# Your Prairie View Elementary <br> <br> Panther Paw Print 

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March 2024

## A Message From Our Principal: Mr. Weerts



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Principal Message-
If you are anything like me, I question if spring really does start in late February? Then, I realize that in Wisconsin it can be 70 degrees today followed by 0 Degree windchills 24 hours later. The idea of warmer weather, robins in mid-flight, and more sunlight throughout the day elevate one's energy and mood. To combat those late winter blahs' our school provides engaging activities to stimulate and challenge our students. For example, Reading Comes Alive week is on the near horizon, battle of the books, talent show, and a March madness 3 vs 3 tournament. Additionally, many of our students take advantage of clubs or after-school activities. Currently, we have students working on projects for k-kids, or participating in chess club, choir, and art club.

Spring also suggests new growth and opportunities. Those opportunities take the form of feedback. Feedback done correctly is timely, actionable, and specific. For example, teacher's identify corrections that need to be made to improve which can lead to greater growth or academic attainment. It's what comes next, after the feedback, that is really important! How does your child respond to feedback or suggestions? Do they accept it as helpful assistance, ignore it, or become upset? Ultimately, your child's response to teacher feedback can have a dramatic impact on their academic path. Take the time to coach your child through frustration and suggestions for growth.

A snapshot of your child's performance (report card) will be available by noon on March $7^{\text {th }}$ just in time for our spring conferences. We think it is a good idea for you to talk to your child about their performance, read the comments, and help them goal set for the remainder of the school year. Simply, ask, what can your child maintain or improve upon the remainder of this year? One of the ways to support that goal setting conversation is to attend our March student-parent-teacher conferences. They are scheduled for March 7th and $12^{\text {th }}$ from 3:15-7:15. In collaboration with your child's teacher and your support at home, students can make great strides in their academic abilities. Please schedule a time to reconnect with your child's teacher.

Finally, additional communication will be forthcoming related to the state-wide Forward exam. We are projecting to start testing in $4^{\text {th }}$ grade the week of March 18th, with $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ grade starting the week of April $8^{\text {th }}$. We will send out specific dates and times soon. I hope all of you enjoy spring break and find moments to relax, have fun, and unwind.

## March 2024

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| 3. <br> Read Across <br> America <br> Week | 4 <br> Dress up as one your favorite Character Traits | 5 <br> If you could be anything what would you be? Dress up as this | 6 <br> No <br> School | 7 Book Fair Opens Dress up like a detective Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:15 | 8 <br> Special Activity | 9 |
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| Bun |
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| Bun |
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## Our 3rd annual "All School Read" begins March 4th.

The title will be kept secret from students until then, so they can be surprised together. On that day, the youngest child in your family who attends school, will bring the book home for your whole family to engage in reading together, each day/night! \#EastTroyReads is sponsored by our Elementary PTO!

The last couple of years we have participated in this event, our students have truly looked forward to coming into school all having read the same thing the night before.

We hope your family plans to participate with us!

## A few fun facts about \#EastTroyReads:

1) Our principals hold a trivia game on the morning announcements! They ask a question regarding the chapter from the previous night. It's like having our own radio show. The students enjoy the fun of a traveling trophy!
2) Starting March 5th, check out our website where you can find staff reading chapters by the week!
3) There are also optional activities, or family discussion questions, on the website, if you'd like to take your reading further. Talking together is a great way to expand thinking and increase vocabulary!
Visit: easttroyreads2024.weebly.com/https://easttroyreads2024.weebly.com/


Our website will go live on March 4th...until then, it remains a surprise!
Show the spirit of literacy in your home! Send your pictures to ledjen@easttroy.k12.wi.us, and Mrs. Ledin will post them to our website, listed above.

