

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., Dec. 17** - 77th Day of School - Day 5
- Regular Day of School
- Tues., Dec. 18** - 78th Day of School - Day 6
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Dec. 19** - 79th Day of School - Day 1
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Dec. 20** - 80th Day of School - Day 2
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Dec. 21** - 81st Day of School - Day 3
- Elementary Sing-A-Long
- Classroom Parties
- **Early Dismissal (2:25/2:35)**
- Mon., Dec. 24 - Wed. Jan. 2** - No School
- Winter Holiday Break
- Thurs., Jan. 3** - 82nd Day of School - Day 4
- Classes Resume

Holiday Parties

On Friday, students will have their holiday classroom parties with their teachers. Each grade level will be doing different activities. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about their classroom parties. There is nothing like holidays in the elementary building.

Elementary Sing-A-Long

On Friday morning, our students will gather together to sing some holiday songs. This is a past tradition here at La Porte City Elementary. Each class will also get a chance to hear each other perform a few songs from the winter concert. It will be a great time!

Early Dismissal Friday

Just a reminder that all Union Community School District buildings will dismiss early on the day preceding a holiday or holiday break. This upcoming Friday, we will have an early dismissal. At the elementary building, the 2:15 early dismissal time really translates to 2:25 for walkers/car riders and 2:35 for bus students. Please make sure your child knows of any changes to their normal pick up routines for Friday.

Winter Break: Dec. 24-Jan. 2

The Christmas winter break will begin next week on Monday, December 24. The students last day before break is Friday, December 21 with a 2:25 dismissal at the elementary building. School will resume as scheduled on Thursday, January 3.

Upcoming Fall/Winter Dates

- 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 - Classroom Holiday Parties
Dec. 21 - 2:25 Dismissal for Winter Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - Winter Break
Jan. 3 - Classes Resume from Winter Break

Lunch Money Reminders

Just a reminder to parents to keep a close eye on your child's lunch account each month to make sure the balance is in the positive. Adding money to your child's account at the beginning of each month on a regular basis will eliminate any worries or confusion of having a negative balance. Remember that your account will be used up quicker if your child also eats breakfast. Notes are given to students to take home if their lunch balance is at \$4.00 or below. Our JMC program automatically emails parents as an additional reminder of low lunch account balances. I do see the daily print outs and do call parents if their accounts reach a large amount of negative balance. We track the negative lunch balances each day and that is sent over to the district office. They check it over and ask us to make sure to remind parents that the auditors discourage us from having large amounts of negative balances in this account, since it is not supposed to be a charge account. Your help and assistance is needed in this area. Please call the elementary office if you have any questions.

Lost & Found: Winter Clothing

It is that time of year that our students are wearing all of their winter weather clothing. It is so important to remind your children to keep track of their items throughout the day. Putting your child's name on their winter items would help in returning these to them in case they are dropped. One easy trick is to have your child put their gloves and hat in their sleeve when they take them off. We have a lost and found spot in the hall on the benches near the gym. If you have lost items, have your child check these spots.



LPC 2018-19 Winter Holiday Countdown

The La Porte City Elementary building is excited to have the 12 Days of Christmas countdown. Here is a list of our daily activities we will do. The students can dress up to any of the days they want. We embrace the holiday spirit with enthusiasm and excitement along with our students.

- 12 - Dec. 6 (Thurs.) - Jingle Bells: Wear your favorite jingle bell!
Bells will be given to all.
- 11 - Dec. 7 (Fri.) - Grinch Day: Wear green for Grinch Day!!
- 10 - Dec. 10 (Mon.) - Elf Day: Be an elf today and be helpful! Elves are helpers!
- 9 - Dec. 11 (Tues.) - Frosty the Snowman Day: Classes will decorate a snowman to display in the hallway.
- 8 - Dec. 12 (Wed.) - Deck the Halls Day: (Wear Orange for Citizenship Month)
Classes will decorate the hallway with some holiday cheer!
- 7 - Dec. 13 (Thurs.) - Jolly Old St. Nicholas Day: Wear holiday sweaters/shirt/outfits today. Be jolly and kind to your classmates and teacher today!
- 6 - Dec. 14 (Fri.) - Reindeer Day: Wear reindeer antlers if you have them.
- 5 - Dec. 17 (Mon.) - The Night Before Christmas Day: Mr. Parker will read The Night Before Christmas over the intercom.
- 4 - Dec. 18 (Tues.) - Oh Christmas Tree Day: Classes will decorate their hallway door as a Christmas tree!
- 3 - Dec. 19 (Wed.) - Santa Claus is Coming to Town Day: Wear red and a Santa hat, if you have one.
- 2 - Dec. 20 (Thurs.) - Polar Express Day: Wear your pj's to school and enjoy the story Polar Express in your classrooms.!
- 1 - Dec. 21 (Fri.) - We Wish You a Merry Christmas Day: Wear green and red and enjoy our last day activities before Christmas! Sing-A-Long in the am, parties in the pm.



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CHRISTMAS
COUNTDOWN