

UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Schedule

- Mon. Oct. 22** - 41st Day of School - Day 5
- National Bus Safety Week
- Book Fair This Week
- 2:25/35 Early Dismissal
- 3-7:00 pm P/T Conferences
- Tues., Oct. 23** - 42nd Day of School - Day 6
- Red Ribbon Week: RED DAY
Wear Red to Support a Drug Free Life
- Picture Retakes
- Wed., Oct. 24** - 43rd Day of School - Day 1
- Red Ribbon Week: UNITY DAY
- Wear Orange to Support Bully Prevention
- Together we are UNITED for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion
- Thurs., Oct. 25** - 44th Day of School - Day 2
- Red Ribbon Week: NEON DAY
- Wear your brightest colors to show you can SHINE BRIGHT being drug free
- 2:25/35 Early Dismissal
- 3-7:00 pm P/T Conferences
- Fri., Oct. 26** - No School
Teacher Professional Development

Upcoming October Dates

- Oct. 22-26 - Bus Safety Week
Oct. 23-30 - Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 22-25 - Book Fair
Oct. 22 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
- Title I Parent Meeting 6:30-7:00 pm
Oct. 25 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
Oct. 26 - No School: Professional Development
Oct. 26 - End of the 1st Quarter
Oct. 31 - Halloween - Room Parties - Costume March

Scholastic Book Fair

This upcoming conference week October 22-25, our LPC Elementary will once again be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. It will be for 4 days and end with conferences next Thursday evening. The book fair will be open in the library during regular school hours 8:00-3:00 pm daily. You should have received a special book fair note and flyer this past week. At our book fair we will be offering the Classroom Wish List program. You may purchase a book for your child's classroom. Also keep in mind that books make great presents.

Title I Parent Meeting Oct. 22

The annual Title I parent meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 at 6:30-7:00 pm in the Stem room. This is on the first night of conferences. There will be time to ask questions, and learn more about our Title I reading program. If you cannot attend, you still can touch base with your child's teacher at conferences.

Red Ribbon Week

October 22-30 is national Red Ribbon Week. This year we will celebrate activities from Tuesday, October 23 to the following Tuesday, October 30. During those days we will have dress up days and the importance of being healthy will be discussed in the classrooms. See the dress up days/theme listed above.

Picture Retakes - Tuesday, Oct. 23

On Tuesday, October 23, picture retakes will be held in the morning. Pictures will be taken of students whose first picture was flawed or who were not present when the original pictures were taken. A flawed picture is when your child's eyes were closed, there was a shadow across the face, a poor image of your child, and/or there were some technical problems with the picture. If your child is having their picture retaken, they need to make sure they bring the complete original picture packet back to school. Contact the office with any questions you may have.

Conferences October 22 & 25

Our first conferences for the Union Community Schools will be held in two weeks on **Monday, October 22 and Thursday, October 25**. The Monday conference date is a change from the scheduled Tuesday, October 23 day due to the High School Volleyball Team's anticipated district game the same evening. Tuesday, October 23 will now be a regular day of school with a 3:10 dismissal. Conferences will be from 3:00-7:00 on both evenings. There will also be a 2:15 dismissal on both of these days. At the elementary, this time translates to a 2:25 dismissal for walkers/car riders and 2:35 for bus students. This will be followed by a no school day on Friday, October 26. Parents should have signed up for a conference time this past week. If you have not, please contact the office to do so. Conference verification notes will be sent out this upcoming week.

PTO Childcare at Conferences

The PTO parent group will once again be providing child care in the gymnasium for our conferences. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with daycare at conferences please contact the office or sign up on the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E49AEA922A2FA7-babysitting>

National Bus Safety Week

This upcoming week is National Bus Safety Week. We thank our bus drivers for the great job they do day in and day out transporting our students in a safe manner. Remind your child of the proper bus expectations that are found in the LPC handbook and online. We will have all school bus drills on Wednesday. Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties - to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week.

Change of Plans Emails to Teachers

We ask parents that if there is a change of plans for your child in how they are getting home in the middle of the day, please call or email the office. Emails and texts to your child's teachers may not always be read before the end of the day depending on their daily schedules. If at all possible, students who have a change of plans that varies from their typical after school routines need to bring a note from home stating their intentions. This is a safety issue as we want to keep track of the children and let bus drivers know of changes.

SAVE THE DATE:

LPC ELEMENTARY WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 3 & 10

Our first programs for the winter music concerts will be on the same night: **Monday, December 3 - kindergarten and first grade at 6:15. Second and third grades will perform on the same night December 3 at 7:00.** The last music program will be for **fourth and fifth grades on Monday, December 10 at 7:00.** All three performances will be held in the Matt High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in.

Iowa School Alerts

Union Community Schools have been using Iowa School Alerts for many years now. A few years ago our school switched to the new system of Iowa School Alerts. If you signed up last year, then you can continue the system. If you have not signed up yet to receive valuable alerts specific to Union Community School closures (including early dismissals and/or late starts), you can simply visit the Iowa School Alerts website to subscribe. <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/s/ubscriber/new>. You may choose email or text alerts from the drop-down menu; however, please note that in order to receive both, you must go in and subscribe separately for each preference.

Halloween Parties: Costumes Can Be Brought to School Again This Year

Our annual Halloween parties will be Wednesday, October 31, in the late afternoon. This will be a great time to celebrate the fall harvest. This year again, **we are going to allow students to bring costumes to school, as long as they follow the rules below.**

Your classroom teachers will let you know what each classroom has planned for the afternoon. Trick or Treat night in La Porte City will be on Wednesday, October 31 in the evening from 5:30-7:30 pm.

1. Students should bring their costumes in a bag or sack and have all of the pieces labeled so they don't lose any. Make sure they put all the pieces back in a bag after their parties to take home.
2. Costumes that are too scary, gory, or inappropriate for school should not be worn.
3. Simple costumes not involving face make-up and/or hair paint are recommended.
4. We ask that any pretend weapons be kept at home and not brought to school. This includes: (any type of guns, swords, knives, crossbows, etc.)
5. The students will be given time in the afternoon to put on their costumes before the classroom parties. Students need to wear costumes that are easy to put on and can be put on over their school clothes. These also need to be costumes that can be put on by themselves.
6. Students do not have to purchase new costumes, dressing up as their favorite hero, sports player: basketball, baseball, football, etc, sports team, or Union Knights shirts would work just fine.
7. If you are unsure whether your costume is "appropriate for school" please contact the office ahead of time.
8. Students who wish not to participate in this activity may be excused by the classroom teacher at the request of the parents.

Cold Weather Clothing Alert

The cold weather has moved in and a chill is in the air. I think it is safe to say that winter is getting closer. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather when it arrives by having them wear a warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future. Also don't forget to pack their shoes in their backpacks to change into when they arrive at school. Recesses are held outside whenever possible.

Inclement Weather Reminder

Announcements about the closing, late start, or early dismissal of school due to inclement weather will be made on the radio and television stations listed below. Parents can also sign up for the Iowa School Alerts (<https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>.) to get free e-mail notification on weather related dismissals.
AM Radio: KXEL-1540, KWLO-1330, WMT-600, KOEL-950
FM Radio: KOKZ-105.7, KFMW-108, WMT-96.5, KKCV-98.5
Television: KWLL-7, KGAN-2, KCRG-9