Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Education is a partnership between school and parents/guardians. We love the "it takes a village" philosophy and volunteers are a big part of that village. You can have a positive impact on ALL of the children in your child's school. Your smiling face as you volunteer may be just what that one student needs to see that day.

Volunteer the Financial Literacy Fair

Kirkwood Community College's Workplace Learning Center offers a Financial Literacy Fair for all area 8th grade students. Prairie Point 8th grade students will be going on May 18th from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm. Students learn about life decisions that affect financial well-being. Your help is needed at this event. NO EXPERIENCE OR FINANCIAL EXPERTISE IS NECESSARY. Volunteer training is provided before students arrive. Please click here for more information and to sign up. Questions? Please contact Cheryl Valenta at cheryl.valenta@kirkwood.net
Be a VIP Reader!

College Community Schools and United Way of East Central Iowa have partnered to provide Volunteers in Proficiency (VIP) at Prairie Crest, Heights and Hill. VIP is a literacy program that pairs volunteers with elementary students to read together and practice literacy skills one time per week for 40 minutes during the school day. The next session will be February 28th through May 21st. The program goal is to increase student reading success to positively impact a child’s education.

School based reading experts will provide training. Click here to learn more and sign up to be a VIP Reading mentor. You may also contact Laura at United Way of East Central Iowa at laura.columbus@UWECl.org or call 319-398-5372 Ext 846.

Help Wanted at College Community Schools

PRAIRIE CREST ELEMENTARY
Crest's Fun Fair is on Saturday, March 3rd and they need your help. This is fun volunteer work! Please sign up here and join the fun!

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
Heights PTO needs your help with the upcoming Family Fun Night to be held on Saturday, February 24th (set up Friday, February 23rd). If you can help, please contact Heights PTO at heightsptopresident@crprairie.org.

PRAIRIE RIDGE ELEMENTARY
Ridge Book Fair is coming - March 5-9, 2018! Please consider helping with our Spring Scholastic Book Fair. Click here for Book Fair times. If you're interested in volunteering please contact: Mrs. Haskin Ridge Teacher Librarian bhaskin@crprairie.org or call 848-5100.

PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY
Have fun at View by volunteering for the Prairie View PTO Fun Fair on February 23rd - TONIGHT! Various time slots available between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. For more information and to sign up, please click here.

PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
It is Fruit and Candy Fundraiser time with PMA and they need volunteer help to make this event successful. To sign up to help unload the trucks in the morning on March 7th or to help distribute the orders in the afternoon on March 7th and March 8th, click here.
To help with the 7-8 Solo/Ensemble Festival on March 28th, please contact Mike Davies at mdavies@crprairie.org.
For information on helping with admissions and ushering at upcoming spring High School Band and Choir Concerts, please visit PMA's website at www.prairiemusic.com.

Help in our Community

Old eye glasses or cell phones laying around the house? Send them to school with your child. THANK YOU to the Fairfax Lions Club for getting the eyeglasses to areas of the world that need them. Cell phones go to the ARC to support their programs.

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

Kathy Waychoff
District Volunteer Coordinator
kwaychoff@crprairie.org
Please save your HyVee receipts and Box Tops for Education and send them to school with your child. If you do not have an affiliation with a Prairie School, please send them to Kathy Waychoff, College Community Schools, 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404.

These programs bring much needed funds into our schools. Thank you for helping!