



## **School Information and Updates**

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

### **Working Together for Safe Schools**

If you haven't already, please take some time to view this important [five minute video](#) regarding school safety. In this video, CCSD staff, parents, and community partners share information about items and actions that are not allowed at school. When we all work together, we can increase the safety of our schools and our district and foster a sense of belonging for all students.

### **Register to Volunteer for the 23-24 school year**

If you would like to volunteer for field trips or any other volunteer opportunities in our school buildings during the school year, you will need to have an approved volunteer background check completed at least 2 business days before your volunteer event. Fill it out now so you don't miss any opportunities!

Click [Register to Volunteer](#).

### **District Alerts and Notifications**

The College Community School District utilizes a notification service in the event of a safety or weather related issue. The system will place a phone call, email and text message to parents, guardians and staff. You will receive a message from 319-848-5200 indicating the alert. The district will also post announcements on our district homepage, social media and local TV stations.

### **Construction Zone**

Just a reminder that the old Prairie Creek is under construction (9th Grade Center). Sophomore students utilizing the south parking lot at the old Creek building are asked not to walk in the construction zone area to and from the high school. For the safety of all of our students, please stay away from the marked construction zone area.

### **Free Vision Exams and Glasses**

Early detection of vision problems is a key factor for a student's academic success and overall quality of life. Various community partners are coming together to offer free vision exams and glasses (if needed) on October 25 and 26. Exams will take place at the Linn County Public Health Building at 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids. Contact Michelle Davis at the Eastern Iowa Health Center at: [mdavis@eihc.co](mailto:mdavis@eihc.co) or call 319.730.7273

Thank you Linn County Public Health, Delta Dental, Delta Vision, Prevention Blindness Iowa, On Sight, and Eastern Iowa Health Center!

## **Preferred Names and Pronouns**

There are options available to families regarding the school's role in recognizing and valuing a student's preferred identity. Effective for the 2023-2024 school year and in accordance with Senate File 496, a student's legal guardian must provide written permission to allow school staff to implement an accommodation related to a student's gender identity that is different from their gender assigned at birth.

Any parent who wishes to provide permission for their child can do so at any time by completing the form [at this link](#) and submitting it to the school principal.