Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Welcome back to school! Hope you are all staying warm and toasty! We are busy at Prairie and appreciate your help.

Check out the great volunteer opportunities below!

Help Wanted at College Community Schools!

PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION NEEDS BAKED GOODS
PMA will be hosing the Premiere Show Choir event on January 11 - tomorrow! Individually wrapped
baked goods and small bags of (human) puppy chow are needed for concessions. Baked items can be dropped off at the high school cafeteria in the afternoon/evening of January 10th or morning of January 11th. If you can donate or have questions, please contact PMA Representative, Connie Wisnousky at docwizdo@yahoo.com. Remember, PMA benefits ALL music programs K-12!

**PRAIRIE CREST PTO FUN FAIR FAMILY EVENT**

Crest Annual PTO Fun Fair Family Event will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. They need at least 50 volunteers to help with carnival games, spa & hair, set up & tear down, concessions, raffle & auction monitoring, picture taking, baking cookies, bake a cake for the auction, registration & volunteer support. Great family volunteer opportunity! Accepting all ages of volunteers that are 6th grade or older (younger ones can help but need to be accompanied by an adult). Questions? Contact Sandy Mostaert at 319-531-5871. To sign up to help, contact Darsha White at funfair.crestpto@gmail.com.

**PRAIRIE CREEK READING MENTORS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed at Prairie Creek to help students become more confident readers. We need people who can commit to help from 10:00-10:30, 12:45-1:30 or 1:00-1:50 one day per week. The students that would benefit from a mentor can read but need to have time to read and talk with an enthusiastic reader. If you can be a Creek Reading Mentor, please contact Michelle Anderson at mianderson@prairiepride.org.

**CANDLELIGHT LUNCH GUESTS NEEDED AT PRAIRIE CREST AND PRAIRIE RIDGE**

Would you like to provide positive encouragement for our students at Ridge and Crest and get a free school lunch? Please consider being a Candlelight Lunch Guest. We are looking for positive adults to be guests once per month from 11:00-1:00. Contact Kathy Waychoff at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org or at 848-5224 for more details.
MLK DAY - JANUARY 20TH

Monday, January 20th is designated as MLK Day, the only federal holiday observed as a day of service. This holiday is meant to honor the commitment to service and community exemplified in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. United Way of East Central Iowa has compiled a list of community volunteer activities taking place on January 20th. Check them out at www.unitedwayofeastcentraliowa.org.

DONATE YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES AND CELL PHONES

Please send us your old eye glasses and cell phones! 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 old eyeglasses are donated to an agency who has a program in place to provide glasses to third-world countries who cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses. Thank you!

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

Kathy Waychoff
District Volunteer Coordinator