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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"

"ALL IN – EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY"

MAY 11, 2018

Next Week's Schedule

Mon., May 14 - 162nd Day of School – Day 6
- Regular Day of School

Tues., May 15 - 163rd Day of School – Day 1
- 5th Gr. Safety Patrol Pizza Party
- Mr. Rozen's Retirement Party-LPC 3:30-5:00

Wed., May 16 - 164th Day of School – Day 2
- 1st Grade to Black Hawk County Landfill
- Library Books Due

Thurs., May 17 - 165th Day of School – Day 3
- 3rd Gr. to FFA Ag Museum & Picnic @City Park

Fri., May 18 - 166th Day of School – Day 4
- 5th Gr. to Hartman Reserve

Safety Patrol Pizza Party

On Tuesday, our fifth grade students will have a pizza party for being on safety patrol by our local police department. Being on the safety patrol is one way our 5th graders model leadership and responsibility.

Mr. Rozen's Retirement Party

On Wednesday, we will have special retirement party in the library at 3:30-5:00 for Mr. Rozen. Stop in and wish him good luck in his retirement.

1st Gr. to Black Hawk County Landfill

On Wednesday the 1st grade students will travel to the Black Hawk County Landfill for a field trip tied into their science unit.

LIBRARY BOOK ALERT!!!!!!!!!

We are in need of finding all lost and forgotten school library books. We are in the process of doing inventory of our books and shelving them for the summer. Students will be fined for lost or damaged library books. Help us keep our elementary library strong with books that are in good shape.

3rd Grade to FFA Ag Museum

The 3rd Gr. students will visit our La Porte City FFA Ag. Museum on Thursday and have a sack lunch picnic at the City Park.

5th Gr. to Hartman Reserve

On Monday, our 5th grade students will attend a fun and educational day at Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls. They will do a variety of outside educational activities.

Upcoming Important May Dates

May 11 - Track & Field Day for (3-5) at HS (AM)
May 11 - Fun & Fitness Day for (K-2) at LPC Elem(PM)

May 15 - Mr. Rozen's Retirement Party-LPC 3:30-5:00
May 15 - 5th Gr. Safety Patrol Pizza party
May 16 - 1st Grade to Black Hawk County Landfill
May 16 - Library Books Due
May 17 - 3rd Gr. to FFA Ag Museum & picnic @City Park
May 18 - 5th Gr. to Hartman Reserve

May 22 - 1st Gr. to Cedar Valley Arboretum
May 22 - 5th Gr. Band students to UMS AM
May 22 - 3rd Gr. Pen Pal Picnic at Hickory Hills
May 22 - 1st Gr. Parents Readers Theater 2:00pm
May 23 - LPC Library Visit – AM 1st/K/2nd
May 25 - 3rd to John Deere Tractor Museum
May 25 - Early Dismissal – 2:25 Walkers/2:35 Bus

May 28 - No School – Memorial Day
May 29 - 3rd Gr. to Grout Museum
May 29 - LPC Library Visit –PM 4th/5th/3rd
May 31 - Regular Day of School - Make Up Day
June 1 - Last Day of School - Make Up Day
- 8:30 Awards Assembly – 11:10 Dismissal

Preschool Registration for Fall 2018

Last week, the preschool registration was held. Contact Donna Coulter at 342-3141 to register your 3 or 4 year old for preschool next year. Registration fee for the Caterpillar classes is $40. One month's tuition of $80 is required as a deposit to hold your child's place in preschool. Children must be 3 by Sept. 15, 2017 and toilet trained. Caterpillars meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 - 10:00 OR 10:15-12:15. If we have enough enrollment we will have 2 sections of Caterpillars. The cost is $80 per month. Transportation for preschool is the parents' responsibility. Financial Assistance applications will be available in August. Butterfly classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 - 11:20 OR 11:50 - 3:10. There is an instructional materials fee of $50 but no tuition for these classes. You must sign up even though the classes are free. There is a limit of 20 students per section. Transportation for the Butterfly classes is the parents' responsibility. Please call 319-342-3141 if you cannot come to registration on May 7. We will also accept registrations any time after May 7.

END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

The Count Down Has Begun - 14 Days Left of School

Yes, that is right, the students are already counting down to the last day of school. We have 3 weeks of school. It will be a very busy time. I know summer sports activities will be starting soon, and it is very nice in the evenings, but please try to have your child in bed at a reasonable time on school nights.

Schedule Reminders

-May 30 #1 Make up day of school
-June 1 #2 Make up day of school & the Last Day of school for students with an 11:00 dismissal. 11:10 walkers and 11:20 buses. Breakfast will be served, but lunch will not be served. Teachers will stay for the afternoon for professional development.

Last Day of School for 2017-18

Superintendent Travis Fleshner announced that based on action by the Union School Board at their April 9, 2018, meeting, the final day of school for TK-12 students will be Friday, June 1, with an 11 A.M. dismissal. District students will have met the state-mandated requirement for instructional hours and will therefore not have to return for the last three school weather make-up days that were scheduled for June 4, 5, and 6.

Lunch Accounts

It is that time of year to check your child's lunch account to see if their balance is in the positive or negative. If you have a positive balance, your money will carry over to next year. If your child will be in the middle school, your account will be carried over there. Only students that are moving will receive money back. All students' lunch accounts need to be paid in full on Friday, June 1. ***We will have breakfast on the last day of school.*** On the last week of school, we will have cook's choice for lunch. Call the office if you have questions.

Reminder for Visitors

Just a reminder for parents as stated in our handbook that the last part of the year is very busy with field trips and special activities. With only 3 weeks of school left. It is getting close to wrapping up the time to eat lunch at school now. Thank you for your understanding. The cooks have planned out exact number of meals for each day for the remainder of the year.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found bins are full of items that need a good home. If your child has lost any items, please have them check the lost and found bins in the room next to the 5th grade rooms. All remaining items will be given to the Goodwill Industries.

Moving?????

If you will be moving out of our district over the summer or know of families moving into the district, please let the office know. This will help us with our planning for next year.

Summer School - July 9-20

Elementary summer school dates have been set for mornings of July 9-20. Invitations to attend summer school will be mailed in the upcoming weeks. Teachers consider Iowa Assessments, FAST, classroom assessments, and other classroom data to determine whether a child is invited to attend summer school. Please return paperwork in a timely manner as it helps to finalize class lists. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Parker or Mr. Albertsen.

Next Year's Elem. Class Lists

We are in the process of compiling class lists for next year. We believe we have a competent and experienced teaching staff which works hard to provide the best education possible for all students. We take many factors into consideration when putting together these lists. They are: number balance, gender balance, behavior balance, and academic balance, which involves Title I reading, ELP, and Resource students. If you have a ***special concern based on only educational reasons and not in the area of social reasons*** for your child's placement next year, please contact me at the elementary office. ***This year, we are using our FAST data to help place students to have balanced classrooms. Due to the new state mandated FAST assessments, weekly progress monitoring, and interventions, parent special concerns will be considered but may not be able to be met. We have to keep a balance of student academics with the FAST progress monitoring and assessments in each classroom.***

Report Cards Will Be Mailed Home

This year the elementary buildings are trying something new with the end of the year report cards. Since the teachers will be still be working at school on June 4-6, they will be finishing up on reports at that time also. Report cards will be put in the mail on June 7. Parents should expect to get them delivered by mail the next day or so after that. Contact the elementary office if you do not get them by that next week.