

# 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"



OCT. 18, 2019

## Next Week's Schedule

- Mon. Oct. 21** - 41st Day of School- Day 5 (PE/L)  
- National Bus Safety Week  
- Book Fair This Week
- Tues., Oct. 22** - 42nd Day of School-Day 6(PE/M)  
**- 2:25/35 Early Dismissal**  
**- 3-7:00 pm P/T Conferences**
- Wed., Oct. 23** - 43rd Day of School- Day 1 (M/L)  
- UNITY DAY: Wear Orange to Support Bully Prevention  
- Together we are UNITED for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion
- Thurs., Oct. 24** - 44th Day of School- Day 2(A/M)  
**- 2:25/35 Early Dismissal**  
**- 3-7:00 pm P/T Conferences**  
- Picture Retakes
- Fri., Oct. 25** - No School

## 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

## Conferences October 22 & 24

Our first conferences for the Union Community Schools will be next week on **Tuesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 24**. Conferences will be from 3:00-7:00 on both evenings. There will also be a 2:15 dismissal on both of these days. At the elementary, this time translates to a 2:25 dismissal for walkers/car riders and 2:40 for bus students. This will be followed by a no school day on Friday, October 26. Parents should have signed up for a conference time last week. If you have not, please contact the office to do so. Conference verification notes were sent out this week.

## No Childcare at Conferences

Due to the difficulty of finding proper supervision, there will not be childcare at fall conferences this year. If you are interested in helping in the spring conferences, contact the PTO.

## Picture Retakes - Thurs., Oct. 24

On Thursday, October 24, picture retakes will be held in the morning. Pictures will be taken of students whose first picture was flawed or who were not present when the original pictures were taken. A flawed picture is when your child's eyes were closed, there was a shadow across the face, a poor image of your child, and/or there were some technical problems with the picture. If your child is having their picture retaken, they need to make sure they bring the complete original picture packet back to school. Contact the office with any questions you may have.

## PTO Pumpkin Painting - October 28

The PTO will be hosting a Pumpkin Painting activity coming up in two weeks on Monday, October 28 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the elementary gym. Once again the Hanson family will have some pumpkins available to purchase. You may also bring your own pumpkins. Paints and brushes will be provided by the school for families to decorate their pumpkins. We ask an adult to accompany all children attending.

## Change of Plans Emails to Teachers

We ask parents that if there is a change of plans for your child in how they are getting home in the middle of the day, please call or email the office. Emails and texts to your child's teachers may not always be read before the end of the day depending on their daily schedules. If at all possible, students who have a change of plans that varies from their typical after school routines need to bring a note from home stating their intentions. This is a safety issue as we want to keep track of the children.

## Scholastic Book Fair

This upcoming conference week October 21-24, our LPC Elementary will once again be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. It will be for 4 days and end with conferences next Thursday evening. The book fair will be open in the library during regular school hours 8:00-3:00 pm daily. You should have received a special book fair note and flyer this past week. At our book fair we will be offering the Classroom Wish List program. You may purchase a book for your child's classroom.

## Title I Parent Meeting Oct. 28

The annual Title I parent meeting will be held on Monday, October 28 at 6:30-7:00 pm in the library.

# SAVE THE DATE:

## LPC ELEMENTARY WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 9

Our music programs for the winter music concerts this year will be on the same night: **Monday, December 9 - TK, kindergarten, first, and second grade at 6:15. Third, fourth, and fifth grades will perform on the same night December 9 at 7:15.** Both performances will be held in the Matt High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in. Our elementary school music teacher, Deb Jungling, directs the winter programs.

## Zones of Regulation

This year both elementary buildings are incorporating the Zones of Regulation curriculum into our classrooms. These are lessons and activities designed to help students recognize their feelings and gain skills in the area of self-regulation, which is centered around self-control, self-management, impulse control, and state of alertness. The lessons and learning activities are designed to help students recognize when they are in the different zones and learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the zone they are in. In addition, the students will gain an awareness of emotional terms, skills in reading other people's facial expressions, perspectives about how others see and react to their behavior, insight into events that trigger their behavior, calming and alerting strategies, and problem solving skills. A critical aspect of this curriculum is that all staff members know and understand the Zones Language. This creates a supportive environment for students to practice their self-regulation skills. You can help at home by asking your child to explain to you what the four zones of regulation colors on the back of today's newsletter mean to them and how have they been learning about it at school.



Blue Zone Green Zone Yellow Zone Red Zone

## Halloween Parties: Costumes Can Be Brought to School Again This Year

Our annual Halloween parties will be Thursday, October 31, in the late afternoon. This will be a great time to celebrate the fall harvest. This year again, **we are going to allow students to bring costumes to school, as long as they follow the rules below.** We will be having our costume march held outside this year in the front of the building from 2:00-2:15. Your classroom teachers will let you know what each classroom has planned for the afternoon. Trick or Treat night in La Porte City will be on Thursday, October 31 in the evening from 5:30-7:30 pm.

1. Students should bring their costumes in a bag or sack and have all of the pieces labeled so they don't lose any. Make sure they put all the pieces back in a bag after their parties to take home.
2. Costumes that are too scary, gory, or inappropriate for school should not be worn.
3. Simple costumes not involving face make-up and/or hair paint are recommended.
4. We ask that any pretend weapons be kept at home and not brought to school. This includes: (any type of guns, swords, knives, crossbows, etc.)
5. The students will be given time in the afternoon to put on their costumes before the classroom parties. Students need to wear costumes that are easy to put on and can be put on over their school clothes. These also need to be costumes that can be put on by themselves.
6. Students do not have to purchase new costumes, dressing up as their favorite hero, sports player: basketball, baseball, football, etc, sports team, or Union Knights shirts would work just fine.
7. If you are unsure whether your costume is "appropriate for school" please contact the office ahead of time.
8. Students who wish not to participate in this activity may be excused by the classroom teacher at the request of the parents.



# LPC Elementary PTO

## 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.

## Apparel Orders due Thursday October 24th

Apparel orders were sent home yesterday, 10/10 on a yellow form. Please disregard the white form you received earlier in the week. We are excited to offer new styles and options this fall! To order online with a debit/credit card, visit: [https://stores.inksoft.com/lpc\\_elementary\\_pto\\_christmas/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/lpc_elementary_pto_christmas/shop/home)

## 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](http://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](mailto:LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com) or 319-269-5446 to see what cards we have on-hand or if you have any questions.

## Spirit Day November 1st

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.

## Pumpkin Painting - October 28th

Join us in the gym on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/)***

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**Thank you for your continued support!**

