

UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"
"ALL IN - EVERY CHILD - EVERY DAY"



MARCH 29, 2018

Next Week's Schedule

Fri., March 30 - No School - Easter Break
Mon., April 2 - No School - Teacher Inservice
Tues., April 3 - School Resumes
- 135th Day of School - Day 3
Wed., April 4 - PTO Fundraiser Packets Due
- 136th Day of School - Day 4
Thurs., April 5 - Regular Day of School
- 137th Day of School - Day 5
Fri., April 6 - ITBS Results Sent Home Grs. 2-5
- 138th Day of School - Day 6

Early Dismissal Today

Just a reminder that all Union Community School District buildings will dismiss early on the day proceeding a holiday or holiday break. Today, we had a scheduled early dismissal. At the elementary building, the 2:15 early dismissal time really translates to 2:25 for town/car riders and 2:35 for bus students. Please make sure your child knows of any changes to their normal pick up routines for Thursday.

Easter Break Friday & Monday

There will be no school tomorrow, Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2, due to Easter Break. The teachers will have professional development inservice on Monday. School will resume for all students and teachers on Tuesday, April 3.



Kindergarten Roundup - April 20

A reminder to our current kindergarten parents, that our kindergarten students will not have class on Friday, April 20. Next year's kindergarten students will be coming for kindergarten roundup from 9:00am - 11:00 am. Registration is just before 9:00 A.M. Staff members will greet parents and new kindergarten children at the front door of our building and then accompany all students to one of three kindergarten classrooms. From 9:00-11:00 A.M. students will rotate between each of the classrooms having the opportunity to be involved in various activities with each of the kindergarten teachers. Roundup will end at 11:00 A.M. at which time we ask parents to pick up their students by the front door of the building.

March/April Upcoming Dates

March 25 - LPC Elementary Art Show 1:00-3:00 pm
March 29 - 2:25/35 Early Dismissal: Holiday Break
March 30 - No School - Easter Break
April 2 - No School - Professional Development

Cherrydale Fundraiser Packets Due April 4

Just a reminder that our PTO Cherrydale Fundraiser selling dates are nearing the end. ***The fundraiser packet, which includes the order forms and money, need to be turned into the office on Wednesday, April 4.*** The items can be picked up Thursday, May 3. Here are a few reminders:

- *Students can turn in a coupon to their teacher that they sold 1 item and receive a Flying Super Hero Collectible.
- *Every student that has sold 1 item and turned in a coupon will have a chance to win a special prize in the 10 day of drawings which will be held at the end of the day.
- *Students selling 12 items will take part in a pizza party in May.
- *Students selling 20 items(30 per family) will be able to spin the wheel for cash/additional prizes during the pizza party in May.
- *All prizes after the 1 item level on the prize brochure will be delivered on the pickup day on May 3.
- *Please make all checks out to LPC PTO.
- *Items can be purchased via the paper order forms or online at www.cherrydale.com/frcelci.
- *Please refer to the white brochure packet for further information or contact the elementary office.



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Iowa Assessments Test Results

This upcoming Friday, April 6 students in grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be bringing home their results for the Iowa Assessments. These tests were taken in February and the teachers just received them this past month. You will be receiving a parent report label letter and then also a parent profile narrative. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

BUILDING a Reader At HOME

Explore Books!

Give your child an opportunity to explore books. **Visiting a library or bookstore** gives your child a chance to find topics and books that interest them.

Read, Read, Read!

Make sure to read for at least **30 minutes per day!** Students can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner.

Ask Questions!

- Predictions
- Characters
- Main Idea
- Problem
- Solution
- Retell Story
- Genre
- Moral

Make it Fun!

Reading shouldn't be a chore. Intentionally read with your child/discuss books but also research topics and do book activities together.

Be an example!

Children learn by example, so **let your child see you read** whether it be a book, newspaper, cookbook, etc.

Pick Good Fit Books!

A book that is a **good match for your child** should meet the following requirements:

- Purpose for reading
- Interest
- Can they understand what they are reading?
Can they retell the story?
- Do they know most of the words?

For Beginning Readers:

- Point out and read words in natural settings – stores, streets, etc.
- Memorize sight words
- Visualize the story in your head
- Ask questions before, during, and after
Don't immediately tell an unknown word to your student. Instead, ask them to:
 - Sound out the word
 - Break the word into parts
- Try a different vowel sound (long/short)
- Use illustrations for clues
- Skip the word, re-read sentence, and go back – what word would make sense?

For Advanced Readers:

- Notice interesting, new vocabulary words, and make it a challenge to use them in conversation
- Read with expression
- Explore non-fiction books and their text features (diagrams, table of content, etc.) along with other genres as well
- Compare and contrast books
- Discuss connections to literature
- Think of new titles for books
- Explore multiple books from the same author