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

Sun., Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hr

Mon. Nov. 5 - 50th Day of School - Day 2
- Regular Day of School

Tues., Nov. 6 - 51st Day of School - Day 3
- 3rd & 5th Gr. to Gallagher Bluedorn
- 6:00pm PTO Meeting in the Library

Wed., Nov. 7 - 52nd Day of School - Day 4
- Regular Day of School

Thurs., Nov. 8 - 53rd Day of School - Day 5
- Regular Day of School

Fri., Nov. 9 - 54th Day of School - Day 6
- Regular Day of School

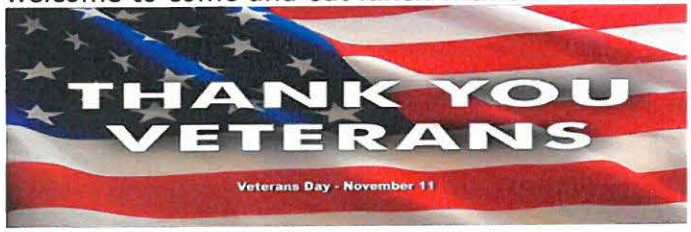
Mon., Nov. 12 – Veteran's Day Observed

Set Your Clocks Back Sunday

Just a reminder for parents to remember to set your clocks back 1 hour this Sunday morning, Nov. 4. This will conclude daylight savings time for another year. Enjoy the hour of extra sleep that we will all take advantage of. It should be lighter in the mornings now, but it will get darker earlier at night.

Veteran's Day Celebrated on Nov. 12

Since Veteran's Day is on Sunday this year, we will be celebrating it on Monday, November 12. At the elementary building we will have students wear red, white, and blue and/or camouflage clothes. The front of the building will be decorated with flags lining the sidewalk. Any veterans are welcome to come and eat lunch with the students.



Veteran's Eat With Students

On Monday, November 12, we would like to extend a welcome to any Veterans to come eat with our elementary students at lunch. Please call the office to let us know ASAP by this Friday, if you plan to come.

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. 12 - Veteran's Day Observed–Wear Red/white/blu
- Veterans Can Eat With Students
Nov. 12-16 - American Education Week
Nov. 14 - Citizenship Day – Wear Purple
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 - TK,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. 12 - Fairness Day - Wear Orange
Dec. 21 - 2:25 Dismissal for Winter Break

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. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in. Our elementary school music teacher, Deb Jungling, directs the winter programs.

Iowa School Alerts

If you want to receive weather alerts about Union Community School Schools including early dismissals and/or late starts, sign up now. Simply visit the Iowa School Alerts website to subscribe. https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/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.

Holiday Assitance Available

Each year our elementary building is contacted by different local community organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December.

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

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

Last 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.

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Head Lice Alert

It is that time of year that we are seeing some cases of head lice at the elementary building. As a reminder do not have your child share combs or hats with other students. Avoid head to head (hair to hair contact) with others. Clean and check your child's hair on a regular basis. Make sure to also wash your child's pillow cases and bedding on a regular basis. Please contact our school nurse if you have any questions.

Cold Weather Clothing Alert

The cold weather is starting to move in and a chill will soon be 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. It is safe to say that shorts, tank tops, and flip flops season is over. Sweatshirts and fall jackets should now be worn. A warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots will soon be advised for when winter weather occurs. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future.

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.

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.