



# GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

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## LITTLE DUTCH CLUB

Welcome to Little Dutch Club!

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 Admin Assistant at Little Dutch Academy. She will likely assist you if you call or email throughout the year! The following pages will introduce you to the caregivers at Little Dutch Club! 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. Last year I lead the Pella Preschool team as the Early Childhood Director, and confirmed my love for the early childhood world! 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.



**Miss Kristi**  
Admin Assistant

I'm Kristi Hesseltine and I'm the Admin Assistant at Little Dutch Academy. 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.





**WELCOME** *to the* **LITTLE DUTCH CLUB**  
**SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM**



**Miss Tori**  
Lead Caregiver

My name is Tori Stoll. I will be working at Little Dutch Academy part of the day, but then will be the Lead Caregiver at Little Dutch Club in the afternoons! I have worked with pre-k students in the past, both in a school setting and also in a daycare setting. I've also worked with babies and teens. My most recent job was working in the foster care system. After experiencing those jobs, I fell in love with working with kids. Some of my favorite things to do include reading, walks, and spending time with my family. I am so excited to get this school year started!



**Miss Abbie**  
Caregiver

I am a graduate of Winfield Mt. Union high school, and a sophomore at Central college studying Elementary Education! While at college I am involved in Campus Ministries, Central Teacher Academy, and I am a Student Orientation Staff. While at home I live on a farm and I am very involved in helping with raising the animals! I was previously employed at New London Community Child Care Center back home. This summer I got to serve as a camp counselor at Lakeview camp! I have always loved children, and have a passion for helping them learn and grow! I will be at Little Dutch Club in the mornings and afternoons!



**Miss Rachel**  
Caregiver

Hello my name is Rachel Pforts! I am from a small town in Iowa called Keosauqua. I have a small family! My mom, Karissa, my dad, Bryan, and brother, Ethan! During high school I played volleyball, softball, and did wrestling cheerleading. Before coming to Central, I always knew I wanted to major in education. During my junior year of high school, I did a Silver Cord project at my local hospital child care center! I completed 60 volunteer hours! Then was offered a job there, and have been working there since November of 2022!! This summer I babysat for a family of two girls! I am a sophomore at Central this year! I am majoring in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Math and a minor in Psychology. I hope to find a job at an elementary school! As well as in my future eventually go back to school to get my Masters in either Psychology for Counseling or Master in Education! I will be working at Little Dutch Club in the mornings and afternoons, and am looking forward to meeting all the children that are coming!





**Miss Josie**  
Caregiver

My name is Josalyn Chapman. You can call me Josie. I will be working at Little Dutch Club both in the mornings and after school! I'm a junior at Pella High. I'm from a family of 8. I like reading and hanging with friends and family. I help in my church's GEMS and VBS programs. I also help in Family Firsts. I'm hoping to go into early childhood education after graduation.



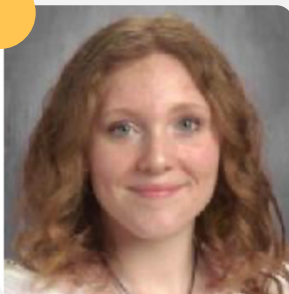
**Miss Rinnah**  
Caregiver

Hi, my name is Rinnah Hardeman. I am a junior at Pella High School where I am part of the color guard in the marching band and participate in speech. I am the middle child of three girls and I live with my parents in Pella. In my free time I love walking my dog, listening to music, and spending time outdoors with the people I love! I am so looking forward to working with your children this school year! I will be at Little Dutch Club everyday after school.



**Miss Lindley**  
Caregiver

Hello I'm Lindley Carlstone and I will be a junior at Pella High School. I am the third oldest of seven so I am very used to being around a lot of kids. I am involved in soccer and band and volunteer at my church's children's ministry as well as babysitting. I hope to go to Iowa State University and am interested in pediatric occupational therapy or psychology in the future! I will be working at Little Dutch Club after school!



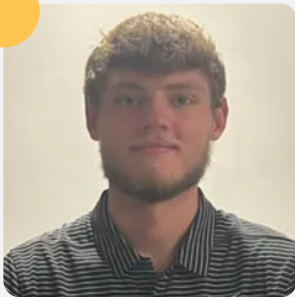
**Miss Jade**  
Caregiver

I'm Jade Martin and I am currently in high school and working at Little Dutch Academy and Little Dutch Club after school. Some of my interest are spending time with friends and family, showchoir, reading, and cuddling with my dog. My plan is to go into college to major into early childhood education and minor in special education.



**Miss Addie**  
Caregiver

My name is Addilyn Weesner and I am going to be a Junior at Pella High School. I have two older siblings who are in college and three younger sisters in middle school. I am involved in the High School Marching Dutch band and softball. I hope to go to college after I graduate and eventually have a job where I get to work with children! I will be working at Little Dutch Academy and Little Dutch Club after school.



**Mr. Ajay**  
Caregiver

Hello my name is Ajay Six. I am a graduate of Washington High School in Washington, Iowa. I am currently a sophomore at Central College in the education department. I am involved in Central Teacher Academy and work in a third grade classroom at Madison. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends during my free time. We like to play games, watch sporting events and be outdoors. One fun fact about me is I am a triplet.



**Miss Naomi**  
Caregiver

My name is Naomi Dunsbergen, and I am a current junior at Pella High School. I participate in Speech and the Pella Marching Dutch Color Guard. I am the youngest child of three. I enjoy writing, listening to music, and going on walks. Previously, I was a gymnastics coach here in Pella. I will be working after school at Little Dutch Club, and I am excited to work with your children!



**Miss Naomi**  
Caregiver

Hi! I'm Hadassah Grace Hopkins. I am currently a sophomore in high school. I have 5 siblings, and I am the fourth oldest. Some things I love to do in my free time include drawing, dancing, and hanging out with my friends. I also love to be around little children because I have two younger siblings that have given me plenty of experience. Ever since I was little, I have been around little kids and helping care for them. My mom did a babysitting business when I was younger, and I helped her out with that. Now that I have gotten older, I have gotten a lot more experience, and my passion for being around kids and caring for them has grown over the years. I will be working at Little Dutch after school!