

# Your Prairie View Elementary Panther Paw Print

November 2023

## A Message From Our Principal: Mr. Weerts

New this year: Student-led conferences

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD ATTEND**

Strong and effective organizations consistently reflect and review their practices and programs. Simply, how do we (as a school) evolve, learn, and improve for the betterment of our students and families?

One of the areas we intend to improve upon is the design of our parent-teacher conferences. Our data suggests that 90-95% of our families attend our fall conferences. So, what is the problem? The problem is that we believe we are missing the most important person at the conference, your child!

When I was in elementary school, I vividly remember parent-teacher conference night. Prior to leaving for the conference, my dad would look at me and my brother and ask, "anything we are going to be surprised or disappointed about?" Of course, we assured them we were doing great, no problems. Sometimes that was a true statement and sometimes not. Next, I recall the anxious moments when they returned home with our report card and teacher comments. The rest of that night depended on how well their expectations matched the reality in the classroom.

One of the guiding beliefs in our East Troy schools is learner empowered practices. Specifically, the student should be at the center of their learning, not on the sidelines or merely a participant. Successful students accept and respond to feedback, set goals, and drive their own learning. The old model of I teach, you take notes, I give you a test, you get a grade, and then we move on to the next skill does not work anymore.

### Here is what to expect at your child's conference:

- Your child should be able to formally introduce you and your teacher. (We practiced this skill with them.)
- Your child will share an artifact of their learning or something they are working on.
- Your child will share their own reflections on current academic skills and academic behavior performance.
- Teacher data about your child's performance based on September assessments.

Finally, take a moment to impress upon your child the need to work hard, respect others, and don't give up.

Since this is a new approach to our conference format, I would be interested in your parent perspective. What worked, what didn't, what else could we try? As always, we are grateful for your support and partnership as we raise this next generation.



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# November 2023

Sun

Mon

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			1	2 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences And Book Fair</i>	3	4 
5	6	7 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences And Book Fair</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>New student Pictures ,Class pictures and clubs</i> 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25  <b>Thanksgiving Break</b> No school
26	27	28	29	30		

EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 2023 PV BREAKFAST/SNACK

MONDAY

**You may choose one entrée, fruit, juice and milk for breakfast. You must choose at least 3 items and 1 must be a fruit or juice!**

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1  
Mini WG Waffles  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Nutri-Grain Bar  
Fruit Punch  
Fresh Apple  
Milk

2  
Cherry Frudel  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Nutri-Grain Bar  
Apple Cherry Juice  
Mandarin Oranges  
Milk

3  
Mini Cinnis  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Nutri-Grain Bar  
Orange Juice  
Craisins  
Milk

6  
WG Donut  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Chocolate Chip Bar  
Orange Juice  
Pineapple  
Milk

7  
Blueberry Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Chocolate Chip Bar  
Apple Juice  
Applesauce  
Milk

8  
Mini WG Pancakes  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Chocolate Chip Bar  
Fruit Punch  
Fresh Apple  
Milk

9  
Apple Frudel  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Chocolate Chip Bar  
Apple Cherry Juice  
Mandarin Oranges  
Milk

10  
Double Chocolate  
Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Chocolate Chip Bar  
Orange Juice  
Craisins  
Milk

13  
WG Donut  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Pop Tart  
Orange Juice  
Pineapple  
Milk

14  
Blueberry Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Pop Tart  
Apple Juice  
Applesauce  
Milk


15  
Mini WG Pancakes  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Pop Tart  
Fruit Punch  
Fresh Apple  
Milk

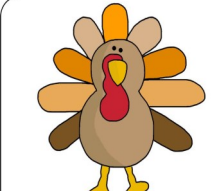
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Apple Frudel  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Pop Tart  
Apple Cherry Juice  
Mandarin Oranges  
Milk


17  
Double Chocolate  
Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Pop Tart  
Orange Juice  
Craisins  
Milk

20  
WG Donut  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Strawberry Pop Tart  
Orange Juice  
Pineapple  
Milk

21  
Apple Cinnamon  
Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Strawberry Pop Tart  
Apple Juice  
Applesauce  
Milk

22  
**No School**  


23  
**No School**  


24  
**No School**  


27  
WG Donut  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Apple Cinnamon  
Bar  
Orange Juice  
Pineapple  
Milk

28  
Blueberry Muffin  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Apple Cinnamon  
Bar  
Apple Juice  
Applesauce  
Milk

29  
Mini WG Pancakes  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Apple Cinnamon  
Bar  
Fruit Punch  
Fresh Apple  
Milk

30  
Apple Frudel  
Assorted Bagels  
Cereal  
Apple Cinnamon  
Bar  
Apple Cherry Juice  
Mandarin Oranges  
Milk

**2023-2024 Prices**  
**Breakfast \$1.65**  
**Reduced \$0.00**  
**Ala Carte Milk \$0.40**

EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 2023 ELEMENTARY LUNCH

MONDAY

Fill your tray with fruits and veggies!

