

# 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"*



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## Next Week's Schedule

- Mon., Nov. 12** - 55th Day of School - Day 1  
- Veteran's Day Observed (Wear Red, White, & Blue)  
- American Education Week  
- PTO Family Night @ Pizza Ranch (Vinton) 5-8pm
- Tues., Nov. 13** - 56th Day of School - Day 2  
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Nov. 14** - 57th Day of School - Day 3  
- Character Citizenship Day - Wear Purple
- Thurs., Nov. 15** - 58th Day of School - Day 4  
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Nov. 16** - 59th Day of School - Day 5  
- Regular Day of School

## Upcoming Fall/Winter Dates

- Nov. 6 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm  
Nov. 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades to Gallagher Bluedorn (UNI)  
Nov. 12 - Veteran's Day Observed - Wear Red/white/blue  
- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Winter Concerts (6:15pm @ HS)  
Dec. 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grds Winter Concerts (7:00pm @ HS)  
Dec. 4 - PTO Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:30pm  
Dec. 10 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grds Winter Concerts (7:00pm @ HS)  
Dec. 12 - Fairness Day - Wear Orange  
Dec. 21 - 2:25 Dismissal for Winter Break

## LPC-Dysart FFA Pancake Breakfast Sun.

This Sunday, November 11 from 9am to 12:30pm, the La Porte City-Dysart FFA will host a pancake breakfast at the FFA Historical and Ag Museum. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds go to the La Porte City FFA Historical and Ag Museum. Come support our local FFA chapter.

## Veteran's Day Celebrated Monday

Since Veteran's Day is on Sunday this year, we will be celebrating it this upcoming 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. Please call the office to let us know ASAP by Monday at 8:30am, if you plan to come.

## Family Night @ Pizza Ranch (Vinton) Monday

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.

## UNION PTO 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](https://stores.inksoft.com/lpc_elementary_pto_christmas).

## American Education Week

This upcoming week of November 12-16 is American Education Week. At the La Porte City Elementary school we are stressing to our children the importance and value of a great education. As educators we are aware of the enormous job we have in educating each individual child to the best of our ability. We are preparing our children today to become future leaders.

## Wear Purple on Wednesday

The month of November we are continuing this year's Pillar of Character program with the Citizen Pillar. This is also tied into our 2<sup>nd</sup> Step and Zones of Regulation curriculum. As a school community we will be celebrating this pillar by wearing the color purple on Wednesday November 14 as the Citizenship Pillar exemplifies being a leader and a good neighbor. Be sure to show your Union Knight spirit and wear purple on this day.



# 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](http://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](mailto:LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 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.

## ELEM. WINTER CONCERTS DEC. 3 & 10

Our first elementary concert is **Monday, Dec. 3 - TK, 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.

## 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothing Needed

We are in need of spare clothing in our nurse's office for students that may need them throughout the day. Sweat pants, boys pants, and long sleeve shirts are in high demand now. Sizes 6-10 would work best. Just send them to the office with your child.

## 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 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.

## Holiday Assistance 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. Last week, a sheet was attached to the newsletter for families to sign up if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. Contact the office if you want another sheet sent home.