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## Media Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **College Community Schools Awarded Four-Year-Old Preschool Grant Registration to Begin**

On May, 28, 2009 the College Community School District was named as a 2009-10 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children grant recipient. The state grant is intended to provide initial funding to start four-year-old preschool programs in each district in the state. College Community's program will be called **Prairie Hawks Preschool** and will be operational when school starts in the fall of 2009.

The primary goal is to provide a successful learning experience for each child enrolled thus laying a solid foundation for continued school success and life-long learning. The grant will provide 12 hours per week of tuition-free preschool for 240 of children who are four years old on or before September 15, 2009. The program will meet four days a week – 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon or 12:45 – 3:45 pm on Monday through Thursday. To accommodate family needs, a variety of child care services will be available to "wrap around" the preschool class times. The child care will be fee-based and it will be offered both before and after the program and all day on Friday.

Registration will be held on the dates and times listed below at the Prairie Crest Elementary Cafeteria:

- Thursday, June 11 – 9 AM to 1 PM
- Friday, June 12 – 1 PM to 5 PM
- Tuesday, June 16 – 1 PM to 5 PM
- Friday, June 19 – 9 AM to 1 PM

College Community Schools will send information home to parents explaining the grant's impact. All interested parents are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible but this is not a first come, first served registration process. For more information about this preschool opportunity, contact Early Childhood Center Director Sandy MacKain at 319-848-5295. More information will also be available on the district website by visiting [www.prairiepride.org](http://www.prairiepride.org).

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For more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with Superintendent Dick Whitehead, please contact Steve Doser at 319-848-5437 or [sdoser@prairiepride.org](mailto:sdoser@prairiepride.org).