

## ELEMENTARY STAFF

East Troy is a great place to LEARN and a great place to WORK!

Our high quality instructional staff is dedicated to providing daily lessons and experiences that will challenge your child to grow. Our staff is extensively trained in teaching literacy, math concepts, personalized learning practices, and safety protocols.

The general profile of our staff is one of stability and longevity. Out of approximately 52 licensed elementary staff, over 40% hold a Master's Degree or higher, and six staff members have achieved National Board Certifications.

**100%** of responding 4K-2nd grade parents in a fall 2022 survey agreed that Little Prairie staff members are caring and supportive.

**91.4%** of responding 4th & 5th grade students in a spring 2023 survey agree that they have positive relationships/connections with adults at school.

## PUPIL SERVICES

Both our elementary schools provide students with strong, dedicated pupil services professionals. Our pupil services team includes school counselors, school psychologists, a social worker, and our district nurse.

This highly trained, knowledgeable group of individuals work with students at the classroom level, in small groups, as well as individually. They enjoy creating connections with and supporting parents/guardians, as well as offer ongoing learning opportunities like Love and Logic parenting classes, Student Success Scavenger Hunt, and the (CO)OPERATION LEARN family fun night. **Pupil services staff focus on supporting students' social, emotional, behavioral and academic needs**, and work collaboratively with other teachers. In addition to supporting students in school, this group is also connected to, and knowledgeable of, available community resources to further support students and families.



## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

As of May 2023

4K:	80	3rd Grade:	95
5K:	85	4th Grade:	83
1st Grade:	84	5th Grade:	101
2nd Grade:	81		

## ADMINISTRATION & COUNSELING

Lindsey Harris  
Little Prairie Principal  
harlin@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6730 x2222

Monica Henthorn  
LP Administrative Assistant  
henmon@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6730 x2221

Christine Hamele  
LP Counselor  
hamchr@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6730 x2251

Mark Weerts  
Prairie View Principal  
weemar@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6720 x3222

Sue Balcerowski  
PV Administrative Assistant  
balsuz@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6720 x3221

Cassandra Rice  
PV Counselor  
riccas@eastroy.k12.wi.us  
262-642-6720 x3227

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



# LITTLE PRAIRIE PRIMARY PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY School Profiles | 2023-24



## Small Community, Big Education

### QUICK FACTS

- In a fall 2022 survey of 4K-2nd parents:
  - 100% of respondents agreed that Little Prairie staff members are caring and supportive
  - 95.3% of respondents agreed that Little Prairie has high expectations regarding learning for their child(ren)
- Prairie View received a score of "Exceeds Expectations" on the 2021-22 State Report card with a score of 76.3
  - Scored above the state average in both Mathematics and English Language Arts
- Little Prairie was first in the nation to have a SmartLab completely dedicated to primary-aged children
- Prairie View and East Troy Middle School were the first to provide certified SmartLabs in the State of Wisconsin
- Little Prairie and Prairie View both earned Silver level recognition from the WI Rtl Center / PBIS Network for Behavior related to our PBIS implementation for the 22-23 school year
- Little Prairie continues to offer a free Stay & Play weekly program for families with children from infant to age four
- School-based student mental health services are offered in all buildings through a partnership with Clinical Psychology Associates
- Little Prairie was awarded the Pre-K/Early Childhood Citation by American School & University Magazine and was featured in the 2018 Architectural Portfolio

### WELCOME TO LITTLE PRAIRIE PRIMARY & PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY!

Here at Little Prairie and Prairie View, we pride ourselves on being a special learning community that meets the needs of East Troy's youngest students.

Our primary and elementary schedules are structured to include academic blocks, focusing on literacy and math instruction, as well as opportunities for intervention or enrichment, as needed. In addition to the encore areas of Physical Education, Art, and Music, students in 3rd-5th grades also participate in keyboarding, band, and the innovation lab. Students in 4K-5th grades also take part in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programming, an experience that takes place within our Smart Labs.

Our instructional practices, in combination with a focus on the social and emotional needs of young children, create an educational experience that best meets the needs of our littlest learners, and prepares them for future success.

### ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

*We are proud to be a small school community delivering BIG on education!*

The East Troy Community School District is a district of choice, empowering students through personalized learning environments, state and nationally recognized academics, one-to-one technology, and rigorous and relevant course work, that enhances critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, content, and curiosity.

We are located thirty miles southwest of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and sixty miles southeast of Madison, Wisconsin.



# SCHOOL PROFILES 2023-24



## CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS

Our elementary classrooms are *unique personalized learning spaces designed with the developmental needs of students in mind.*

There are designated areas within each classroom to allow for student voice and choice in where they learn and work best, including seating options and spaces that can be used flexibly. One example of flexible learning spaces include comfortable furniture outside of all our classrooms where students can choose to work individually, in small groups, or during individualized time with teachers. Another designated space that exists in each of our classrooms are regulation stations, which students can access in order to get their minds and bodies ready for learning. Our classrooms are intentionally designed and arranged to promote our commitment to the district's 6Cs: creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, content and curiosity.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A popular phrase captures the important notion that it "takes an entire village to raise a child."

