

# 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"*



Nov. 20, 2018

## Next Week's Schedule

**Wed., Nov. 21** - No School: Conf. Comp. Day  
**Thurs., Nov. 22** - No School: Thanksgiving Holiday  
**Fri., Nov. 23** - No School: Thanksgiving Vacation  
**Mon., Nov. 26** - 62nd Day of School - Day 2  
- Regular Day of School  
**Tues., Nov. 27** - 63rd Day of School - Day 3  
- Regular Day of School  
**Wed., Nov. 28** - 64th Day of School - Day 4  
- Regular Day of School  
**Thurs., Nov. 29** - 65th Day of School - Day 5  
- Regular Day of School  
**Fri., Nov. 30** - 66th Day of School - Day 6  
- Regular Day of School

## No School Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

We will have no school on Wednesday, November 21 due to comp day for conferences. The Thanksgiving Holiday will then follow with there being no school on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the holiday break. School will resume as scheduled on Monday, November 26. Have a nice break.

## A Time For Thanks

Traditionally this is the time of year when we stop and give thanks for things that we have to be grateful for this year. As I reflect on this first part of the school year, here are the things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for kind words, they make us all feel appreciated. I am thankful for smiles, they make our day brighter. I am thankful for positive attitudes, they are contagious. I am thankful for students, they are the reason that we are here. I am thankful for teachers, secretaries, nurses, associates, cooks, custodians, and bus drivers, they all work together to guide our future leaders. I am thankful for parents, they assist us in educating our children. I am thankful for volunteers and the support of our communities, we cannot provide a quality education alone. I am thankful for the opportunity to work together.

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

Santa's Cottage will be here in just a few weeks! Children can shop on their own for affordable gifts for their family. The prices will range from \$0.25 - \$5.00 per item. Volunteers will help to personalize items and gift wrap too! While the kids are shopping in the gym, vendors will be set up in the hallway for parents to shop too! For more details, visit our page [www.facebook.com/LPCElementaryPTO](http://www.facebook.com/LPCElementaryPTO)

## Upcoming Fall/Winter Dates

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

## 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.

## WINTER CAN FOOD DRIVE

Our La Porte City Elementary student council, along with the La Porte City Elementary Building is Sponsoring a Can Food Drive. This will take place at each of the La Porte City Elementary's Winter Concerts at the High School Auditorium:

(December 3 - Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Concert)  
(December 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert)  
(December 10 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert)

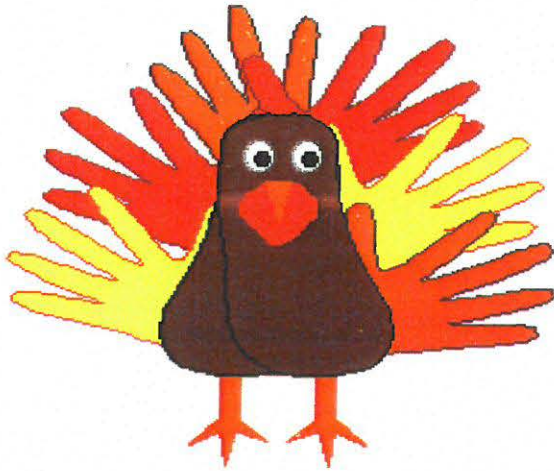
A display, along with boxes to collect cans will be out in the HS hallway before the concerts. All proceeds will go to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank & LPC Food Pantry. They are in need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, and peanut butter.

## Iowa School Alerts

Union Community Schools have been using Iowa School Alerts for many years now. If you have not signed up yet to receive valuable alerts specific to Union Community School closures (including early dismissals and/or late starts), you can simply visit the Iowa School Alerts website to subscribe. <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscribe/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.

## What is this new WIN Time?

Union Community School District has adopted a new program called WIN time this school year. This stands for What I Need. The program may look different at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. At this time at the elementary level, it is designed to give students who need it additional literacy and/or math instruction based on their needs. More information about the program is listed below. As we continue to develop WIN time throughout the school year, we will send out updates to parents.



## LPC Library Happenings

Here is a list of upcoming events at the LPC library this upcoming month.

- Gobble up crafting fun on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19-21. Free make and take Thanksgiving crafts can be created at the library.
- Incredibles 2, is the movie playing at 1:15 PM on Wednesday, November 21. Bob Parr (Mr. Incredible) is left to care for the kids while Helen (Elastigirl) is out saving the world. Rated PG, animation/action/adventure, plays 1 hr. and 58 min.
- Meet Santa Claus in front of the library on Saturday, Dec 1, at 11:30 AM when he arrives on a fire truck, courtesy of La Porte City Fire and Rescue. Visit with Santa from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, order keepsake pictures taken by Photographic Images by Georgia, and purchase the book Geoffrey's Christmas Wish from author Ruth Anne Schneck. And don't miss making Christmas crafts between 9 AM and 1 PM. The library has all the supplies for a great morning.
- All ages are welcome to build at LEGORAMA on Tuesday, December 4, from 4 to 5:30 PM. Christmas is the building theme for December.

## What I Need

The purpose of WIN (WHAT I NEED) is to provide 15-20 minutes during the school day, for students to receive additional literacy and/or math instruction based on their needs.

### what WIN could look like:

- Intervention
- Small-group
- One-on-one
- Moving to other rooms
- With student's teacher
- With another staff member
- Fluid and flexible grouping

Decisions made for this district-wide intervention initiative are based on data collected by teachers.