



GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

LITTLE DUTCH CLUB

Welcome to Little Dutch Academy!

We are excited to start the year! Providing quality childcare is very important to us, and part of this is developing relationships with each child and their family. To start, we would like to first introduce ourselves! This first page is a little about Sarah Kuennen, Little Dutch Academy and Little Dutch Club Director. It also introduces you to the Assistant Director at Little Dutch Academy. The following pages will introduce you to the main caregivers in your child's wrap-around childcare classroom! Enjoy!

We look forward to getting to know you and your child more throughout the year!



Mrs. Kuennen
Director

Hi! I'm Sarah Kuennen and I am the Early Childhood Director at Pella Schools. I am the Director at both Little Dutch Academy and Little Dutch Club. Prior to this position I taught 5th Grade at Jefferson for seven years and I was the Preschool - 3rd Grade Instructional Coach at Madison and Lincoln for another seven years. I will be starting my fourth year as the Early Childhood Director! I enjoy playing a part in helping children learn and grow!

I am married to Nick and have four kids of my own: Brynn, Carew, Elle, and Wren. Nick and I enjoy watching and supporting them in their favorite activities and spending time together as a family. If I find myself with any free time, I love reading!



Miss Kristi
Assistant Director

I'm Kristi Hesseltine and I'm the Assistant Director at Little Dutch Academy. You will be seeing me mostly at the front desk. Although I'm not housed at Little Dutch Club, we likely will interact via phone or email.

Our family moved from the Des Moines Area to Pella in 2023. We have fallen in love with the people, culture, and town. We have loved making a life here. Previous to working in Pella I was a stay-at-home mom for 14 years. My husband and I have 5 children. We are excited to be a part of this community! In my free time, I enjoy making memories with my family, knitting, quilting, embroidery, baking sourdough, and drinking coffee on the porch with a good book.



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Miss Josie
On-Site
Supervisor

My name is Josalyn Chapman. You can call me Josie. I will be the On-Site Supervisor at Little Dutch Club in the afternoons! I will be a freshman at William Penn and majoring in Elementary Education with endorsements in Reading and Special Education. I come from a family of 8 and have many nieces and nephews. I love spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy babysitting outside of work. Working with kids is rewarding as I'm able to see all the kids grow! I love spending time with kids and making memories! I look forward to continuing to build relationships with staff, parents, and children. I can't wait to start the school year and see everyone again!



Miss Mallory
Evening Caregiver

Hi I'm Mallory Silvers! I'm a Junior at Pella high school and I'm involved in soccer. I am the middle child of an older sister and younger brother. I have been a babysitter and nanny for families in the past. In my free time I enjoy going on walks and hanging out with my family. I also really enjoy camping with my cousins. I'm super excited to get to know all of the kids! I will be working at LDC after school.



Miss Mayleigh
Evening Caregiver

Hello! My name is Mayleigh, and I'm a junior at Pella High School. In my free time, I enjoy playing tennis, going on walks, and spending time with my friends and family. I'm excited to be part of LDC this school year and look forward to getting to know each family attending. While creating a fun, welcoming, and positive environment for everyone!



Miss Faith
Morning & Evening
Caregiver

Hi! My name is Faith Bandstra, and I am so excited to be returning as a caregiver to Little Dutch Club this semester! I am entering my senior year at Central College (Go Dutch!), where I am studying elementary education. I will complete my student teaching this spring, so I will only be at LDC for the fall semester. In my free time, I love playing pickleball, mowing, listening to music, going on long walks, spending time with my friends and family, and watching the sunset. I am looking forward to what this school year has in store!



Miss Mackenzie
Morning & Evening
Caregiver

Hi! My name is Mackenzie Morrison and I am a senior at Pella high school where I play soccer. I am the oldest child and I have one younger brother who will be a sophomore. In my free time I love hanging out with friends, doing nails, and shopping. I love volunteering at third church for VBS and Sunday ministry. I also volunteered as a reading support teacher at Madison during the school year. I have gotten to know a few children at LDC over the summer and I can't wait to be a caregiver in the school year!



Miss Madison
Morning & Evening
Caregiver

Hi, I'm Madison DeBruin! I will be helping in a regular role at LDC and LDA. I have subbed for the last year and loved it. I am going into my sophomore year at Central College, where I will major in elementary education and be a part of the Central Teacher Academy eventually helping in first grade at Madison Elementary. I am a part of Intervarsity at Central and will be an RA for the school year. In my free time I am an assistant dance teacher, involved with Sunday school at my church, and babysit. I am the oldest of four and am used to working with all ages of children. I love working with kids and have found my love for teaching. They are able to match my energy and love to talk just like me. I am so excited to be with your kiddos and have a great school year!



Miss Peyton
Evening Caregiver

Hi everyone! My name is Peyton Whitlatch, and I'm a junior at Pella High School. I am on the Pella High Tennis team, participate in Select Choir, and I am a Dutchess! I have grown up and live in Pella with my parents, my younger brother and our two dogs, Kinzi and Remi. I love staying active, spending time with family and friends, and being heavily involved in my school and community.

I have spent a lot of time working with and caring for kids, which is one of the reasons I hope to become a Children's Nurse after I graduate from high school. When I'm not at school or involved in sports, you can find me listening to music, hanging out with friends, playing board games with my family, fishing, swimming, or playing with my 2 loveable dogs. I'm so excited to be part of Little Dutch Club this year and I cannot wait to get to meet and to get to know all your children and have a fun school year together!



Miss Hannah
Evening Caregiver

Hi, my name is Hannah Vander Meiden. I am a graduate from Pella Community High School and currently a sophomore at Central College. I am studying Elementary Education and am involved in The Education Club and Intervarsity. I live with my parents and younger brother. We have two dogs. In my free time I love to read, bake, and spend time with family and friends. I will be working Friday afternoons at LDC and filling in as needed. I look forward to spending time with your children!



Miss Jill
Morning Caregiver

Hi, I'm Miss Jill. I will get to greet kids at LDC in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I may look familiar, as I also work as an associate in PreK at Madison. I'm excited to get to know the kids at LDC and spend time with them before school three days a week!