As such, *our school and staff have committed to developing and maintaining quality partnerships with our community.* First, we are dedicated to developing the foundational skills needed for your child to graduate from our high school, and become a positive contributing citizen to our community.

Additionally, our community partnerships provide authentic, real-life learning experiences. Our schools have several local traditions such as decorating the town square, supporting the East Troy nursing home, and celebrating local veterans.

Local businesses and community organizations offer financial support to specific causes or needs in our schools as well. For example, school supplies, clothing drives, and the food pantry for some of our families in need. Of special note, the East Troy Elementary PTO has consistently been a strong supporter by offsetting the cost of extra programs, providing volunteers for fun events, and connecting parents to our school. We would love for YOU to partner with us too!

## DISTRICT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Support conditions for **learner empowerment**
2. **Cultivate a healthy organizational culture** that supports learning through the values of: relationships and trust, communications, commitments, ongoing learning (growth mindset), voice, joy/happiness, compassion, gratefulness, self-reflection, feedback, accountability, and results
3. Maximize the value of our educational institution via families that attend ETCSD as well as the greater East Troy community through **increased communication and engagement**
4. Ensure the district continues to act as a **good steward of district resources** toward fostering and supporting our mottos, other strategic areas, and district goals

## CLASSROOM COMMUNITIES

Having a personalized touch is one of the consistent virtues of both Little Prairie and Prairie View. Teachers quickly get to know your child's strengths, interests, disposition, and needs. This early connection helps build strong relationships with teachers as well as classmates.

While academics are always at the forefront, our staff is mindful in educating the whole child. **We want students to be well rounded in the arts, music, technology, and health. In addition, our staff are in tune to the emotional well-being of your child.** All students have access to emotional and behavioral support that promotes mental health and positive mindsets.

One of the most impactful methods of connecting students within the classroom is our daily "morning meeting." In these meetings students learn about each other's interests, celebrate successes, and have opportunities to share challenges. This experience tends to be a highlight of both the students' and teacher's day.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

The East Troy elementary schools are consistently recognized by the Wisconsin PBIS Network for demonstrating school-wide practices that support academic and behavioral functioning. **Each school has developed common behavioral expectations and promotes the universal values of respect, responsibility and safety.** At the start of each school year, students and staff participate in specific lessons to unify our school and define our culture. This long-standing commitment has proven effective when studying our student discipline data.

Students that know the expectations, feel supported and connected to their school tend to be more successful. Therefore, school teams frequently meet to review and design methods that positively impact our students.

Another essential aspect of PBIS practices are frequent celebrations and acknowledgements of positive performance. Each school has developed a positive reinforcement system (tokens or paws) that motivates students to do their best. At Prairie View, students use these tickets to buy fun items at the school store!

## ACADEMICS

The daily schedule for elementary students is structured around academic blocks focusing on literacy and math instruction, as well as opportunities for intervention or enrichment as needed. Additionally, individualized learning is ensured by engaging students with a personalized learning environment, and meeting students at their instructional level.

In addition to the encore areas of Physical Education, Art, and Music, students also take part in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programming, an experience that takes place within our Smart Lab. Our 4K-8th grade Smart Lab experience is just one additional example of how we are creating systems and practices that recognize the talents of each child through programming, differentiation and voice.

Both of our elementary buildings also have beautiful library spaces for weekly library education as well as book exchanges.

**Unique and varied program opportunities and instructional practices, in combination with the use of student achievement data, demonstrate our commitment to a year plus of growth for all students.**

## TECHNOLOGY

Our East Troy Elementary students have access to a variety of technology tools and opportunities that enrich their learning experiences. All of our students have access to their own Chromebook and various tools, applications, and resources that supplement teacher instruction.

In addition to the technology available within classrooms, we offer a comprehensive 4K-5th grade STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) experience in our Smart Labs. Beginning in 3rd grade, students also receive keyboarding instruction, as well as access to an Innovation Lab to authentically bring content area learning to life.

While we value technology and the opportunities it affords our students, **we also believe in a balanced approach to technology,** and work to maintain an awareness of screen time for our young learners.

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Art Club (3rd-5th)
- Coding Club (4th-5th)
- Girls on the Run (3rd-5th)
- K-Kids (3rd-5th)
- Lego Club (3rd)
- Ski Club (5th)

### Learning Means Fun Programs:

- Chess Scholars (K-6th)
- Let's Play It (K-5th)
- Music Start (K-3rd)
- Stage Stars (5th-8th)

