UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"
"ALL IN – EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY"

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Next Week's Schedule

Mon. Oct. 15 - 36th Day of School - Day 6
- National School Lunch Week

Tues., Oct. 16 - 37th Day of School - Day 1
- Regular Day of School

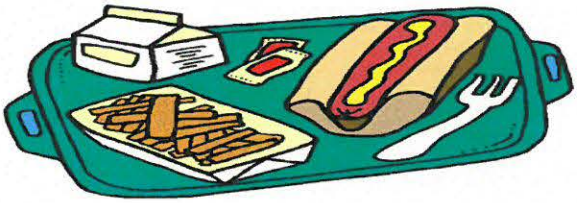
Wed., Oct. 17 - 38th Day of School - Day 2
- Character Respect Day - Wear Yellow

Thurs., Oct. 18 - 39th Day of School - Day 3
- Regular Day of School

Fri., Oct. 19 - 40th Day of School - Day 4
- 2N Gr to LPC Nursing Home

National School Lunch Week

This week we will be celebrating National School Lunch Week. We thank our cooks for the hard work they do each day preparing healthy and nutritional meals for our students.



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. We thank the PTO for this great service.

Upcoming October Dates

Oct. 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
Oct. 8-12 - National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9 - K to Ride Fire Trucks to Fire Station 8:30-9:30
Oct. 15-19 - National School Lunch Week
Oct. 18 - PTO Pumpkin Painting 6:00-7:30 pm
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

PTO Pumpkin Painting - October 18

The PTO will be hosting a Pumpkin Painting activity coming up in two weeks on Thursday, October 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the elementary gym. Once again the Hanson family will have some pumpkins available to purchase. You may also bring your own pumpkins. Paints and brushes will be provided by the school for families to decorate their pumpkins. We ask an adult to accompany all children attending. See you all there!!! It will be a fun night!

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.

Wear Yellow on Wednesday

The month of October we are kicking off this year's Pillar of Character program with the Respect Pillar. This is also tied into our 2nd Step and Zones of Regulation curriculum. As a school community we will be celebrating this pillar by wearing the color yellow on Wednesday October 17 as the Respect Pillar exemplifies following the Golden Rule. Be sure to show your Union Knight spirit and wear yellow on this day.

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. Our elementary school music teacher, Deb Jungling, directs the winter programs.

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 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'sTtitle I teacher at conferences.

Zones of Regulation

This year both elementary buildings are incorporating the Zones of Regulation curriculum into our classrooms. These are lessons and activities designed to help students recognize their feelings and gain skills in the area of self-regulation, which is centered around self-control, self-management, impulse control, and state of alertness. The lessons and learning activities are designed to help students recognize when they are in the different zones and learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the zone they are in. In addition, the students will gain an awareness of emotional terms, skills in reading other people's facial expressions, perspectives about how others see and react to their behavior, insight into events that trigger their behavior, calming and alerting strategies, and problem solving skills. A critical aspect of this curriculum is that all staff members know and understand the Zones Language. This creates a supportive environment for students to practice their self-regulation skills. You can help at home by asking your child to explain to you what the four zones of regulation colors on the back of today's newsletter mean to them and how have they been learning about it at school.

Blue Zone Green Zone Yellow Zone Red Zone

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.

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.