



School Information and Updates

June 3, 2025



Last Day of School - Thursday, June 5

The last day for students is Thursday, June 5, 2025 (4-Hour Early Release) Breakfast will be served. Lunch is not served.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Be sure to check out all of the summer camps offered by Prairie High School athletic teams. You can find the full listing [here](#) and additional information on the Prairie Backpack.

Bus Driver Hiring Incentive and Current Staff Recruitment Bonus

College Community Schools is rolling out a new **hiring bonus of \$500 for new bus drivers hired after June 1, 2025 for the 25-26 school year**. The hiring bonus will be paid in two \$250 installments. The first \$250 will be received after completing 60 working days and the second \$250 payment will be made after 90 working days. Additionally, the **starting hourly wage for bus drivers is \$24.10/hr**.

In order to expand our bus driving team, College Community Schools is also implementing a **\$400 recruitment bonus for all current staff members who recruit a bus driver to the district**. *The recruitment bonus will be paid to the current staff member who recruited a new bus driver in two \$200 installments.* The first \$200 payment will be made after the recruited bus driver completes 60 working days at College Community Schools, and the second \$200 payment will be made after they complete 90 working days.

Apply to be a bus driver at College Community Schools [here](#).

Superintendent District Video Update

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Wheeler provides a College Community Video Update covering construction projects, early learner programming, career pathways, operations, smart social initiatives, and student successes. [Click here](#) to check out the district update.

Great Start Conferences for K-6 Families to Launch in August 2025

Prairie Elementary Schools are excited to share a new way for you and your learner to kick-off the school year! This fall, we will be replacing our traditional K-6 Open House with Great Start Conferences. These conferences are designed to give each family a more personalized and meaningful start to the school year.

Here's what you can expect:

- A 15-minute one-on-one meeting with your child's homeroom teacher
- An opportunity for families to ask questions, share important information, and build positive relationships with school staff
- A chance to drop off school supplies and become familiar with the classroom

We believe this change at the beginning of the year will help create even stronger partnerships between home and school. Great Start Conferences will take place on August 20 and August 21. **Be on the lookout this summer for more details, including how to sign up for your individual conference time.**

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a great start to the year!

College Community Schools Offer Free Summer Meals for Kids

The College Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. All children ages 18 and under are eligible to receive one free breakfast meal and one free lunch meal per day from one location only.

Prairie Heights and Kirkwood Estates will offer breakfast and lunch.

Prairie Crossing and Kirkwood Reserve will offer lunch and an afternoon snack.

[Click Here](#) for more details.

Transportation Updates

New for the 25-26 school year, **ALL** students that will need busing will be required to register using our new routing system. Watch for information this summer from the Transportation Department.

Portion of 76th Avenue to Close Beginning June 6

Starting Friday, June 6, 2025, the intersection of 76th Avenue SW and Lone Willow Drive SW will be closed for improvements. The anticipated reopening date is August 19, 2025. This closure is located on 76th Avenue SW, just east of Prairie Crest Elementary School and west of Prairie Hawk Drive SW near Prairie Heights. For safety reasons, please use designated routes and avoid the Prairie campus. [Click Here](#) for a detour map.

G.I.R.A.F.F.E. Awards

Congratulations to the following staff members who were recently awarded the College Community G.I.R.A.F.F.E. Award. The College Community Great Innovation Recognition Award for Future-Focused Educators Award was developed to recognize educators for their efforts in living out our culture of innovation.

Amy Gruhn-Farnum - 9th Grade Center
Barb Woods - 9th Grade Center
Molli Emerson - 9th Grade Center
Alysia Rohovit - Creek
Sam Wilaby - Creek
Sarah Kelley - Creek
Rebecca Sammons - Crest
Renee Reedich - Crest
Julie McKibben - District Office
Kendra Parker - Heights
Trina Roos - Heights

Kara Beatty - High School
Shelby Wardenburg - High School
Ashley Funk - Hill
Jill Novotny - Hill
Robyn Schultz - Point
Jennifer Klekar - Ridge
Kylie McDermott - Ridge
Riley Welsh - Rise
Brandon Hodges - View
Lindsay O'Shea - View
Megan Kennett - View

Prairie School Foundation "Plays it Forward"

For the last four years a special component of the Prairie School Foundation's annual Prairie Fest Fundraiser has been an opportunity to fund-a-need that has been identified by the Prairie School Administrators. This year's need was funds to assist Prairie students who do not have the money to purchase athletic equipment, like ball gloves and cleats for their favorite sport.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Prairie School Foundation's Play it Forward Fund