You may choose one entrée, 2 fruits, 2 veggies and a milk every day! Must choose at least one fruit or veggie

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

1  
Home Style Spaghetti/Meat Sauce/Roll  
American Wrap\*  
Mixed Green Salad  
Steamed Peas  
Fresh Orange  
Peaches  
Milk

THURSDAY

2  
Breakfast for Lunch  
Pancakes & Sausage  
Yogurt & Muffin  
Tri Tater  
Sugar Snap Peas  
Golden Corn  
Banana  
Pears  
Milk

FRIDAY

3  
Cheese Pizza  
Strawberry Parfait/Pretzels  
Mixed Green Salad  
Vegetable Medley  
Fresh Apple  
Strawberries  
Ice Cream  
Milk

6  
Chicken Smackers w/Roll  
Mandarin Orange Parfait w/Pretzels  
Baked Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Applesauce Cup  
Grapes  
Milk

7  
Walking Tacos\*  
Hero Sub\*  
Mexican Rice  
Black Beans  
Crispy Cucumbers  
Banana  
Berry Medley  
Milk

8  
Pizza Dippers w/Marinara  
Turkey BLT Wrap  
Mixed Green Salad  
Steamed Peas  
Fresh Orange  
Peaches  
Milk

9  
Mac & Cheese w/Roll  
Chef Salad\* w/Roll  
Fresh Veggies w/Dip  
Golden Corn  
Banana  
Pears  
Milk

10  
Homemade Cheese Pizza  
Blueberry Parfait/Pretzels  
Vegetable Medley  
Mixed Green Salad  
Fresh Apple  
Strawberries  
Ice Cream  
Milk

13  
Hamburger on Bun  
Mandarin Orange Parfait w/Pretzels  
Baked Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Applesauce Cup  
Grapes  
Milk

14  
Nachos\*  
Turkey/Cheese Sub  
Mexican Rice  
Black Beans  
Crispy Cucumbers  
Banana  
Berry Medley  
Milk

15  
Chicken & Waffles  
Ham/Cheese Wrap\*  
Mixed Green Salad  
Steamed Peas  
Fresh Orange  
Peaches  
Milk

16  
Roast Turkey  
Chef Salad\*  
Gravy & Rolls  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Fresh Veggies  
Golden Corn  
Banana  
Pears  
Royal Brownies  
Milk

17  
Cheesy Garlic Bread w/Marinara  
Blueberry Parfait/Pretzels  
Vegetable Medley  
Mixed Green Salad  
Fresh Apple  
Strawberries  
Ice Cream  
Milk

20  
Cheeseburger on Bun  
Peach Parfait w/Pretzels  
Green Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Applesauce Cup  
Fruit Punch  
Milk

21  
Walking Tacos\*  
Hero Sub\*  
Mexican Rice  
Refried Beans  
Crispy Cucumbers  
Banana  
Berry Medley  
Milk

22  
NO SCHOOL



23  
NO SCHOOL



23  
NO SCHOOL



27  
Chicken Patty on Bun  
Mandarin Orange Parfait/Pretzels  
Baked Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Applesauce Cup  
Grapes  
Milk

28  
Nachos\*  
Ham/Cheese Sub\*  
Mexican Rice  
Black Beans  
Crispy Cucumbers  
Banana  
Berry Medley  
Milk

29  
Hot Ham & Cheese\*  
Turkey/Cheese Wrap  
Mixed Green Salad  
Steamed Peas  
Fresh Orange  
Peaches  
Carnival Cookie  
Milk

30  
Chicken Smackers w/Roll  
Chef Salad\* w/Roll  
Golden Corn  
Fresh Veggies w/Dip  
Banana  
Pears  
Milk

**2023-2024 Meal Prices**

Lunch \$2.80  
Reduced \$ .40  
Adult \$4.65  
Milk \$ .40  
Extra Entrée \$2.75  
**\*May contain Pork**

# Literati CRACK THE CASE! BOOK FAIR

November 2nd & 7th

DATE

Families can visit during  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 2nd & 7th  
from 3-7pm

TIME


## COME SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL


Uncover your next favorite read at the Literati Book Fair! Visit our fair in person, or order exciting new books through our online fair.


Now  
Open

## Shop the online fair at [efairs.literati.com](https://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 and create student wish lists 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.



## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT 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!

