



## **Bus Ride-Along Aug. 21 for Incoming Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students**

We will once again be hosting our Open House Bus Ride-Along for incoming Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and their families on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Your attendance at this event is not required, but “**strongly recommended.**”

- Wednesday, August 21, 2024
- 5:50 PM (Heights and Hill parents and students will be directed to the shuttle buses by staff members, then shuttled to the loading zone)
- 6:00 PM (View, Crest and Ridge parents and students will walk to the loading zone, staff members will help direct you to this location)
- 6:20 PM all buses will depart to drive their routes with students and parents aboard and drop students and parents off at their assigned bus stop

## **24-25 Transportation Updates**

Busing information is available in your Portal account. Please review this information prior to the first day of school to ensure that everything is accurate. Most of our bus routes have changed this year so please do not assume that everything is the same as in past years. Please double check bus number, bus times, and stop location. This will help make our first couple of days run more smoothly. If you are in Grades 9-12 and need busing you must complete the on-line request form found on the district website. If you need daycare, open enrolled, or split household busing you must also complete a request form found on our district website.

## **Be a Prairie Volunteer!**

Exciting news for our College Community School District volunteers! We are pleased to announce that we are transitioning from KeepInTrack to Raptor for Volunteer and Visitor Management. This upgrade signifies a significant step forward, enhancing safety and convenience for our volunteers and entire campus community.

We love our volunteers! If you would like to volunteer with us, please complete the required Volunteer Application by visiting our [volunteer page](#). Here, you'll also find more information about available opportunities to contribute your time and make a difference on our campus. We are excited about the positive impact this change will bring and appreciate your continued support and dedication.

## **9th Grade Center and Delta Community Open House - September 25**

Experience the Transformation! Join us Wednesday, September 25 from 5:00-7:00 PM for a Community Open House to celebrate the renovations and additions at the 9th Grade Center and Delta. The event will include a ribbon cutting followed by building tours. New Look! New Feeling! New Beginnings!

## **24-25 Prairie High School Open House & Activity Kickoff August 15**

Today, Thursday, August 15th, there will be an Open House at Prairie High School. Plan to join us as we kick off the new school year with a Prairie Booster Club Tailgate and Prairie Apparel Yard Sale where you can get your vintage Prairie jerseys and gear. On that same date, we are hosting an PCA championship community evening session for 9th-12th students, families, and community from 6:15-7:30 PM in the PHS Concert Hall. You can find the full open house schedule [here](#).

## **Purchase Activity Passes & Game Tickets on Bound**

Avoid the line and save time by getting your activity pass for the 24-25 school year. Activity passes are a great value and make attending Prairie activities hassle free. Limited tickets sales via credit card/debit card will be available at home events. To avoid long lines, attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

There are a few exciting things new for the 2024-2025 year that will help support our events. All students in 7th-12th grade enjoy free admission into Prairie home events (excluding postseason and special events) with a valid Prairie student ID and "good standing." Students must present their ID for admission to avoid purchasing a ticket. [Get your passes and tickets on Bound](#).

You can find the [admission prices here](#).

## **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow! Attendance at Prairie Schools**

We are looking forward to welcoming students back for the first day of school!

- The first day of school for K-12 students is August 23.
- Preschoolers start on August 30.

**Please be on the lookout during the first week of school for additional information regarding changes to attendance for the 2024-2025 school year, in alignment with new Iowa laws.**

Research shows that attendance in the **first 30 days** of school sets the stage for the rest of the year. If you need assistance with starting the school year on time, we want to help. Please reach out to your school's principal(s), dean, building facilitator, or counselor. Their contact information is [linked here](#).

*At College Community, we are striving to increase the number of students who are present at school for over 90% of school days. Consistent attendance sets predictable, healthy routines that students can carry with them throughout school and after graduation. Attend today, achieve tomorrow! We will see you soon!*

## REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

### Returning Students and Families - Registration is Now Open for the 24-25 School Year

Returning students and families: Please complete this for your students at your earliest convenience.

- All Prairie families MUST complete this electronic form prior to students starting classes this fall.
- Get started by logging into the [Infinite Campus Portal](#). This link is located on the district homepage. If you have lost your portal username or password, please use the “Forgot Password” or “Forgot Username” link on the login page. You can also call (319) 848-5240 between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm M-F.
- Once you are logged into the Portal, the Online Registration link is located at the bottom of the page.
- For those who need assistance or computer access, please contact District Enrollment Specialist Jennifer Armour (319)-848-5202 or email [jarmour@crprairie.org](mailto:jarmour@crprairie.org).

### We're Hiring!

#### Paraprofessionals

Prairie is actively hiring to fill a variety of special education paraprofessional positions across the district. Paraprofessionals play a vital role in student success. They serve as role models and support teachers and students. *The starting salary is \$17.12/hr* in addition to a comprehensive benefits package. Plus, up to 10 years of previous experience can be credited. Both part-time and full-time opportunities are available. If you are interested in being considered for a position, [apply here](#).

#### ECC

Attention job seekers! Are you looking for a part-time school year position working with school age children? The Early Childhood Center is looking for responsible and compassionate individuals to assist in the before school program. *The salary is \$15/hr* from 6:30am to 8:50am, Monday through Friday providing students a fun and safe environment before the school day begins. There are opportunities to assist in the after school program as well. If you are interested in applying to be considered for the school age program, [complete an application](#) and select Job ID 3659.