



## School Information and Updates

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

### **Preliminary AK/Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year!**

If your child will be 5 years old by September 15, 2024, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten or AK for the 2024-2025 school year. [Click here](#) to complete the Preliminary Enrollment.

### **Prairie Hawk Preschool Pre-Registration begins January 8th!**

The Prairie Hawk Preschool pre-registration will open up on January 8th! If your child will be 4 years old on or before 9/15/24 they are eligible for Preschool.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### **2024-2025 School Calendar**

The College Community School Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 school calendar at the December 18, 2023 School Board meeting. The calendar is now available and posted on our district website. [Click here](#) for our district calendars.

### **Transportation Start Times for the 2024-2025 School Year**

The College Community School Board of Education approved the new transportation start times for the 2024-2025 school year. This will be in effect starting August 23, 2024.

[Click here](#) for the new start times.

### **3-Hour Early Release Friday, January 12 - No School Monday, January 15**

A reminder that there is a 3-hour early release for all College Community students on Friday, January 12. Also no school on Monday, January 15.

### **Students Make a Difference in Our Community**

Did you know that in the 22-23 school year, 251 students in grades 7-12 recorded 14,300 volunteer hours at Prairie schools and throughout the community? Volunteering is a powerful avenue for teens, offering not just an opportunity to contribute to their community but also fostering personal growth, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility that lasts a lifetime.

## **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow! Good News from December**

Prairie students and families are on a roll with increasing student attendance! **In the month of December of 2023, Prairie students were absent 25% fewer days than they were in December of 2022.** We appreciate our students' and families' attention to making sure students are at school.

January can be a month when absence rates are high. Cold and flu season is upon us and respiratory illnesses are prevalent. During this time of year when missing school due to sickness is more common, it's even more important that students attend school when they are well.

As always, we encourage parents to keep students home when they are ill to allow them to recover and to prevent spreading illness to others. Thank you, Prairie families!

This week, Building Facilitators and Deans will be contacting parents via email if one or more students within the family have missed 10% or more of school time. Research shows that it's very common for students and parents to underestimate absences and attendance rates can improve simply by sharing the amount of missed school time with families.

If your student is having difficulty with consistent school attendance, we want to help! Please reach out to your school's principal, dean, building facilitator, or counselor. Their contact information is [linked here](#).

## **Personalized Learning - I Owned It! Series Video 2**

[Click here](#) to enjoy the second video of our I Owned It! video series featuring elementary students who are taking ownership of their learning targets, taking informed action, and setting goals.

College Community is in year 9 of our 10 year strategic plan. Our ten-year goal is to create a personalized learning system. Student ownership is the heart of personalized learning. The goal of our I Owned It! series is to highlight the engagement and empowerment of our elementary students while educating parents and the community about how Prairie students are taking ownership of their learning from a young age. The early years are a critical start to all students becoming Prairie Ready! We want our students to feel a sense of passion and purpose in learning today for tomorrow. Please enjoy hearing from our elementary students as they share how they are owning their learning.

Stay tuned to your elementary school's social media for additional features of how our students are taking ownership of their learning.

*\*Video Produced by Kelsey Taylor, CCSD District Intern and Prairie HS Senior*