



School Information and Updates

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Facilities Open House May 19 (5:00-7:30 PM)

You are invited to Facilities Open House on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 5:00-7:30 PM to celebrate with our community the completed projects at Prairie Heights Elementary, Prairie View Elementary and Prairie High School. The open house is an opportunity to showcase recently completed projects at Prairie Heights Elementary, Prairie View Elementary and Prairie High School. Tours will be offered at each building. The open house is also an opportunity to visit with district and building administration, staff, students, and representatives from OPN Architects.

The renovations and additions are part of the \$49.5 million bond issue that passed on February 2, 2016 and revenues generated from the state-wide penny tax. Projects addressed classroom space, safety, security, operational costs, and community access.

Last Day of School June 3

The last day of school is Friday, June 3. The day includes a 4-hour early release. Free breakfast and lunch will be available to all students.

FREE Meals Available for All Children 18 yrs. and under this Summer

College Community Schools- Prairie Heights Elementary is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:

Prairie Heights Elementary inside the Cafeteria- Meals must be eaten in the cafeteria.

Parents may join their child(ren) while they eat. *Adults may not share/consume any part of a child's meal and food may not be taken out of the cafeteria.* Adult meals will be available for purchase. Breakfast is \$2.15 and lunch is \$3.95.

Prairie Heights Elementary, 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
June 6th-July 29th. (Closed July 4th.) Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM and Lunch 11:00AM-1:00PM
Monday-Friday. **Children 18 and under are FREE. Sign up is not required.**

Free Meals for All Students Ends With the 2022 School Year/Summer Feeding Program

When the 2021-2022 school year ends, so do free meals for every student. While the federal government funded a program that allowed all students access to free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress recently declined to continue funding this program. This means all families will need to carry a positive balance in their children's school meal accounts when school begins next fall.

We understand this change may cause you to worry. **There are important steps** you can take today to make sure your student receives the meals they need next year.

Step 1: Complete an application for free and reduced price meals NOW.

If your student qualifies for free or reduced meals, they can still receive them next year, but you must take action to make it happen. Complete the 2021-2022 online application for free and reduced meals before the end of this school year if you have not already filled out an application for the 2021-2022 school year. This will give you a 30-day grace period at the start of the 2022-2023 school year to complete another application for next year. To apply for free or reduced meals, please complete an online application through our website using this link [2021-2022 Free and Reduced Price Meal Application](#). The application is available in Armenian, Burmese, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. For assistance completing the application or for questions, please contact our Food and Nutrition Department by phone at 319-848-5337 or email Ginny Scott at vscott@crprairie.org.

Step 2: Then after July 1, 2022, fill out the 2022-2023 online application which will be available on the District's website after July 1, 2022. Even if you complete the 2021-2022 application, you will still need to complete the 2022-2023 application as well.

Step 3: Budget for the Cost of School Lunches (if you do not qualify for free meals).

Families that do not qualify for free meals can start depositing money into their student's meal account now to prepare for the cost of school meals next year. Online payments can be made by using this link: [In Touch Payments](#). Information on meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year will be available in the near future.

Step 4: Pay Off Negative School Lunch Balances

If your student has a negative lunch account balance, we encourage you to pay that as soon as possible and then begin depositing money into your student's account to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

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