UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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. Oct. 7 - 31st Day of School-Day 1 (M/L)
- National Fire Prevention Week
- Homecoming Week: Pajama Dress Up Day

Tues., Oct. 8 - 32nd Day of School-Day 2(A/M)
- Kdg. To Ride Fire Truck to LPC Fire Station
- Homecoming Week: Sport Dress Up Day

Wed., Oct. 9 - 33rd Day of School-3(PE/M)
- Homecoming Week: Crazy Hair Dress Up Day

Thurs., Oct. 10 - 34th Day of School- Day 4(A/M)
- Homecoming Week: Hat Day
- 5th Gr Band Tryout Night @ HS

Fri., Oct. 11 - 35th Day of School-Day 5(PE/L)
- Fire Safety Poster Contest
- Homecoming Week: Red & Black Spirit Day

Upcoming October Dates

Oct. 1 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
Oct. 7-11 - Homecoming Week
Oct. 7-11 - National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 8 - K to Ride Fire Trucks to Fire Station
Oct. 14-18 - National School Lunch Week
Oct. 21-25 - Bus Safety Week
Oct. 21-24 - Book Fair
Oct. 22 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
Oct. 24 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
Oct. 25 - No School
Oct. 28-Nov. 1 - Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 31 - Halloween-Room Parties-Costume March

Homecoming Week at LPC Elementary

This upcoming week will be homecoming for the Union Community School District. The La Porte City Elementary Building will join in on the fun. The LPC elementary student council has selected dress up days for the week as listed above in the *Next Week's Schedule*. The cheerleaders and senior football players will come over on Friday to talk to the students. These activities are designed to carry on the Union Knight pride and spirit into the homecoming football game Friday night against Rolland Story. This should be a very exciting week at LPC Elementary!

Fire Prevention Week 2019

Fire Prevention Week takes place October 7-13, 2019. This year's theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape" works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around the safe. Paying attention to your surroundings, looking for available exits in the event of a fire or other emergency, and taking the smoke alarm seriously if it sounds can make a potentially life-saving difference in a fire or other emergency situation. This year's Fire Prevention Week messages apply to virtually all locations. However, NFPA continues to focus on home fire safety, as the majority of U.S. fire deaths (four out of five) occur at home each year. Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere works to remind the public that fires can and do still happen – at home, as well as other locations. There are basic but vitally important steps people can take.

Fire Safety Prevention Tips

Listed below are some Fire Prevention Tips to look over:

1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
2. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
3. Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
4. Make sure everyone can hear the smoke alarms.
5. Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Design a meeting place outside. Practice your safety plan twice a year.
6. When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
7. Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
8. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year. Be careful when using candles.
9. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, and furniture at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
10. Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room & keep matches/lighters out of the reach of children.

LPC Elementary PTO:

Dates to Remember

Announcements
The PTO has a variety of gift cards on-hand and available for purchase. We also have shirts, sweatshirts, beanies, and drawstring bags for sale. Be sure to check out our Facebook page to see the available cards and apparel. We will be sending a new apparel order home this fall and those orders will arrive by Christmas.

Scrip Orders due Monday October 28
Scrip is an ongoing PTO fundraiser and an easy way to raise money without selling anything! Shop with Scrip is a way to buy gift cards for yourself or to purchase as gifts for any occasion. Gifts cards for yourself can be used for gas, groceries, restaurants, clothes, etc. Every gift card purchased earns a rebate percentage for our school. For example, purchasing a $20 Tootsie's certificate through Scrip earns a 20% rebate (or $4) for our school.

Scrip order forms are sent home throughout the year - at least once per month. Shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com to select from a variety of card options including 800+ retails and physical or electronic cards. New this year - Scrip online now offers an option to pay with credit card!

To sign up to order online, click 'Register' in the upper right corner, then 'Join a Scrip Program' and enter our enrollment code: B4L78C7141185. Contact JoLisa at LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com or 319-269-5446 to see what cards we have on-hand or if you have any questions.

Spirit Day! October 4th
Every Friday is Spirit Day! Wear red and black to show your school spirit! The LPC PTO and Student Council will be selling spirit beads for $2 per set (1 red, 1 black, 1 silver) on the first Friday of each month. They will be available at the table outside Mrs. Juhl's room from 7:40-8:00am.

Homecoming Week October 7-11th
The PTO and Student Council will be selling spirit beads and temporary tattoos during Homecoming Week. Forms to pre-order will be sent home with students.

Pumpkin Painting - October 28th
Join us in the gym on Monday October 28th from 5:30-7pm. PTO will provide the paint and brushes. Bring your own pumpkin or visit Hanson's Hallow behind the school to purchase a pumpkin during the event.

