Dear Prairie Volunteers,

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, we just want to share that we LOVE our Prairie volunteers. Thanks for helping to take care of our Prairie kids!

Check out the volunteer opportunities below!

**Junior Achievement at Prairie Schools**

Junior Achievement is looking for volunteers to teach the JA grade level programs for the classrooms listed below. JA will provide all of the materials and you and the teacher will create the schedule for the five lessons. Lessons are once a week for five weeks, for about 30-45 minutes each time, beginning sometime in April. Please contact Amy Andersen at Junior Achievement if you can help - aandersen@jaeasterniowa.org.
Volunteers
776 Active Volunteers
10,492 Reported Hours

2013-14
2360 Registered Volunteers
1040 Active Volunteers
20,268 Reported Hours

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

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

Prairie Crest Elementary
Sam Douglas - 1st grade
Erin Lamka - 1st grade
Amanda Winegard - 1st grade
Courtney Coughlin - 4th grade
Erica Davis - 4th grade
Brianna Eck - Kindergarten
Cindy Ternes - 2nd grade
Becky Sorg - 3rd grade
Jodie Yuska - 3rd grade
Kylee Campbell - 4th grade

Prairie Hill Elementary
Lindsey Schulte - Kindergarten
Jennifer Meier - 1st grade
Kim Rakers - 2nd grade

Pride of Prairie Award 2015
Nominate someone who represents the Pride of Prairie! This prestigious award is presented annually to recognize and show appreciation for the individual(s) who exemplifies spirit and commitment to Prairie Schools. The Pride of Prairie Award is presented at Prairie Fest, which will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center.

To nominate someone, submit a letter or email listing your name and contact information along with the name of the nominee(s). It is important that you state why this person or persons are deserving of the Pride of Prairie Award and how he or she has shown spirit and commitment to Prairie Schools. The Pride of Prairie Selection Committee will choose the recipient of the Pride of Prairie award based on your words.

Nominations are due Friday, February 20, 2015, by 9:00 am.

All nominations may be mailed to Kathy Waychoff, Prairie School Foundation, 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or emailed to kwaychoff@prairiepride.org.

Help Wanted at College Community Schools!
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.

PRAIRIE RIDGE ELEMENTARY
SOCK HOP
Volunteers will be needed on Friday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30. You could chaperone the gym and hallways, help with the silent auction, serve pizza and pop, help with the cake walk or sell raffle tickets. Ridge parents - watch for an email message from Ridge to sign up. For the rest, if you are interested in helping, please contact Jeni O’Brien at jmobrien@apacmail.com.

PRAIRIE POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL & 9TH GRADE ACADEMY
9th GRADE ORAL HISTORY NIGHT - PHASE 2
Volunteers are needed to circulate through a gallery walk and listen to student’s short presentations. If you can help, please email Diane Trpkosh at dtrpkosh@prairiepride.org.

PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
PRAIRIE OF MIRACLES 5K
PHS Student Council is sponsoring a 5K on the College Community Campus on March 28, 2015. Proceeds from this event will benefit the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital through Children’s Miracle Network. Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of positions. Sign up to help at PrairieOfMiracles5k.weebly.com.

HOME CONSTRUCTION TEAM
The Prairie Home Construction Team is looking for volunteers with residential construction background to help oversee projects in the student built home weekdays between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The teacher can’t be multiple places at once and you could be another pair of eyes and share your expertise with our students learning the trade of home building. If you can help, please contact James Nelson at jamesnelson@prairiepride.org.
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