

School Information and Updates

February 6, 2026



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.

Chris Deeter – 9th Grade Center
Kelsi Giese – 9th Grade Center
Amy Gruhn-Farnum – 9th Grade Center
Ashli Meyer – 9th Grade Center
Matt Sima – 9th Grade Center
Kory Winsor – 9th Grade Center
Amanda Boyer – Creek
Kara DeBerg – Creek
Lauren Manning – Creek
Jennifer McDonnell – Creek
Kaimee Akers – Crest
Kylee Hayes – Crest
Doreen Jones – Crest
Bret Jones – Crossing
Casey Trausch – Crossing
Kane Thompson – Delta
Emily Collins-Bronson – District Office
Kathy Schulte – Early Childhood Center
Mike Beecher – Heights
Lisa Gammon – Heights
Annie Hawker – Heights
Denise Little – Heights
Deanna Reynolds – Heights
Michelle Allison – High School
Kara Beatty – High School
Trista Behrens-Wolf – High School

Josh Eaton - High School
Bella Epstein – High School
Mary Gudenkauf – High School
Kelly Klekar – High School
Carry Miller – High School
Leslie Mottinger – High School
Megan Washburn – High School
Kristy Marxen – Hill
Scott Schipper – Hill
Samantha Woodward – Hill
Jordan Easton - Point
Jesse Gearheart - Point
Rachel Lynch - Point
Valerie Marshall - Point
Hannah Richmond - Point
Hannah Winder - Point
Amy Beach – Ridge
Cindy Bennett - Ridge
Stacie Fowler - Ridge
Jen Sauerbry - Ridge
Jennifer Terwilleger - Ridge
Kris Hartgrave - Transportation
Jeremy Adrian - View
Mike Hansen - View
Eric Kauder - View

Preliminary AK/Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Preliminary Registration for 4 year old Preschool, Kindergarten and AK for the 2026-2027 school year at College Community Schools is now open! [Click here](#) for more information.

KCRG A+ in Education Award Recipient, Bridgette Andersen

Congratulations to Bridgette Andersen who was presented with the A+ in Education Award, recognizing excellence in education. Mrs. Andersen has taught in the College Community School District for 29 years and is a social studies teacher at Prairie Delta.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Sign Up for Smart Social - What Prairie Parents are Saying

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. The College Community School District is providing Smart Social at **No Cost to Parents**.

Upcoming Live Parent Q & A Events in February: Avoiding Strangers and Dangerous Situations, Pros and Cons of Video Games just to name a few.

What Parents are Saying About Smart Social Events and Resources...

Elementary Parent: *"I learned that you can positively impact your children's online footprint. I had no idea that this was even a strategy to improve your child's online presence. I also love the Light Bright and Polite strategy! I think this is also even more than just on social media, but being mindful in communicating with other humans in general!"*

Intermediate School Parent: *"I learned great dialogue starters for discussing screen time with my children."*

Middle School Parent: *"I learned about vanishing messages on Instagram. I was not aware of this feature. I also learned about the 7 things predators say. This was a reminder of things I need to talk to my child about."*

[Click here](#) to register for your free online Smart Social Account or [click here](#) to sign up.

Employment Opportunities Within The District

Congratulations to the Teachers who have decided to retire after this school year, THANK YOU for your service to the College Community School District.

We are beginning to recruit for upcoming teaching vacancies for the **2026-27 School Year**, we have highlighted some of those opportunities below. To view all open positions, please visit:

<https://www.applitrack.com/ccsd/onlineapp/default.aspx>

- Job ID 4073 Earth Science and Space Science Teacher - 9th Grade Center
- Job ID 4074 Math Teacher - 9th Grade Center
- Job ID 4104 Spanish I Teacher - 9th Grade Center
- Job ID 4120 10-12 Business Teacher - Prairie High School
- Job ID 4121 Math Teacher - Prairie High School
- Job ID 4122 Physical Education Teacher - Prairie High School
- Job ID 4123 Industrial Technologist Teacher - Automotive - Prairie High School
- Job ID 4128 K-4 Elementary Physical Education Teacher - Prairie View

It is the policy of the College Community School District to maintain a nondiscriminatory environment in every aspect of the operation of the District. The District shall provide equal educational and employment opportunities without regard to color, sex, race, national origin, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and activities or its employment and personnel policies. Jeri Moritz, Executive Director of Human Resources and Equity, is the reporting officer for affirmative action, desegregation, and discrimination. Any questions should be directed to: Jeri Moritz - Educational Services Center - 401 76th Ave. SW - Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.