Family Night Out - November 18th
We're excited to host another Family Night Out at Vinton Pizza Ranch! Join us Monday November 18th from 5-8pm. A percentage of sales and all tips will be donated to LPC PTO. Don't forget to order your Pizza Ranch gift cards in advance through Scrip - the school will earn an 8% rebate on Pizza Ranch cards.

Check these Out!
Here are a few simple ways to help earn money for our school that add up to make a big difference throughout the school year -

Box Tops for Education is going digital. The Box Tops logo will be printed on packaging but instead of clipping, Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning receipts. Families can download the Box Top app, register, select La Porte City Elementary School, then scan receipts. The earning is 10 cents for each Box Tops product along with bonuses offered in the app. Receipts need to be submitted within 14 days of purchase.

Receipts from online grocery orders can be emailed to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the email linked to your Box Tops account. If you have clipped Box Tops that are not expired, please continue to send those to school.

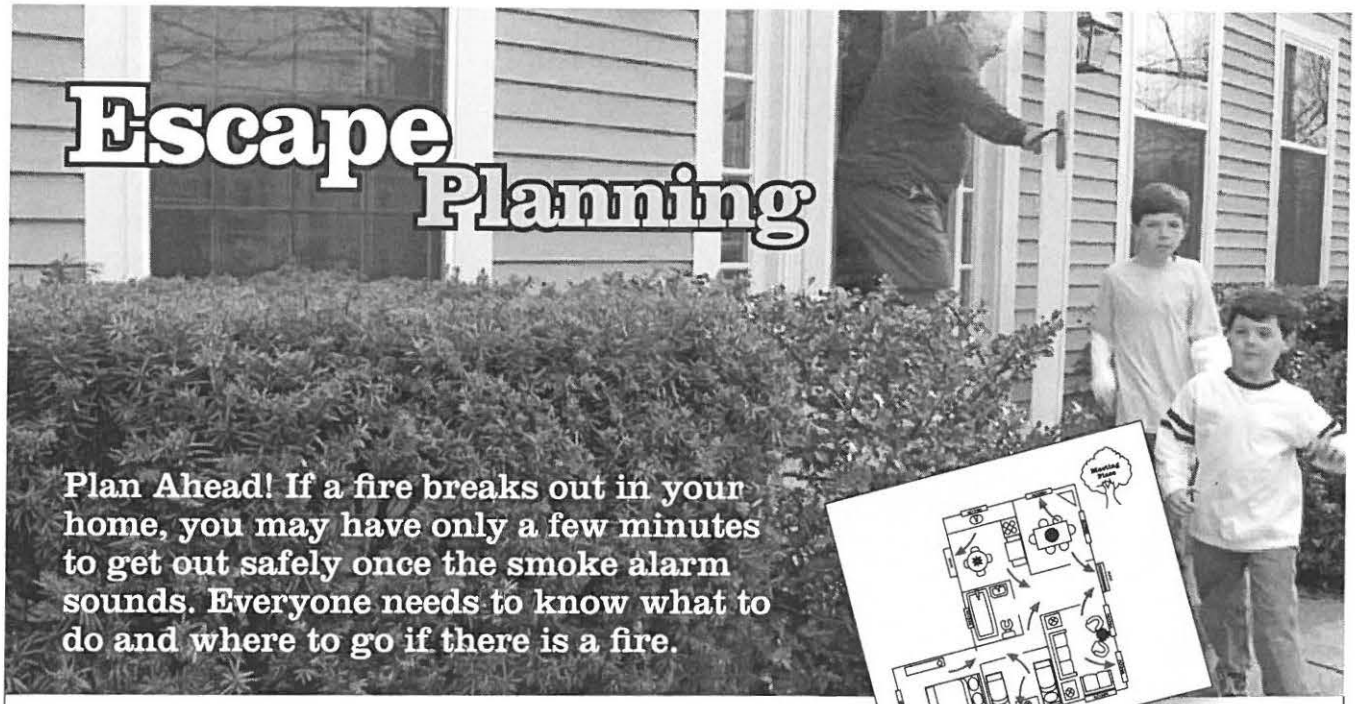
Remember to turn in your receipts from any **Waterloo, Cedar Falls, or Waverly HyVee** to earn cash for your school. Any purchases made at HyVee stores and gas stations can be turned into school from now until March 31, 2020.

To stay up-to-date with PTO events or announcements, please like our page on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/LPCElementaryPTO/

Thank you for your continued support!

Escape Planning



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- PRACTICE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

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