013-14**

1608 Registered Volunteers
635 Active volunteers
5,026 Reported hours

**2012-13**
they will be divided between the participating schools.

2080 Registered Volunteers
870 Active Volunteers
17,657 Reported Hours

2011-12
935 Volunteers
12,104 Reported Hours

2010-11
680 Volunteers
9,616 Reported Hours

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Prairie Students!

Kathy Waychoff
District Volunteer Coordinator