



# School Information and Updates

## September 27, 2024

### Sign Up for Smart Social

**Over 250 Prairie families have now signed up for Smart Social!** Smart Social is a platform designed to help parents navigate the digital landscape and to help ensure their children's safety and well-being online. **By signing up for Smart Social, parents can become more informed, empowered, and proactive in their efforts to protect their children and foster their positive online experiences.** College Community is providing Smart Social at No Cost to Parents.

[Click here](#) to check out the online safety resources below from our partners at SmartSocial.com. Below is a sample of resources. Also, please check out the live events for College Community parents.

- Parents Guide to iPhone Parental Controls
- 10+ Ways Students Can Avoid Oversharing Online
- Building a Positive Social Media Reputation for Student Athletes

### [Register for Your Free Smart Social Account](#)

### Prairie Homecoming October 11

Prairie's Homecoming is Friday, October 11. The homecoming parade will start at 1:45 PM. Cheer on the varsity football team as they face Jefferson at 7 PM. The evening will include the announcement of the homecoming king & queen, the lighting of the 'P' and fireworks.

### America Reads

On October 18, 2024, community members are invited to participate in America Reads: Reading is Contagious, a collaborative effort to improve literacy among elementary school-age children. This event will engage over 16,000 students from Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, Marion, and Swisher Public Libraries. Volunteers can share their love of reading by visiting local schools to read stories to students. Sign up by October 10 to join this wonderful initiative and help inspire a love of reading in our young learners! [Sign up here](#).

## **Students to Gain Real-World Experience with 3DE Program**

The College Community School District is excited to introduce 3DE by Junior Achievement, education for every dimension of life. Beginning this fall in the 9th Grade Center, 3DE offers students a unique opportunity to explore their interests, set ambitious goals, and apply their learning to real-world challenges. Through collaborative case studies and partnerships with local and national businesses, students will develop essential skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication. To keep updated with 3DE, please follow @3DE\_prairie on Instagram!

## **Breakfast Available Daily to All Students**

To ensure that our students are well prepared for academic success, all Prairie school locations serve breakfast daily in each of the building's cafeteria. Students can head directly to the cafeteria when they arrive at school. Breakfast includes a choice of main item, toast, fruits, juice, and milk. We encourage you to participate in this program to ensure the overall health and academic success of your child. Student breakfast cost \$2.05, reduced cost is \$0.30.

## **Meal Account Balance Emails**

If you have received an email stating a balance is owed for your meal account and you feel it is in error, please contact the Clerk in any of your student's buildings or the Food and Nutrition Department.

## **Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits Expiring**

Free and reduced price meal benefits from the 2023-2024 school year will expire on October 7th and students will be changed to full pay. Please submit an application before October 7th to avoid owing for meals. [Apply online](#) or printable forms can be found [here](#). To request a paper form be mailed to you via USPS, please contact the Food and Nutrition Department by phone 319-848-5337 or email [vscott@crprairie.org](mailto:vscott@crprairie.org). If you have received a letter stating your children have been approved for benefits for the 2024-2025 school year, you do not need to submit another application.