**10%**  
of every dollar  
spent will always  
go back to our  
school



Membership starts at just  
\$9.95/month

5 books picked just for them,  
plus personalized extras

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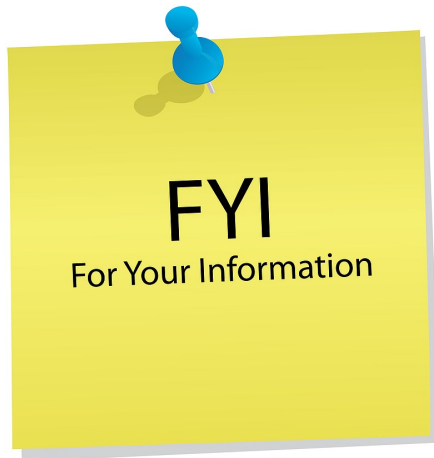


**If your family is currently experiencing financial hardship, and the thought of the Holidays are providing you stress due to the cost, our community Holiday Help program may be able to assist with alleviating some of the financial burden that comes along with the holidays.**

**If you'd more information, an application or wish to support please contact The East Troy Community School District Social Worker, Kim Pluess, at [plukim@eastroy.k12.wi.us](mailto:plukim@eastroy.k12.wi.us) , 262-642-6760\*5242 or 262-903-8795. You may also contact Marolyn through the East Troy Community Resource Center at [eastroyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:eastroyfamily@gmail.com) or text/call 262-642-4900.**

**Applications are now available through the schools until 11/3.**





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.**

Please have your child check our  
lost and found tables. They are getting  
very full!



With the weather getting colder please remember we still go out to recess  
everyday unless the temperature or windchill is below zero. Heavy coats,  
boots, snowpants and mittens help keep us warm.

An extra set of clothing in your child's backpack is also helpful .

**Catch your Prairie View Panther  
using their P.A.W.S. at home!**

**Practice Safety  
Act Responsibly  
Work Hard  
Show Respect**



When you see your student demonstrating one of our P.A.W.S. behaviors at home, fill out the portion below and send it back to your child's teacher! Please include their name, a description of what you saw and then sign your name and tell us who you are (mom, dad, aunt, grandpa, big sister). Thank you!

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**Panther Praise Award ▶ Home Edition**

\_\_\_\_\_ is doing

\_\_\_\_\_ a good job using their P.A.W.S. at home by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Proudly signed by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Proudly signed by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# I Need To Stay Home If :

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITTING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100 or more	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

## I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin.	Free of vomiting for 24 hours without use of medication.	Free of diarrhea for 24 hours without use of medication.	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by a doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and nurse confirms no live lice.	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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# THE PTO PROMPT

**Thank you** to everyone who joined us at our October 18th meeting. **Meeting Minutes** are available [here](#). See you next month!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



### CONFERENCES & BOOK FAIR

Prairie View Conferences and the Literati Book Fair will take place on **November 2nd & 7th!**

Join us for a new **Literati Book Fair** experience this fall! Keep an eye out for more information in email and yellow folders.



### DAY OF AWESOMENESS!

WOW! Thank you East Troy Elementary for participating in the Next Level fundraiser.

To celebrate, we are hosting a **Day of Awesomeness** for all students on Tuesday November 14th!



### O&H KRINGLE SALE

Little Prairie and Prairie View's fall O&H Kringle Sale fundraiser kicks off on November 1st. Forms will be due on Nov. 27th, and order pick up will occur on Dec. 9th at Little Prairie.



### Pumpkin Carving at Prairie View

Thank you to the East Troy FFA, Bowers Produce, volunteers and staff for making this possible!



### ROLLING SKATING NIGHT

**Roller Skating Night** will be back on Thursday **November 30th!** This year, we have reserved the rink for our families, and admission, skate rentals and dinner is on the PTO!



### 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!

<b>11.15.23</b>	<b>3.20.24</b>
<b>1.17.24</b>	<b>4.17.24</b>
<b>2.21.24</b>	<b>5.15.24</b>

### East Troy Elementary PTO 23-24 Board

**President** Dani Foster | **Vice President** Tiffany Beinemann

**Treasurer** Bailey Kaiser | **Secretary** Michelle Borre



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EAST TROY ELEMENTARY PTO





## **SAVE THE DATE**

Conferences are **Thursday, November 2nd** and **Tuesday, November 7th** from 3:30pm-7:00pm

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## **GUIDANCE LESSON THEMES FOR THE MONTH**

**3rd-5th Grade will work on:**

Character Development  
Bullying Prevention and Types of Bullying  
Getting Along  
Circles of Support

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## **FRIENDLY HYGIENE REMINDER**

While we are getting back into the routine of school, it is important to pay attention to healthy hygiene habits. Reminding students to shower regularly, wear clean clothes, and brush their teeth regularly are important habits to practice and can be major self-esteem boosters for children.

Start early – before puberty. If you keep reinforcing messages about personal hygiene, most children will get there in the end. It will help to give your child praise and encouragement for carrying out hygiene activities.

