

Your Prairie View Elementary Panther Paw Print

December 2023

A Message From Our Principal: Mr. Weerts

Prairie View Elementary: Exceeds Expectations



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Recently, the State of Wisconsin released the annual school report cards. These report cards are one measure of assessing a school's performance in math and reading in comparison to state standards. Prairie View earned an overall rating of 72.4, placing our school in the exceeding expectations category. The school report card measures our student's performance on the Wisconsin Forward state exam given in grade 3-5th grade each spring. Specifically, the state looks at our overall student achievement, growth, target group outcomes, and on-track postsecondary readiness.

When reviewing the data further, our school has shown increased performance in the following areas:

- Increased percentage of students performing in the proficient/advanced range in math.
- Above or significantly above the state average in student achievement (reading and math), and post-secondary readiness.

While we recognize positive accomplishments, we also focus on areas for improvement. The recent data would suggest the need to perform better in the category of target group outcomes. This category refers to growth for students in specific demographic subsets. Specifically, how do our students perform on the Forward exam if they have a disability, are economically disadvantaged or have limited English proficiency.

One of our emerging areas for improvement relates to attendance and chronic absenteeism. Sadly, this is an East Troy community and statewide issue. Simply, students aren't learning if they are not in school or chronically tardy. This phenomenon and our plans to address these issues will be shared in our January newsletter.

In order to address our school performance, we continue to work diligently in many ways. First, greater alignment between our teaching targets and state standards, assessments that challenge students to explain their thinking, and dedicated in-service time to focus on instructional practices in reading and math. This year, we have also created school wide goals to address reading fluency and in math, stressing the order of operations and algebraic thinking. Reading fluency requires students to read accurately, with proper phrasing, intonation, and at a developmentally appropriate rate.

I am confident that we are moving in the right direction. We want our students to attain great skills, in order to grow and meet the career demands of the future. Our reading and math instruction, through greater personalized learning paths and student empowerment, also promotes the key learnability skills of creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. We believe this produces a well-rounded child ready to solve problems in the "real" world.

On behalf of our Prairie View team, it is a pleasure to teach your child. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



December 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 <i>No School Teacher Inservice</i>	2
3 <i>Choir Concert 3:00</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Wear Red and Green today.</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21  <i>5th Grade Concert 8:15</i>	22 <i>Early Release</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	 <p><i>Have a great Winter Break!</i></p>					

No School December 25th-January 2nd

Early Release December 22nd

School Resumes Wednesday January 3rd.

EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 2023 PV BREAKFAST/SNACK

MONDAY

See you at the
Breakfast Stop!
Make sure to eat a
healthy breakfast
every day!

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

No School
2023-2024 Prices
Breakfast \$1.65
Reduced \$0.00
Ala Carte Milk
\$.40

THURSDAY

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.

FRIDAY

1
No School



4

WG Donut
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Nutri Grain Bar
Orange Juice
Pineapple
Milk

5

Apple Cinnamon
Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Nutri Grain Bar
Apple Juice
Applesauce
Milk

6

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

7

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

8

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

11

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

12

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

13

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

14

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

15

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

18

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

19

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

20

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

21

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

22

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

25

No School



26

No School
Winter Break!

27

No School



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No School
Winter Break!

29

No School



EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 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

2023-2024 Meal Prices

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

THURSDAY



FRIDAY

1

No School

4

Chicken Smackers w/Bread
Peach Parfait w/Pretzels
Green Beans
Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cup
Fruit Punch
Milk

5

Hard Shell Tacos* w/
Mexican Rice
Turkey/Cheese Sub
Refried Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

6

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Roll
All American Wrap*
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Orange
Peaches
Milk

7

Pancakes & Sausage
Yogurt & Muffin
Tri-Taters
Sugar Snap Peas
Golden Corn
Banana
Pears
Milk

8

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

11

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

12

Walking Tacos* w/
Mexican Rice
Hero Sub*
Black Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

13

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

14

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

15

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

18

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

19

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

20

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

21

Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun*
Chef Salad* w/Roll
Fresh Veggies w/Dip
Golden Corn
Banana
Pears
Milk

22

No Lunch Half Day



25

No School



26

No School Winter Break!

27

No School



28

No School Winter Break!

29

No School



December 2023 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 day with your child will expose them to over 1.8 million new words a year. (Book-It Newsletter, 2016.)



