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. 29 - 45th Day of School - Day 3
- Red Ribbon Week: Crazy Sock DAY
Sock it to Drugs

Tues., Oct. 30 - 46th Day of School - Day 4
- Red Ribbon Week: HATS DAY
Hats off to being Drug Free

Wed., Oct. 31 - 47th Day of School - Day 5
- Fall Harvest (Halloween) Parade & Parties
- LPC Trick or Treat Night 5:30-7:30

Thurs., Nov. 1 - 48th Day of School - Day 6
- Regular Day of School

Fri., Nov. 2 - 49th Day of School – Day 1
- Union Knight Spirit Day

Upcoming Fall/Winter Dates

Oct. 31 - Halloween - Room Parties - Costume March
Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back 1 Hr.
Nov. 6 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
Nov. 6 - 3rd & 5th Grades to Gallagher Bluedorn (UNI)
Nov. 13-17 - American Education Week
Nov. 20 - 2:25/2:35 Holiday Early Dismissal
Nov. 21 - No School
Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec. 3 - K & 1st Grade Winter Concerts(6:15pm@HS)
Dec. 3 - 2nd&3rd Grds Winter Concerts(7:00pm @ HS)
Dec. 4 - PTO Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:30pm
Dec. 10 - 4th&5th Grds Winter Concerts(7:00pm@HS)
Dec. 21 - 2:25 Dismissal for Winter Break

LPC ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

SCRIP ORDERS

One of PTO's ongoing fundraisers is the Scrip program. This is an easy way to provide funds for field trips, books/materials, and technology without selling anything! Purchase gift cards through Scrip for yourself to places you normally visit or as gifts for any occasion. Scrip orders are sent home throughout the year – watch for the pink order form to come home with your child. More options available online by visiting www.shopwithscrip.com. To sign up for the first time, click "Register" in the upper right corner, then "Join a Scrip Program" and enter our enrollment code: B4L78C7141185. Please contact the office or PTO at LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT PIZZA RANCH IN VINTON NOV. 12

Join the LPC Elementary families for a fun family night out at the Vinton Pizza Ranch! A percentage of sales and all tips will be donated to the elementary school. This will take place on Monday, November 12 from 5:00-8:00pm at the Vinton Pizza Ranch on 219 West Fourth Street in Vinton. You can also sign up to work any of the 60 minute shifts to bus tables that night. Remember to order Pizza Ranch Gift cards in advance through our SCRIP orders. Gift cards are $25.00 and the school earns 8% back for every card sold.

SANTA'S COTTAGE DEC. 4(5-7:30)

Make sure to mark your calendars now for our upcoming Santa's Cottage on Tuesday Dec. 4 from 5-7:30. The holidays will be here soon and as a special service, your school PTO is holding a Holiday Surprise Store! Children will have the opportunity to shop on their own for affordable gifts for family and friends. More information will be coming soon.

UNION PTO CHRISTMAS APPAREL ORDERS DUE NOV. 13

This past week order forms were sent home for our Union PTO Apparel via hard copy and email through the online jmc system. You can order: shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bags, shorts, and sweatpants. You can also use the online order form at: https://stores.inksoft.com/lpc_elementary_pto_christmas.

Red Ribbon Week Continued

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.

ELEM. WINTER CONCERTS DEC. 3 & 10

Our first elementary concert is **Monday, Dec. 3 - kindergarten and first grade at 6:15. Second and third grades will perform on the same night Dec. 3 at 7:00**. The last music program will be for **fourth and fifth grades on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:00.** All three performances will be held in the Matt High School Aud.

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.

Halloween Safety Tips From A-Z

A - Always carry a flashlight.
B - Buy costumes that are made of flame retardant material.
C - Costumes should not drag on the ground or be too dark to see.
D - Don't cut across yards or driveways.

E - Eat dinner before going out to trick-or-treat.
F - Follow all traffic laws and signals.
G - Go slow drivers. Be careful if you're behind the wheel.
H - Healthy treats like raisons or crackers are good alternatives to candy.

I - If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
J - Jackets should be worn over or under costumes on a cool night.
K - Know how and where to contact your parents.
L - Light your jack-o-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.

M - Make sure your shoes fit and are tied tightly.
N - Never enter a stranger's home.
O - Only eat candy after your parents have checked it.
P - Props such as a sword or wand should be flexible toys.

Q - Quality costumes are a good thing to have so they don't fall apart as they are walking.
R - Remember to walk and not run between houses.
S - Stay on sidewalks as much as possible.
T - Trick-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods close to home.

U - Unfamiliar animals and pets should be avoided.
V - Visit only houses that are lit.
W - Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
X - Young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
Z - ZZZZZZZZZZ!!!!! Have them get plenty of sleep for school the next day.