

Your Prairie View Elementary Panther Paw Print

February 2024

A Message From Our Principal: Mr. Weerts

Principal Message: Teamwork



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Every August, I select a professional topic or book for our staff to reflect upon throughout the school year. It is easy for students and staff to be energized in September. However, in February when it is still cold and dark, it is difficult to maintain the same level of enthusiasm. Sometimes, a good book or story can help restore our guiding principles and help us stay focused.

The book selected for this school year was, The I in Team: Missing Ingredients for Team Success by John Murphy and Michael McMillan. The book challenges the old adage, that there is NO I in team. Actually, the team is generally made up of many INDIVIDUALS with unique skill sets, abilities, and dispositions. The authors suggest that the I's in team include such traits as, inspiration, interdependence, innovation, interaction, and integrity. The goal of this book, as a staff, is to consider these traits as we work together, problem-solve, and communicate. We work together to understand how we are all connected for the betterment of our selves and our students.

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."—Chief Seattle

In our school setting, teachers have regular classroom meetings to build a learning environment that is respectful and academically engaging. Students talk about how their attitudes, focus, and behavior can positively or negatively contribute to the learning taking place in their classroom. On a regular basis, we celebrate growth, individual talent, and achievement.

We also recognize the importance of teamwork between our school setting and a child's home environment. A strong team requires frequent communication, check-ins, and monitoring. I would encourage all our parents to stay connected to your child's teacher, beyond scheduled parent-teacher conferences. Talk to your child about what they are learning, their strengths and challenges. Make it a habit to read school emails and newsletters. We are happy that you are an important part of our team, as we strive toward success for ALL students!



From the art.com

February 2024

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*No School
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School*

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EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 2024 PV BREAKFAST/SNACK

MONDAY

2023-2024 Prices
Breakfast \$1.65
Reduced \$.00
Ala Carte Milk
\$.40

TUESDAY

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!

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1
Apple Frudel
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Cinnamon Pop Tart
Apple Cherry Juice
Pears
Milk

FRIDAY

2
Double Chocolate Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Cinnamon Pop Tart
Orange Juice
Craisins
Milk

5
WG Donut
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Strawberry Pop Tart
Orange Juice
Pineapple
Milk

6
Apple Cinnamon Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Strawberry Pop Tart
Apple Juice
Applesauce
Milk

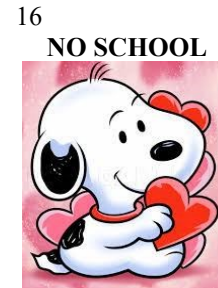
7
Mini WG Pancakes
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Strawberry Pop Tart
Fruit Punch
Fresh Apple
Milk

8
Cinnamon Pretzel Stick
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Strawberry Pop Tart
Apple Cherry Juice
Pears
Milk

9
Mini Cinnis
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Strawberry Pop Tart
Orange Juice
Craisins
Milk
k

12
WG Donut
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Banana Chocolate Chunk Bar
Orange Juice
Pineapple
Milk

13
Blueberry Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Banana Chocolate Chunk Bar
Apple Juice
Applesauce
Milk



19
WG Donut
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Double Chocolate Oat Bar
Orange Juice
Pineapple
Milk

20
Apple Cinnamon Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Double Chocolate Oat Bar
Apple Juice
Applesauce
Milk

21
Mini WG French Toast
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Double Chocolate Oat Bar
Fruit Punch
Fresh Apple
Milk

22
Cinnamon Pretzel Stick
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Double Chocolate Oat Bar
Apple Cherry Juice
Pears
Milk

23
Mini Cinnis
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Double Chocolate Oat Bar
Orange Juice
Craisins
Milk

26
WG Donut
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Chocolate Chip Bar
Orange Juice
Pineapple
Milk

27
Blueberry Muffin
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Chocolate Chip Bar
Apple Juice
Applesauce
Milk

28
Mini WG Pancakes
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Chocolate Chip Bar
Fruit Punch
Fresh Apple
Milk

29
Apple Frudel
Assorted Bagels
Cereal
Chocolate Chip Bar
Apple Cherry Juice
Pears
Milk



EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 2024 ELEMENTARY LUNCH

MONDAY

2023-2024 Meal
Prices

Lunch \$2.80
Reduced \$4.40
Adult \$4.65
Milk \$.40
Extra Entrée \$2.75
***May contain Pork**

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1
**Chicken &
Rice/Roll**
Chef Salad*/Roll
Bell Peppers
Golden Corn
Banana
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

FRIDAY

2
Cheesy Garlic Bread
Banana Split
Parfait/Grahams
Mixed Green Salad
Vegetable Medley
Fresh Apple
Strawberries
Ice Cream
Milk

5
Cheeseburger on
Bun
Peach
Parfait/Pretzels
Green Beans
Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cup
Fruit Punch
Milk

6
Walking Tacos*
Hero Sub*
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

7
**Teriyaki Meatball
Bowl**
Classic Club Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Peaches
Milk

8
Corn Dogs
Chef Salad*/Bread
Tri Tater
Celery Sticks
Golden Corn
Banana
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