Special Note! 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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Weekly Totals
					1	2	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
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Parents/Guardians of **EARLY READERS**: Students can read one of three ways:
1) Read the words
2) Read the pictures
3) Retell the story.

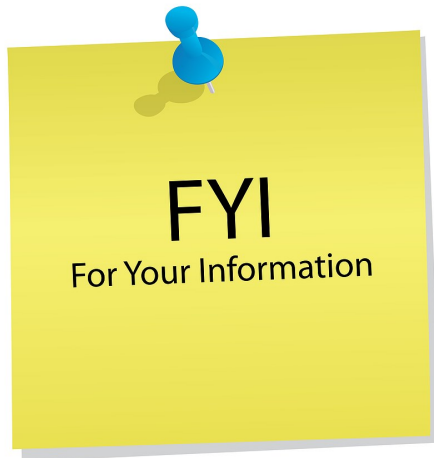
Your child can color the box or put on a sticker to show he/she met the goal, if that is preferred.

What are you most proud of yourself about, as a reader, this month?

(Calendars are due on the first school day of the next month.) 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 _____ Parent Signature _____



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!**



**Don't forget to order your child's yearbook.
Extra copies will be limited.**



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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Panther Praise Award ➤ Home Edition

_____ is doing

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

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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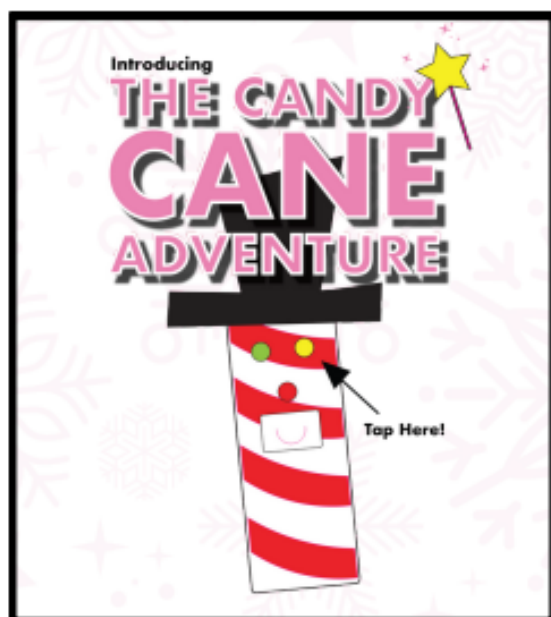
THE PTO PROMPT

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



EAST TROY LIGHTS & PTO PARTNERSHIP

The PTO has partnered with East Troy Lights to share holiday magic with East Troy elementary families. Little Prairie and Prairie View students will build a special wand through the East Troy School District's **SmartLab program** that can be used to interact with the East Troy Lights' **Candy Cane Adventure** between December 8th-31st.



Take a trip to downtown East Troy to see East Troy Lights! The interactive and imaginative light display experience will kick off Saturday, Dec. 2. Find out more at easttroylights.com.



O&H KRINGLE ORDER PICK UP

O&H Kringle orders from **Little Prairie** and **Prairie View's** fundraiser will be ready for pick up on **Saturday, December 9th** at **Little Prairie Cafeteria**. To streamline pick up, please arrive during your scheduled pick up time:

- Last name A-E 11:30-11:50
- Last name F-J 11:55-12:15
- Last name K-O 12:20-12:40
- Last name P-T 12:45-1:05
- Last name U-Z 1:10-1:30

Volunteers are still needed to make order pick up run smoothly! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA92FA2FC1-46280874-kringle>



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!

1.17.24	3.20.24
2.21.24	4.17.24
	5.15.24

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our November 15th meeting. **Meeting Minutes** are available **here**. See you in January!

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

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2023

Generosity

This month our character theme is "generosity". We will be working on projects to distribute to local community members during this month. Pictures be posted on social media soon!

Guidance Lesson Themes for the Month

3rd-5th Grade will work on:

Kindness (Community Building Projects)

Best Effort

Academic Success

Beat the Winter Break Boredom

[35 Crafts to do at Home](#) (Website: Happiness is Homemade)

[Outdoor Snow Play](#) (Website: Days with Grey)

[100 Outdoor Winter Activities](#) (Website: Run with my Child)



Winter Break Tips

Winter break is supposed to be that exactly, a break! However, it is important to still keep a routine. Children thrive with routine. Depending on their age, your child might want to sleep later (or get up earlier) during winter break. Try to keep them accountable to a general schedule so that their transition back to school is not too jarring. Similarly, at the beginning of their winter break, show them a calendar and explain to them how much time they have off, when their activities are, and the rest of your schedule so that they feel like they have a sense of control.