March 2024 Post pics of your family reading on social media \& tag our schools \& \#EastTroyReads.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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|  |  |  | Feb 29 Teachers show the slideshow about how \#EastTroyReads works and get the students excited about reading at home with their families! Family letter sent home. LP Slideshow PV Slideshow | 1 Kickoff to \#EastTroyReads <br> Displays up in both buildings. Slideshow for students to make predictions in class, based on clues, about what the book might be about. |
| 4 <br> Book Reveal! <br> One book will be sent home with the youngest student in each family. Read Along to Ch. 1 \& 2 No chapter videos today. It's "Turn-off-Tech" Night! | 5 Starting today, videos will be available of each set of chapters, on our website (top of page) <br> Read Along to Ch. 3 \& 4 | 6 <br> No School (Inservice) <br> Read Along to Ch. 5 | 7 <br> Read Along to Ch. 6 | 8 <br> Read Along to Ch. 7 \& 8 |
| 11 <br> Read Along to Ch. 9 \& 10 | Read Along to Ch. 11 \& 12 | 13 <br> Read Along to Ch. 13 \& 14 | 14 <br> Read Along to Ch. 15 \& 16 | 15 Read Along to Ch. 17 |
| 18 <br> Read Along to Ch. 18 \& 19 |  | 20 <br> Read Along to Ch. 22 | 21 <br> Read Along to Ch. 23 \& 24 | 22 Culminating Activity @ School |


| Date | Celebrations @ School (Teacher Links Here) | Participating @ Home |
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| Monday, March 4 <br> Theme: <br> Character Traits | Dress-Up Day: Dress as one of your character traits. <br> Examples: Sporty (sports attire), Creative (tie-dye), Kind/Caring (kindness shirt), silly (clown), helpful (doctor, police officer, etc.), or brave (soldier). The possibilities are endless! We can't wait to see your neat ideas \& guess your character trait! Here's a LIST of traits, if you need ideas! <br> Today's Text: Iggy-Peck Architect <br> What are Iggy's character traits? And what are yours? <br> Bring in your minute-tally slip for a chance to win a daily prize! Teachers will set a class reading goal of LOTS of reading minutes for this week. If a class reaches their goal, they will get an extra recess or freetime! <br> Turn Off-Technology Night Tonight - Bring in your slips tomorrow! One slip per grade level will be drawn for a special prize! | Read for your classroom minute-tally! <br> Each family was gifted a book from the PTO, and the youngest child in your family will bring the copy home. <br> Please read Chapter 1 \& 2 together, at home today/tonight! Add these minutes to reading calendars! <br> Turn-Off-Technology <br> Night: <br> See attached details \& bring your slips to school tomorrow! |
| Tuesday, March 5 <br> Theme: Curiosity through Questioning | Turn Off-Technology Slips Due TODAY for the prize drawing! <br> Dress-Up Day: Answer this question: If you could be anyone or anything for one day, WHO or WHAT would you be? How you dress today will reveal your answer! <br> Today's Text: We will be writing today's text! <br> Students will be writing good questions to create conversation starters, and these will be shared at our local cafe and restaurants for you to check out and answer when you visit! <br> Bring in your minute-tally slip for a chance to win a daily prize! | Read for your classroom minute-tally! <br> Please read Chapters 3 \& 4 of our "All Elementary Read" book, together, at home today/tonight! <br> Add these minutes to reading calendars! |
| Wed., March 6 | No School Today (Teacher Inservice) <br> Keep reading along for your classroom minute-tally! Read Chapter | night! |
| Thursday, March 7 <br> Theme: Mystery | Dress-Up Day: Dress like a detective <br> (Even sunglasses and a hat works!) <br> Today's Texts: Riddles and Puzzles! Today, we will provide riddles/puzzles for students to read and solve. <br> Bring in your minute-tally slip for a chance to win a daily prize! | Read for your classroom minute-tally! <br> Please read Chapter 6 of our "All Elementary Read" book, together, at home today/tonight! <br> Add these minutes to reading calendars! |
| Friday, March 8 <br> Theme: Architecture | In lieu of a dress up day, we have an activity today. <br> Today's Text: A set of directions to read to create an architectural structure, along with a new classroom library text on architecture! <br> Bring in your minute-tally slip for a chance to win a daily prize. Did your class meet their goal?!?! If so, your class will plan an extra recess or freetime! | Please read Chapter 7\&8 of our "All Elementary Read" book, together, at home this weekend! <br> Add these minutes to reading calendars <br> This reading will continue through March 21st, when we finish the book! |

## "Reading Comes Alive" @ Little Prairie \& Prairie View Schools Join in the fun \& earn a chance to win a prize of your choice from our raffle basket! Plus, classes have a chance to earn an extra recess!