9
Pizza Dippers/Sauce
Strawberry
Parfait/Pretzels
Vegetable Medley
Mixed Green Salad
Fresh Apple
Strawberries
Ice Cream
Milk

12
Chicken Patty on
Bun
Mandarin Orange
Parfait/Pretzels
Baked Beans
Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cup
Grapes
Milk

13
**Chicken Al Pastor
Tacos**
Ham/Cheese Sub*
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

14
NO SCHOOL



15
NO SCHOOL



16
NO SCHOOL



19
Beef Shepherd's Pie
w/Roll
Peach Parfait
w/Pretzels
Green Beans
Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cup
Fruit Punch
Milk

20
Nachos*
Turkey/Cheese Sub
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

21
Chicken Pot Pie
All American*
Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Peaches
Milk

22
Pancakes/Sausage
Yogurt/Muffin
Tri Tater
Corn
Celery Sticks
Banana
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

23
Cheese Pizza
Strawberry
Parfait/Pretzels
Mixed Green Salad
Vegetable Medley
Fresh Apple
Strawberries
Ice Cream
Milk

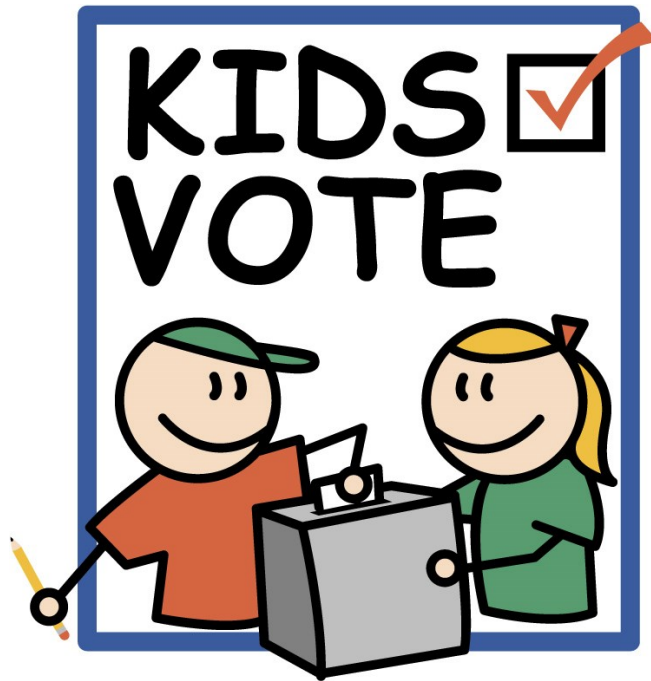
26
Chicken Smackers
w/Roll
Mandarin Orange
Parfait w/Pretzels
Baked Beans
Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cup
Grapes
Milk

27
Chicken Quesadilla
All American Sub*
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Beans
Crispy Cucumbers
Banana
Berry Medley
Milk

28
Pizza Dippers/Sauce
Turkey BLT Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Peaches
Milk

29
New Mac &
Cheese/Roll
Chef Salad*/Roll
Corn
Bell Peppers
Banana
Mandarin Oranges
Milk





The Cafeteria wants your student's opinion. Please have them stop down and fill out a ballot.

Vote for one of the following for breakfast for lunch



Or



Pancakes or French Toast



East Troy PTO Presents:
Our Annual, COMPLETELY FREE
Family Movie Night

Who: Little Prairie & Prairie View Community/Families

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, February 9th, 2024



Our generous PTO will be providing popcorn and movie theater candy, before the movie, while supplies last.



**You're welcome to bring your own snacks, seating, blankets, pillows, etc.
Camp chairs or lounge chairs work well (especially for the adults)!**
Some families bring their own picnic-style dinner, prior to the movie, too.

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.!

The movie will begin at 6:30 P.M., in the Little Prairie Cafe.



There will also be a guesstimation jar, and the winner will receive a gift basket after the movie!

Hope to see you at our fun-filled family night!

February 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 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	3	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
25	26	27	28	29			I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters

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.) Students will have their pictures taken and displayed. Students

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 _____ Parent Signature _____



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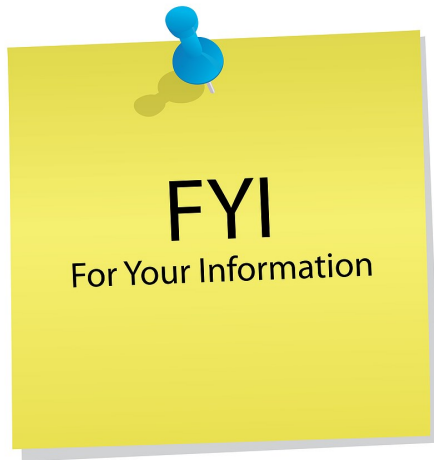
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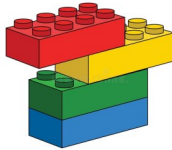
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Call 262-642-6720 ext 3221
for absences, early pick up
requests or transportation
changes.