Here are a few more tips!

- Get Dressed. Each day have everyone get dressed for the day and then for bed.
- Breathe Fresh Air. Aim to get outside and play every day for at least 20-30 minutes. The Vitamin D will do wonders for everyone.
- Establish Realistic Screen-Free Times. Keep mealtimes and bedtime as sacred screen-free times to boost connection and maximize the quality of sleep.

Website: parentselfcare.com

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.

Parents United: (<https://parentsunitedwi.org/>)

Upcoming Parents United Zoom Events

Stress and Anxiety in Youth

- Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:00 – 11:30 AM



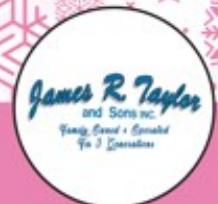
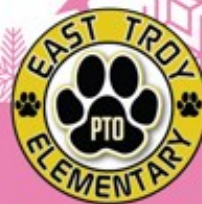
Introducing

THE CANDY CANE ADVENTURE



Tap Wand Here!

Powered By:



Help Make The Magic!

Your child will be coming home with a Candy Cane Adventure Wand thanks to the East Troy Elementary PTO. Bring your wand to East Troy Lights Dec. 8-31 at East Troy Village Square Park to experience a world of holiday magic during the immersive month-long event. This STEAM project - utilizing RFID in real life applications - provides a meaningful opportunity for students to be involved in the community outside of the school campus.



Wear Red & Green to
**SPREAD
WINTER TIME
CHEER**

On Friday, December 15



East Troy Area Children's Choir

CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 3:00PM

Prairie View Cafeteria

Enter at Door #6

Singers arrive at 2:30

Parents/Guardians-
save a seat for your young singer.

Come and hear what we've learned:

- Good singing technique
 - Listening skills
- Different styles of music
- Respectful and responsible behavior
 - How to work together as a choir

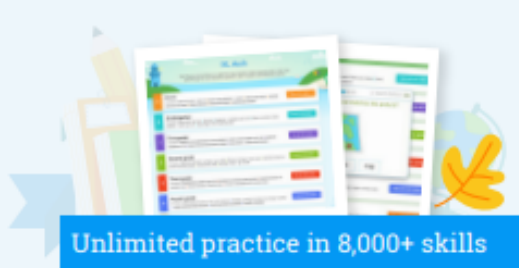
After the concert-

You're invited to stay for light refreshments.

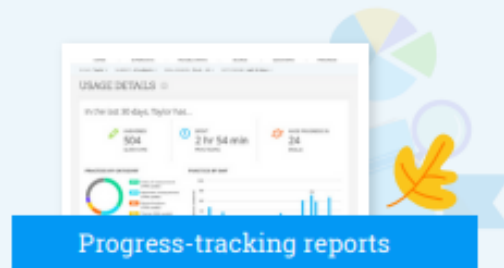
Learn with IXL at home!



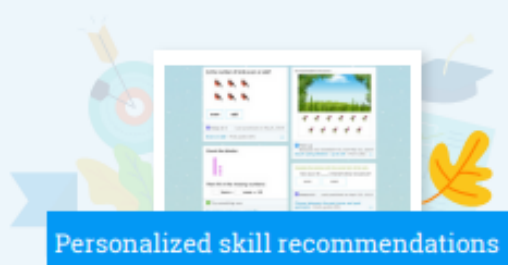
We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online program at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.



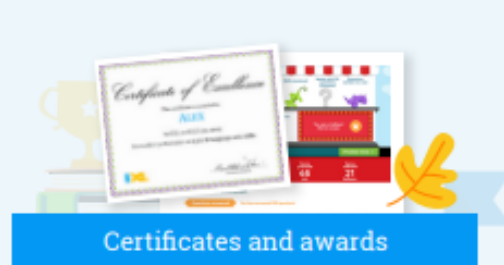
Unlimited practice in 8,000+ skills



Progress-tracking reports



Personalized skill recommendations



Certificates and awards



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!