

UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"

"ALL IN – EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY"



DEC. 21, 2018

Next Week's Schedule

Mon., Dec. 24 - Wed. Jan. 2 - No School

- Winter Holiday Break

Thurs., Jan. 3 - 82nd Day of School - Day 4

- Classes Resume

Fri., Jan. 4 - 83rd Day of School - Day 5

- Regular Day of School

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 21 - Classroom Holiday Parties

Dec. 21 - Early Dismissal - Winter Break(2:25 & 2:35)

Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - Winter Break

Jan. 3 - Classes Resume from Winter Break

Jan. 21 - No School - Professional Development

Winter Break: Dec. 24-Jan. 2

The Christmas winter break will begin soon next week on Monday, December 24. The students last day before break is today, Friday, December 21 with a 2:25 dismissal at the elementary building. School will resume as scheduled on Thursday, January 3.

Holiday Break Reading Challenge

We are excited to announce that our building will be having a **Holiday Break Reading Challenge!** We strongly encourage you to read with, and/or listen to your child read over break. We know that it is a busy time, but it is a GREAT way to keep reading while enjoying the holidays to pick different, fun ways to read over holiday break! **This past week, information was sent out with more specific details.** Depending on the grade your child is in determines how he/she will complete each activity and meet the goal.



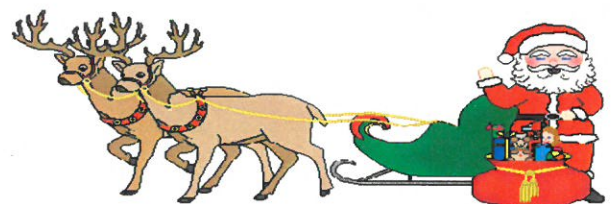
Lost & Found: Winter Clothing

It is that time of year that our students are wearing all of their winter weather clothing. It is so important to remind your children to keep track of their items throughout the day. Putting your child's name on their winter items would help in returning these to them in case they are dropped. One easy trick is to have your child put their gloves and hat in their sleeve when they take them off. We have a lost and found spot in the hall on the bench next to the gym. If you have lost items, have your child check this spot.

2019 New Year's Resolutions

It is that time of year again that people attempt to identify and then stick to a New Year's Resolution. At school we will be having each class talk about and make a plan for the 2019 year. Listed below are some ideas that parents can try. These will assist your child in practicing and improving their reading skills. Take a look at these tips and try some of them for the upcoming year. You might find that they will turn into daily habits and normal routines.

1. Read to your child on a daily basis.
2. Provide your child a quiet, comfortable place to read and study.
3. Encourage your child to develop a personal library and to add to it regularly.
4. Provide your child with a wide range of experiences.
5. Talk to your child on a daily basis about school, work, etc.
6. Praise your child for at least one success or improvement daily.
7. Hug your child at least once a day.
8. Respect your child as an individual who has unique talents and abilities.
9. Provide family activities which encourage your child to grow in different ways.
10. Encourage your child to view reading as an enjoyable and fulfilling lifetime experience.



HOLIDAY FUN AT HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- Christmas Card Crafting is in the library through Saturday, December 22. Stamp, cut, glue, draw, or sticker to create cards your own way to share this Christmas holiday.
- Dash in and scoop up extra books and movies early because Hawkins Memorial Library is closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday.
- Smallfoot is the movie on Wednesday, December 26, at 1:15 PM. A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist. Rated PG, animation/adventure/comedy, plays 1 hr. 36 min.
- Play BINGO with us on Thursday, December 27, from 2 to 4 PM. Have fun and win small prizes!
- Help build a LEGO city at the library Friday, December 28 through Monday, December 31. It's all about adding buildings and creating together to make the biggest and best city out of LEGOs ever.
- Wednesday, January 2 is bird feeder day at the library. Make simple feeders to hang on the Christmas tree downtown.
- Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie is the 1:15 PM movie on Wednesday, January 2. Two overly imaginative pranksters hypnotize their principal into thinking he's a ridiculously enthusiastic, incredibly dimwitted superhero named Captain Underpants. Rated PG, animation/action/comedy, plays 1 hr. and 29 min