We are celebrating literacy at home \& in school for "Reading Comes Alive" Week, this week, so please record the time you spend reading at home, on the tally slips below, and return them to your classroom teacher each day. Each class will set a goal, and you play an important part in helping your class meet that goal! :) Plus, there will be daily drawings for prizes for those who participate, too!

## Students Should:

1. Return slip to teacher each morning - Monday through Friday - indicating how many minutes students read each night.
Note: You CAN count these same minutes to add to reading calendars, too! Please do!

## Teachers will then:

1. Tally the total number of minutes each day.
2. Record your DA/LY MINUTES towards the class goal, each day.


A Few Ways We Will Be Making Reading Come Alive This Week:

| Event | Details |
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| "All Elementary <br> Read" ~ <br> A school, family. <br> and <br> community-wide <br> event! | March 4th - 22nd (Calendar Attached): <br> This is our 3rd annual \#EastTroyReads "All Elementary Read" opportunity. The <br> last two years, we held this event in April/May, but families requested earlier this <br> year, per our survey, so this year, we are making it a part of Reading Comes Alive <br> week! <br> Essentially, our staff chooses one high-interest text, appropriate for all <br> elementary farilies, and our PTo gifts each family a copy of this text, so everyone <br> has the opportunity to read/listen to and discuss the same book at home and <br> school. Staff also records videos of the chapters being read aloud, so families can <br> choose to listen to the story, if that is preferred. This year, you will have the <br> opportunity to guess the mystery reader before listening to their video! <br> In the mornings, our principals read trivia questions aloud, and classrooms call in <br> to see who can get the first correct answer. We make the trivia questions (and <br> answers!) available community-wide, too! |
| \#EastTroyRead |  |

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# TECHNOLOGY TURN-OFF NIGHT 2024 <br> in collaboration with <br> "Reading Comes Alive" © Little Prairie \& Prairie View Schools Join the fun \& earn a chance to win a prize of your choice from our raffle basket! 

## Dear Families,

On Monday. March 4th, students may choose to take part in a "Technology Turn-off' night. We are encouraging students (and their families) to turn off ALL technology for one night, and, instead, spend that time doing family activities and reading. If you complete the challenge, fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's teacher on Tuesday, March 5th.


The following are suggested activities to help you get started:
, Read tonight's chapters for our "All School Read" - PTO just gifted each family this book!
f Play a family game!
/ Visit the public library. Keep a constant flow of books coming into the house.
( Cut out several pictures from old magazines and paste them on sheets of paper. Ask your child to create captions for each one and write the titles under each photo.
( Help your child develop a new hobby or interest, outside of technology.

$\checkmark$ Cut out a comic strip and remove the last block. Ask your child to suggest possible endings for the strip.
( Write and send a letter to a friend or relative telling them what you learned about the different types of genre.
$\checkmark$ Go outdoors for a family activity or exercise together or how about a dance party???
/ Write a story or create something together.
, Spend time just talking with each other and enjoying each other's company, while "disconnecting" from devices. :)

## TECHNOLOGY TURN-OFF NIGHT <br> in collaboration with "Reading Comes Alive"

- My child completed the Turn-Off Technology Challenge!
- We would love to hear how you spent your time:
$\qquad$ Teacher $\qquad$
Parent Signature $\qquad$


# Read/Listen Along at Home, as a Family Each Night, with \#EastTroyReads! A Little Prairie \& Prairie View Family and School Connection Event! 

Click on the Reading Videos tab at easttroyreads2024.weebly.com/ to hear school staff read the chapters aloud, or read as a family each night! March 2024 Post pics of your family reading on social media \& tag our schools \& \#East TroyReads.

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Listen for random trivia questions on the morning announcements. If your class calls the office with the correct answer first, you'll get the traveling trophy until the next trivia question winner! You can help your class earn the trophy by listening/reading carefully each night, and talking about the chapter with your family/friends!