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



**3rd Grade Winter Lego Club Session
starts January 10th and runs until Feb. 21st**



**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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Proudly signed by _____



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?



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Doors Open at 6 p.m. on **Friday February 9th** at the Little Prairie Cafeteria.

Trolls Band Together will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and candy will be provided before the movie for free and while supplies last. Families are welcome to bring snacks, picnic-style dinner, seating, blankets, pillows, etc. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CALL *for* VOLUNTEERS



Want to help hand out at Movie Night? Sign up using the QR Code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA92FA2FC1-47476829-family>



ALL SCHOOL READ COMING SOON

This PTO sponsored event and community-loved tradition will kick off its 3rd year in early **March** to coincide with **Reading Comes Alive Week**.

This fun event is an opportunity for our elementary school community to read and discuss the same book at home and school. Each family will be gifted their own copy of the book to keep, and classrooms will have opportunities to answer fun trivia questions about the book each day!



ANY GUESSES WHICH BOOK WE WILL READ THIS YEAR?



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!

2.21.24 4.17.24
3.20.24 5.15.24

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



ATTENTION: ALL 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS

WE HAVE A NEW SCHOOL CLUB STARTING SOON!

WHEN: LUNCH TIME MEETINGS (THURSDAYS-6 WEEKS)

The clubs will start February 8th.

WHO: STUDENTS IN EACH GRADE LEVEL

Hosted by: MR. WEERTS and MRS. KOMPERUD

WHAT: WORKING WITH CLASSMATES ON SERVICE PROJECTS

For example, helping with our local food pantry, animal shelter, clothing drive, school projects.

WHERE: Y-CARE CLASSROOM in 5th GRADE

HOW DO I JOIN?

We are asking students to complete a brief application by FEB. 5th

Application will be handed out in class for those interested.

Please talk to your teacher about your interest in this club.

****Parents, if you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please remind them to complete an application. Since space is limited, we will first offer the opportunity to students who have not participated in the past.**



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committed to the Growth & Success of Each Student, Each Year

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**KIWANIS K-KIDS AND PRAIRE VIEW ELEMENTARY
PARTNERSHIP**

APPLICATION TO JOIN K-KIDS

Name: _____

Due Date: February 5th, 2024

PLEASE SHARE IDEAS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

PLEASE SHARE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS CLUB?

Teacher Recommendation signature: _____



February

2024

No Name-Calling Week

Last month students in class participated in "No Name-Calling Week". This extended into multiple weeks of activities both in guidance and in art. Students were able to create what areas of their school building would look and sound like in small groups and present it to their classmates. Together, each class made their own "no-name calling" school. Below are some pictures to share!



Planning their area!



More planning time!



Kindness Banner for Art Project!

Guidance Lesson Themes for the Month

3rd-5th Grade will work on:

[Protective Behaviors Unit From Second Step](#)

- Please watch for letters sent home through Skyward. These will have important talking points of what your student will be learning during the child protection unit.
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Save The Date!

(Co)Operation Learn will be held the evening of May 2nd, 2024 at Little Prairie Primary

More Information to Come

Parents United Upcoming Events (<https://parentsunitedwi.org/register-now/>)

A Walk Through Guide to Guardianship and Decision-Making Options AND Special Needs Financial Planning

- [Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6:00 – 8:30 pm](#)
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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!

gawalco.com



Cassie Rice

Cassie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

Wellness Wednesdays: Food for Thought During **American Heart Month**

February 7th, 2024

The right amount of salt helps your body maintain the proper balance of fluids. Too much salt causes your body to retain a lot of fluid around your heart. This can raise your blood pressure, putting you at a greater risk for having a stroke, heart failure or a heart attack. The average American eats 3,400 mg of salt per day. Teens should aim for less than 2,300 mg/day. The American Heart Association recommends around 1,500 mg/day. (Look at labels!)

February 14th, 2024

Students can start using flavorful salt alternatives while cooking. Take a class survey today: does anyone use these foods/options while cooking in replacement of salt? Garlic, Lemon Juice/or Zest, Ground Black Pepper, Dill, Dried Onion or Onion Powder, Nutritional Yeast, Balsamic Vinegar, Smoked Paprika, Truffle Oil, Rosemary, Ginger, Coconut Aminos, Coriander, Red Pepper flakes, Apple Cider Vinegar, Cinnamon, Sage, Tarragon

February 21st, 2024

Packaged snacks like soda, candy and chips are known as highly processed food. These are foods that have been chemically altered with artificial colors, flavors, and additives. Highly processed foods contain UNHEALTHY LEVELS of sugar, salt and fat. Eating too many of them can cause heart disease! Specifically, coronary artery disease. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBAvxnt0Zvl>

February 28th, 2024

Helpful hints for your heart at any meal:

- Opt for low salt and low sugar breakfast cereals instead of sugar coated cereals
- Go for sauces that are vegetable or tomato based rather than creamy
- Have a glass of fruit juice with your meal
- Ask for a side salad or steamed vegetables when out to eat
- Add leafy greens to a sandwich

