April 14, 2014

Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Could spring finally be here? We are gearing up for spring events and that means we need volunteers. Check out the great volunteer opportunities below!

Junior Achievement Making A Difference at College Community Schools!

Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa has been a welcome addition to our curriculum at College Community Schools for over 22 years! Volunteers, many of them taking time away from their own work day, come into our classroom and share lessons on entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy through hands-on programs. JA has sponsored programs in all of our buildings in grades K-9. This school year 120 volunteers
2013-14
2019 Registered Volunteers
956 Active Volunteers
14,877 Reported hours

2012-13
2080 Registered Volunteers
870 Active Volunteers
17,657 Reported hours

2011-12
935 Volunteers
12,104 Reported Hours

Help in our Community

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!

have been in our classrooms! Junior Achievement's mission is to inspire young people to succeed in a global economy. We thank all of the Junior Achievement volunteers for making a difference at Prairie Schools.

To learn more about JA, please visit www.jaeasterniowa.org. To learn more about volunteering with JA, please contact Amy Andersen at aandersen@jaeasterniowa.org.

Help Wanted at College Community Schools!

PRAIRIE BOOSTER CLUB
Prairie's Booster Club is looking for a person to organize their calendar of events on the Booster Club Web Page. If you can help with this project, please email Booster Club President, Dean Schrader at dean@thebankhere.com.

PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL PROM
We need your help as a chaperone at the Junior/Senior Prom to be held at Prairie Point on Saturday, April 26th from 7:30-11:00. Volunteers will look over the dance and make sure that students do not leave the designated dance area. If you can help, please email Kathy Waychoff at kwaychoff@prairiepride.org. PS. Your children never have to know you are there!

PRAIRIE RIDGE FAMILY FUN FAIR
Prairie Ridge Elementary will hold their 1st annual Family Fun Fair on Saturday, April 26th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Volunteers will help with the bouncy house, food sales, game monitors, bingo workers, etc. Ridge is also looking for donations of desserts of any kind, 12 or 24 packs of pop (any kind) or gently used toys (no dolls, stuffed animals or anything with hair or fur). If you can help, please sign up at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444AFA623A75-family. Questions, please email RidgePTO@prairiepride.org or call Karla at 563-370-2901.

FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR
Prairie 8th grade students have the unique opportunity to participate in a Financial Literacy Fair on May 2nd to be held at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center right off of Boyson Road in Hiawatha. The students will have selected a career and determined their salary and taxes.
Help our schools from home! It's easy!

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, Pop Tabs

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

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

They will come to the fair to face the reality of monthly bills for all of the necessities (transportation, housing, insurance, savings, food, etc.). At the end, they will meet with a financial counselor one-on-one to discuss their choices on how they spent or saved their salary!

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the booths. No experience is necessary! We will train you the 1/2 hour before the students arrive. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and/or 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Please click on this link to register to volunteer at this event: Financial Literacy Fair

Help Wanted in our Community

LAPS FOR LUCAS 2014
Walk/Run for a cure for Sanfillippo Syndrome on Sunday, May 18th starting at 3:00 pm at Prairie Point. Your help, through donations, participating or volunteering is greatly appreciated. Please contact Stacy Montgomery at stacylynne72@gmail.com.

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

Kathy Waychoff
District Volunteer Coordinator
76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404, and they will be divided between the participating schools.