

# 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. Oct. 28** - 45th Day of School – Day 3(PE/M)  
- Red Ribbon Week: RED DAY
- Tues., Oct. 29** - 46th Day of School – Day 4(A/M)  
- Red Ribbon Week: TWIN DAY
- Wed., Oct. 30** - 47th Day of School - Day 5 (PE/L)  
- Red Ribbon Week: MISMATCH DAY  
(Clothes &/OR Socks)
- Thurs., Oct. 31** - 48th Day of School-Day 6(PE/M)  
- Fall Harvest (Halloween) Parade & Parties  
- LPC Trick or Treat Night 5:30-7:30  
- Red Ribbon Week: WEAR HALLOWEEN COLORS
- Fri., Nov. 1** - 49th Day of School - Day 1 (M/L)  
- Red Ribbon Week: PAJAMA 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

## Red Ribbon Week

October 28 – November 1 is national Red Ribbon Week. During those days we will have dress up days and the importance of being healthy will be discussed in the classrooms. See the dress up days/theme listed above.

## 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.

## PTO Pumpkin Painting - Oct. 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.

## LPC ELEM. 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.

## LPC PARKS & REC MOVIE NIGHT

"Family Halloween Movie Night, presented by the La Porte City Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a free showing of HOCUS POCUS! Come on down to the City Park Shelter on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, movie starts at 7pm! Hot chocolate, popcorn and treats will all be available to raise money for the Little League ball diamond renovation project."



# UNION KNIGHTS

# 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 down Fillmore Street 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.



# Halloween Safety Tips From A-Z

- A** - Always carry a flashlight.
- B** - Buy costumes that are made of flame retardant material.
- C** - Costumes should not drag on the ground or be too dark to see.
- D** - Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- E** - Eat dinner before going out to trick-or-treat.
- F** - Follow all traffic laws and signals.
- G** - Go slow drivers. Be careful if you're behind the wheel.
- H** - Healthy treats like raisins or crackers are good alternatives to candy.
- I** - If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- J** - Jackets should be worn over or under costumes on a cool night.
- K** - Know how and where to contact your parents.
- L** - Light your jack-o-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.
- M** - Make sure your shoes fit and are tied tightly.
- N** - Never enter a stranger's home.
- O** - Only eat candy after your parents have checked it.
- P** - Props such as a sword or wand should be flexible toys.
- Q** - Quality costumes are a good thing to have so they don't fall apart as they are walking.
- R** - Remember to walk and not run between houses.
- S** - Stay on sidewalks as much as possible.
- T** - Trick-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods close to home.
- U** - Unfamiliar animals and pets should be avoided.
- V** - Visit only houses that are lit.
- W** - Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- X** - Young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- Z** - ZZZZZZZZZZ!!!!!! Have them get plenty of sleep for school the next day.



# 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!**