## March 2024 LP \& PV Students are Lovin' Literacy @ Home!

Goal for Early Childhood-5th Grade: Read or be read to for 20 minutes or more each day!
Reading just 20 minutes a doy with your child will expose them to over 1.8 million new words a year. (Book-lt Newsletter, 2016.)
Special Notel Tracking reading minutes through goal setting can be good for some but for others, it might feel like once the timer is up, our kids will just stop reading, mid-sentence. If that is the case, instead of reading by minutes, try to suggest reading to certain pages or chapters or (with younger children) a number of books (equalling 20+ minutes). The goal is to develop healthy reading habits, rather than to countdown from a timer. Please encourage reading however it works best for your child/family!


Porents/Guordions of EARLY READERS: Students can read one of three ways: 1) Read the words 2) Read the pictures 3) Retell the story.

Your child can color the box or put on a sticker to show he/she met the gool, if that is preferred.

What are you most proud of yourself about, as a reader, this month? who turn in calendars late are not guaranteed a picture. Some months there will be a pizza coupon for a FREE PIZZA from Pizza Hut's "BOOK-IT" Program. Some coupons are delivered via email, and some are stapled here - classroom formats vary.
Student Name
Teacher $\qquad$ Parent Signature $\qquad$


## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Discover your next favorite read at the Literati Book Fair! Visit our fair in person, or order exciting new books through our online fair. Our school will earn rewards with every purchase made.

## Shop the online fair at efairs.literati.com

Books ordered online will be delivered directly to your student at school, after the fair.
\$ Payment methods: We accept cash, credit, debit, check, or book fair gift cards.
Online fair: Shop online at efairs.literati.com, and create student wishlists to share with friends and family. When you search for our school, double-check the city and state.

Book fair gift cards: Gift cards are an easy payment method that won't get lost in a backpack. Buy them online for use at both our in-person and online fair.

## LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

We can't wait for our students to experience our upcoming book fair! Thank you for helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading. It truly means the world.


## READ YEAR-ROUND WITH LITERATI BOOK CLUBS

It's like a book fair in a box, delivered monthly! Explore five new books each month, curated for your child's reading level and interests. Raise a reader and support our school!

## Siterate BOOK FAIRS

## Gift Card Guide

## FOR PARENTS

Gift cards are an easy student payment method that won't get lost in a backpack. They also make great gifts for teachers and librarians!

You can buy book fair gift cards from our online fair, and they can be used for both online orders and in-person purchases. If you're sending a gift card to another recipient, they'll know who it came from.

Gift card codes are delivered via email. To redeem a gift card, simply present or enter your code at checkout.

## PURCHASING GIFT CARDS

(1)

Go to efairs.literati.com.

2
Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.

3
Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
(4)

If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.
(5)

Click Add to Cart, then continue to checkout.

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Hi Marie Smith,

You have received a Literati Book Fairs gift cand from Penny:

Thank you for all you dof We can't wait to see what books youll add to the classroom library.
$\$ 40.00$



Call 262-642-6720 ext 3221 for absences, early pick up requests or transportation changes.

All transportation changes MUST be received in the office by $1: 30$ p.m.

## Don't forget to order your child's yearbook.

 Extra copies will be limited.


 Please include their name, a description of what you below and send it back to your child's teacher! uo! When you see your student demonstrating one of



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(mom, dad, aunt, grandpa, big sister). Thank you!
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Catch your Prairie View Panther


Please keep an eye on your child's head! It is that time of the year for lice to find a warm head to start residence.

Look for excessive itching, eggs that look like dandruff, but stick to the hair shaft.

Please let the school know if you discover any lice with your child.

It's a nuisance but can be taken care of quickly with the correct procedures.

## THE PTO

## PROMPT

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



SPRING CONFERENCES \& BOOK FAIRS

Little Prairie \& Prairie View Conferences and the Literati Book Fair will take place at each building March 7th \& 12th. Watch email, yellow folders, the PTO Facebook page for more information.


This PTO sponsored event and communityloved tradition will kick off its 3rd year in early March to coincide with Reading Comes Alive Week March 4th - 8th. Happy Reading!

