November 21, 2014

Volunteer Venue

Dear Prairie Volunteers,

As we approach the holiday where we think about gratitude, we are so very thankful for YOU and the time and talents that you share with our staff and students at Prairie Schools. Please know that your time here matters and that you are making a difference with our students. We appreciate it!

We have a lot coming up so check out the volunteer opportunities below!

Help Wanted at College Community Schools!

PRAIRIE CREST ELEMENTARY
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+ Projects

**Prairie Hill** - Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee Receipts, Target for Education, Labels for Education, Coke-a-Cola Rewards, Tyson A+ Projects

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

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**FLUENCY LAB**
Welcome and encourage Crest students using the Fluency Lab from 8:00-9:00 am. Volunteers are needed on any weekday. If you can help, please email Stephanie Cooper at scooper@prairiepride.org.

**LUNCH BUDDY**
Have lunch on us and read with a student every Tuesday between 11:00-12:20 (depending on grade level). If you can help, please email Kaye Siders at ksiders@prairiepride.org.

**CHESS CLUB**
An adult volunteer is needed to assist with Chess Club at Crest. We can work with you to find one or two days that fit your schedule. No knowledge of chess is necessary. If you can help, please contact Jim Hodina at james.hodina@mchsi.com.

**PRAIRIE RIDGE ELEMENTARY**
**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Prairie Point Media Center is looking for volunteers to help shelve the many books returned each day, help check in books or check out books to students. To sign up, please contact Media Specialist Brenda Haskin at bhaskin@prairiepride.org.

**1ST & 2ND GRADE MUSICAL ART WORK**
Please consider volunteering at Ridge to help create Christmas trees for the 1st and 2nd grade musical performance. Your help is needed anytime between now and December 8th. Please email Ridge Art Teacher Rachel Edwards at redwards@prairiepride.org if you can help.

**PRAIRIE CREEK INTERMEDIATE**
**READING MENTORS**
Help our Creek students become more confident readers. We need people who can commit to help two afternoons 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
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 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404, and they will be divided between the participating schools.

Reading Mentor, please email Michelle Anderson at mianderson@prairiepride.org.

**PRAIRIE POINT**

**LEGO LEAGUE CONCESSIONS**
Prairie Point is hosting a LEGO League Competition on Saturday, December 6th and needs your help at the concession stand. Please consider helping from 9:00 am -11:30 am or 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. If you can help, please contact Kyle Koeppen at kkoepen@prairiepride.org.

**TELL YOUR STORY**

All to often, people’s oral histories are lost because we don’t ask the important questions. Take this opportunity to preserve these untold stories through an interview. This will be a narrative telling the story of how an event impacted your life in the short or long-term. It will include specific, relevant researched information about the event to support the story. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Diane Trpkosh, Instructional Coach at Prairie Point, at dtrpkosh@prairiepride.org.

**PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL**

**CONCESSIONS**
The winter sports season is upon us and the Booster Club needs your help. There are many opportunities to volunteer at our concession stand. For more information, please contact PHS Booster Club President Dean Schrader at dean@thebankhere.com.

**Help in our Community!**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**
Prairie Schools are a drop off site for the Salvation Army’s Annual Toys for Tots Christmas toy drive. Help make a child’s holidays a bit merrier by donating a new, unwrapped toy for an infant to 14 year old at any of our school offices before December 4th.

**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

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