

UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



LETTER #1

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"



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Next Week's Schedule

Mon., Aug. 26 - 2nd Day of School - Day 2
- Regular Day of School
Tues., Aug. 27 - 3rd Day of School - Day 3
- Regular Day of School
Wed., Aug. 28 - 4th Day of School - Day 4
- Regular Day of School
Thurs., Aug. 29 - 5th Day of School - Day 5
- Regular Day of School
Fri., Aug. 30 - 6th Day of School - Day 6
- 2:25/2:35 Early Dismissal
Mon. Sept. 2 - No School - Labor Day

News from the Principal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I am very excited about starting my fifteenth year as the k-5 elementary principal here at Union in La Porte City. I am looking forward to building on the last fourteen years' successes. This will be my twenty-ninth year in education and my nineteenth year as an elementary principal. Our goal is to create a positive atmosphere in our building where education is engaging, exciting, challenging, and a fun place for our students. The safety and learning of our students are our also top priorities. I feel with our teachers, parents, and students all working together, this will be a great year for our children.

Start Time

At Union Elementary in La Porte City our school will begin at 8:05am with the tardy bell. Students can start coming into the building at 8:00 and go straight to their classroom. If they come before 8:00, they are to go to the gym. Students eating breakfast may enter the front doors of the building **no earlier than 7:40**. Serving ends at 7:55am for breakfast. **Please do not drop your children off to school before 7:40am as no direct supervision is available until then.**

Visitors

Parents are welcome to visit their child in school. **Please give the teachers and students a few weeks to establish classroom routines and expectations before coming to visit.** We ask that you check in at the office and sign in the notebook on the counter. If you are coming for lunch, please call ahead of time so we can add you to our lunch count.

Elementary Theme - Motto

This year's elementary theme will be **"All In - Every Child - Every Day."** This will be our 6th year that our building focus is on a professional development process called (PLC) or Professional Learning Communities. We also will be using the motto "Come Grow with Us" as our focus on having a growth mindset. We will continue our commitment as a team to meet the needs of all of our students together, for every child, everyday! We will be embracing the vision of **all students will learn** from the thought that **all student can learn**. It is our responsibility to do everything possible to make this happen. The PLC process involves the teachers working in grade levels across the district in weekly meetings. This will continue to help us in making a better connection between teaching effectiveness, learning, assessing, reviewing data results, reteaching, differentiation of instruction, and meeting student's needs. This again will be a great challenge for all of us to take on. We want to continue our transformation from a good school, to a great school, and then on to an awesome school!!! I believe if we all work together as one team in a supporting, encouraging, challenging, and reflecting way, then our students will learn more than we ever imagined they could. We will decide what we want students to learn, find out if they have learned, challenge them if they do learn, and respond appropriately with time and support when they have not. We are ready to do our part to support, guide, encourage, motivate, and lead our building in a collaborative environment where all students will learn. All In - Every Child - Every Day!!!!

Holiday Early Dismissal Friday - Labor Day

Just a reminder that all Union Community School District buildings will dismiss early on the day directly preceding a holiday or holiday break. This includes Labor Day and Memorial Day. This upcoming Friday, we will have a scheduled early dismissal for the Labor Day weekend. At the elementary building, the 2:15 early dismissal time really translates to 2:25 for town/car riders and 2:40 for bus students. Please make sure your child knows of any changes to their normal pick up routines for early dismissals.

No School Monday

We will have no school this upcoming Monday, September 2 since it is the Labor Day Holiday. It will be a great 3 day weekend break. School will resume on Tuesday, September 3.