## CALL for VOLUNTEERS



Want to lend a hand at the Book Fair or contribute to staff Conference Meals and spring Appreciation Events?
Sign up using the QR Code or visit:
https://www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/community/p arent-teacher-organization.cfm


2024 Movie Night: Trolls Band Together
Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Mrs. McBurney and the volunteers that made this event possible!


## PTO

MEETINGS
The ETE PTO holds family-friendly meetings from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Little Prairie Library on the dates listed below. Child care is provided. We hope to see you there!
3.20.24
4.17.24
5.15.24

East Troy Elementary PTO 23-24 Board
President Dani Foster | Vice President Tiffany Beinemann
Treasurer Bailey Kaiser | Secretary Michelle Borre

## 5th Grade Parents

Starting February 26th, students will go over scheduling forms in guidance and will take home their request forms. All forms will need to be back to Cassie Rice by March 4th.

Please reach out to Adam Trindl, principal, or Kateri Kuhn, school counselor, with any questions.

Look out for more information about "Meeting the Middle School Night" in the near future!

## Upcoming Special Event!

## DEFIANT CHILDREN: PRACTICAL TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF TO ENCOURAGE

Through this FREE presentation by Dr. Mervin Langley of Aurora Behavioral Health, information will be shared regarding what defiance is, how parental/school staff responses can impact defiant behavior, and how to successfully understand, manage, and reduce behaviors through effective strengths-based strategies. The strategies are geared towards children ages 4-15, but parents and school staff with older or younger children may also benefit from this information. Applicable hand-outs will be provided.

## PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PRESENTATION.

IN-PERSON VIEWING at: Burlington Area School District Office, Large Conference Room, 209 Wainwright Avenue, Burlington.

LIVESTREAM VIEWING: Once pre-registered, the Livestream Link, as well as the presentation PowerPoint and applicable hand-outs, will be emailed a day before the presentation.

## Guidance Lesson Themes for the Month

3rd: Internet Safety
4th: Internet Safety
5th: Internet Safety and Goal Setting

## Save The Date!

(Co)Operation Learn will be held the evening of May 2nd, 2024 at Little Prairie Primary from 5:00pm-7:30pm
*More Information on Registration to Come Soon*

## Parents United Upcoming Events [https://parentsunitedwi.org/register-now/]

- An Evening on Inclusion with Dr. Shelley Moore

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM


Events and Festivals in Walworth County Wisconsin - goWALCO
There are many great events throughout Walworth County. From the County fair and food events to music festivals and local farmers markets!
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# (CO)OPERATION 

# Thursday, May 2 5:00-7:30 PM Little Prairie Primary 

## "Wonderful Wisconsin"



Meal


Fun hands-on activities


Book for every child


Free childcare

This event is FREE. All East Troy families are invited. Meal Registration: April 2nd-18th


To celebrate Youth Art Month, some of our talented Little Prairie and Prairie View Artists will be showcased at Cafe 2894 on Main for the month of March!

I would like to congratulate the following artists who will have their artwork on display:

Carter Hoffman, Sage Nelson, Katie Kirchen Clark Drellack, Chelssy Parmar, Amelia Porter, Willa Scarce, Ashton Hookstead, Korbin Wenzel,
Noah Gonzalez, Rihanna Harryman, Emma Stover, Ethan Sandblom, Adaleigh Guild, Rowan Mason, Caitlynn Carlson, Noah Verlee, \& Esmae Klewin.

An extra special Thank You to our friends at Cafe 2894 on Main! The ETCSD appreciates your support of the Arts!

On March 1st there will be an Opening Reception for the Youth Art Month Exhibition.
@ Cafe 2894 on Main

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3: 15-4: 30
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Everyone is welcome! See you there!

If you are unable to attend on March list, I invite everyone to go and see the beautiful artwork on display throughout the month of March!


Drop In Lego Program at the Family Resource Center. It's free and Offered every Tuesday afternoon that school is in session from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Students in $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade through middle school can be dropped off or walk here. They must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m.
Younger children are welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult.

Marolyn Komperud, Program Director
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East Troy, WI 53120
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