Dear Prairie Volunteers,

WOW! Our volunteer hours reported for the 2015-16 school year totals 20,637! That is equivalent to $362,180 given to Prairie Schools (based on the Independent Sector and the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service $17.55 per hour). This is an amazing contribution to the education of the kids attending Prairie Schools.

This number reflects the time recorded during the school day as well as time reported to us. We know that even more time is volunteered at evening and weekend events. Please know how much we value the time you spend at College Community Schools and the impact you have made on our students and staff.

This will be the last Volunteer Venue for this school year. Talk to you in the fall!

Register to volunteer for the 2015-16 School Year

Beginning July 1, 2015, you are able to register to volunteer for the 2015-16 school year. Please go to www.prairiepride.org, click on Community and then on Volunteer to access
Help Wanted at College Community Schools!

HELP AT SUMMER READING EVENTS!
Your help is needed to help with games, activities, food and prize distribution at Summer Reading Events held at Prairie Hill on Tuesday, July 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm and on Tuesday, August 11th from 5:00-7:00 pm. If you can help, please contact Creek Media Specialist Ernie Cox at erncox@prairiepride.org.

Help in our Community!

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING SUPPORT
Community volunteers are needed to help provide reading support for our area youth this summer. Help is needed weekdays from 1:00-2:00 pm. Please call the Ely Public Library at 848-7616 to sign up.

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.

the volunteer registration form. Volunteering does include field trips, so if you plan on attending any field trips, you must be a registered volunteer. You only need to fill out this form once for the 2015-16 school year.

College Community Recognizes Volunteers

We have great volunteers at Prairie Schools who support our students and staff in a variety of programs. Each year our buildings select one person who has shared their time and talents and made a difference in their school this year. These volunteers will be honored at an all school staff meeting held at the end of the school year. Congratulations to -

Sarah Sellon - Prairie Edge
Mary Rita Meyers - Prairie High School
Jim Hodina - Prairie Point
Ann Eckert - Prairie Creek
Ben Medberry - Prairie Crest
Kelly Kunze - Prairie Heights
Sylvia Peterson - Prairie Hill
Bill Englert - Prairie Ridge
Denise Smith - Prairie View

We would also like to recognize and thank our friends at Hibu. College Community Schools has partnered with Hibu to provide HACAP's Operation Backpack to qualified students. This program served 156 students in grades K-6 this year. Each week Hibu volunteers pick up and pack a bag of food for each participating student and then deliver the bags to our schools each Friday. Counselors then discreetly distribute the bags of food in their buildings.

The cost to sponsor one student for the school year is approximately $220.00. HACAP needs our help to keep this program up and going! If you would like to donate, please send a check to:

Greg Goodell
Operation Backpack Coordinator
HACAP Food Reservoir
1515 Hawkeye Drive, Box 490
Hiawatha IA 52233
Special thanks go to Patti Seda and Stephanie Klein for assisting with getting this program started at Prairie Schools. A big thank you goes to Jackie Miller for coordinating Operation Backpack for Hibu.

Help our schools from home! It's easy!

Sending in a receipt from HyVee or clipping a Box Top for Education does not seem like a big thing but the impact of these programs and other programs that support education are amazing!

Every building participates in the HyVee receipt program. Our district will receive over $4,000 just this school year! Our elementary buildings and intermediate building participate in the Box Tops for Education. This program will bring in over $9,000 this year.

Please support these educational programs! They make a huge difference for Prairie Kids. If you don’t have a building to send your receipts/labels to, please send them to me and I will divide them equally among the buildings.

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

Kathy Waychoff
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