Good hygiene habits in childhood are a great foundation for good hygiene in the teenage years. And if you've got open, honest communication with your child, it'll make it easier to talk about the personal hygiene issues that come up in adolescence.

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## **PARENTS UNITED: ([HTTPS://PARENTSUNITEDWI.ORG/](https://parentsunitedwi.org/))**

### **Upcoming Parents United Zoom Events**

**November 14th 6:00-8:00 pm**

- Your Child was Identified as a Student with an IEP, Now What?

**November 29th 6:00-8:00 pm**

- How to Talk to Your Child About Addictive Behaviors (For Parents & Students)



**Cassie Rice**

Cassie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

# PRIORITIZING CALMNESS THIS FALL

## November Wellness Wednesdays

### **November 1st: Exercise Creates Calmness**

Exercise helps your body reduce stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol. It produces endorphins to help you feel relaxed and optimistic! Try a 15 minute fall walk this Wednesday to clear your head.

### **November 8th: Try a Breathing Strategy**

**Box Breathing** - Count to four while inhaling, hold your breath for four, exhale through your nose for four, then repeat until you feel relaxed.

**Draw Your Breath** - Visualize your breath as a line and draw it on paper. Spend a few moments breathing in and out as you draw lines to represent this.

### **November 15th: Quiet Activity**

Try a quiet activity today. Some ideas of quiet activities are coloring, reading, drawing, going on a walk, or working on a puzzle.

### **November 22nd: Headspace for Educators**

Headspace is a mindfulness app that is offered free to educators. Use on your own or use with your students!  
<https://www.headspace.com/educators>

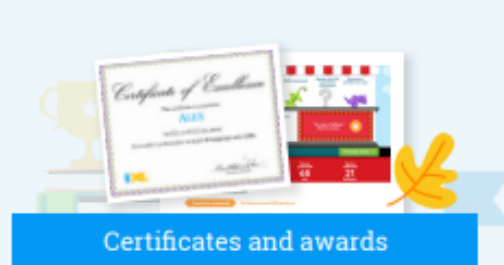
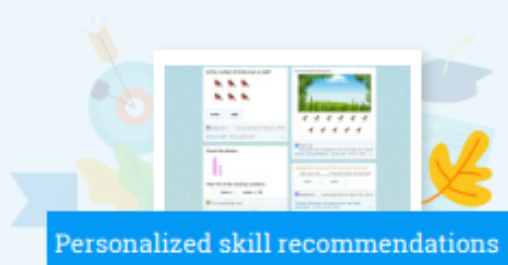
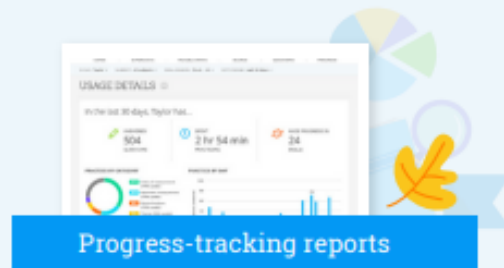
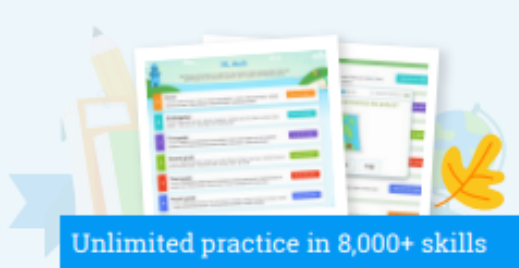
### **November 29: Health Benefits of Silence**

This month, try to catch a few moments of silence as silence has many health benefits such as stimulating brain growth, reducing cortisol, and improving concentration/focus.

# Learn with IXL at home!



We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online program at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.



## IXL MOBILE APPS

Available for iPad and iPhone, Android Tablets, and Kindle Fire!

Please encourage your child to use their student notebook/binder to support their learning on IXL. This will begin to be sent home regularly by their teacher throughout the year.



## TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

1

### Explore personalized skill suggestions

Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!

2

### Stay in the loop

Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.

3

### Celebrate your child's accomplishments

Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".



## SMARTSCORE CORNER

### What is IXL's SmartScore?

The SmartScore is the best possible measure of how well your child understands a skill!  
It factors in question difficulty, answer accuracy, and consistency.

**You can adjust  
SmartScore goals  
as you go**

Aim for 80 or 90, which shows a strong understanding of a skill. For an extra challenge, try for mastery (a score of 100).

**The SmartScore is  
not a percentage  
score**

Unlike percentage-based scoring, the SmartScore is truly smart. Even if a student gets a question wrong, it's always possible to reach a 100.

**Taking breaks is  
always okay**

If your child needs to pause their practice, they can always return to a skill later—all progress will be automatically saved!