

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 "



Nov. 26, 2019

Next Week's Schedule

- Wed., Nov. 27** - No School
- Thanksgiving Vacation
- Thurs., Nov. 28** - No School
- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Fri., Nov. 29** - No School
- Thanksgiving Vacation
- Mon., Dec. 2** - 66th Day of School – Day 6(PE/M)
- Regular Day of School
- Tues., Dec. 3** - 67th Day of School – Day 1(M/L)
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Dec. 4** - 68th Day of School – Day 2(A/PE)
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Dec. 5** - 69th Day of School – Day 3(PE/M)
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Dec. 6** - 70th Day of School – Day 4(A/M)
- Regular Day of School

Upcoming November Dates

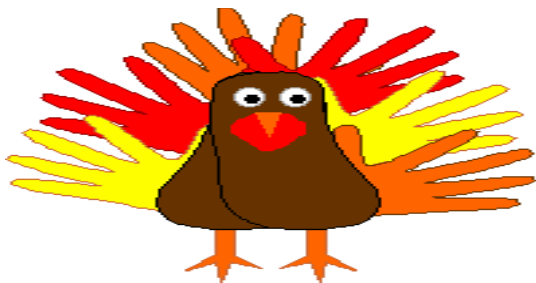
- Nov. 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back 1 Hr.
Nov. 4 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day - Wear Red/white/blue
- Veterans Can Eat With Students
Nov. 11-15 - American Education Week
Nov. 18 - PTO Family Night Out@Vinton Pizza Ranch 5-8pm
Nov. 26 - Turkey Trot Healthy Walk 2:00pm
Nov. 27 - No School
Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec. 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
Dec. 9 - K,1st, 2nd Grs Winter Concerts(6:15pm@HS)
Dec. 9 - 3rd, 4th, 5th Grs Winter Concerts(7:15pm@HS)
Dec. 10 - PTO Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:00pm
Dec. 20 - 2:25 Dismissal for Winter Break

A Time For Thanks

Traditionally this is the time of year when we stop and give thanks for things that we have to be grateful for this year. As I reflect on this first part of the school year, here are the things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for kind words, they make us all feel appreciated. I am thankful for smiles, they make our day brighter. I am thankful for positive attitudes, they are contagious. I am thankful for students, they are the reason that we are here. I am thankful for teachers, secretaries, nurses, associates, cooks, custodians, and bus drivers, they all work together to guide our future leaders. I am thankful for parents, they assist us in educating our children. I am thankful for volunteers and the support of our communities, we cannot provide a quality education alone. I am thankful for the opportunity to work together.

No School Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

We will have no school on Wednesday, November 27, Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday break. School will resume as scheduled on Monday, December 2. Have a nice break.



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 - 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.

Iowa School Alerts

If you want to receive weather alerts about Union Community School Schools including early dismissals and/or late starts, sign up now. Simply visit the Iowa School Alerts website to subscribe.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/new>.

You may choose email or text alerts from the drop-down menu; however, please note that in order to receive both, you must go in and subscribe separately for each preference.

Holiday Assistance Available

Each year our elementary building is contacted by different local community organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December.

Cold Weather Clothing Alert

The cold weather has moved in and a chill is in the air. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather by having them wear a warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future. Also don't forget to pack their shoes in their backpacks to change into when they arrive at school. Recesses are held outside whenever possible. The following guidelines will be followed when having outside recess in the winter season.

- All students must wear a warm coat, mittens, and a hat.
- All kindergarten and first grade students are required to wear snow pants and boots during recess at all times during the winter season. This is required for both on and off the pavement areas.
- All second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students are strongly encouraged to bring boots and snow pants. Boots and snow pants are required off the pavement areas, on the snow, and on the playground equipment. Boots may be required on the pavement areas on days of heavy snow and/or ice.
- Throwing of snowballs and/or ice is not allowed.
- Sliding on the ice is not allowed.
- Rough play in the snow or on the snow piles is not allowed.

WINTER CAN FOOD DRIVE

Our La Porte City Elementary student council, along with the La Porte City Elementary Building is Sponsoring a Can Food Drive. This will take place at each of the La Porte City Elementary's Winter Concerts at the High School Auditorium: (December 9 – Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Concert) (December 9 – 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Concert) A display, along with boxes to collect cans will be out in the HS hallway before the concerts. All proceeds will go to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank & LPC Food Pantry. They are in need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, and peanut butter.

Attendance Reminders - Tardies

A reminder that the tardy bell is at 8:05 for our elementary students. Please be sure to have your child here at school before the tardy bell. If your child is sick in the morning and they are not coming to school, please make sure to call the office by 8:45 am. We want students to attend school everyday and not to miss out on anything they are doing in their classrooms. On the other hand, if they are running a temperature, vomiting, or show other signs of illness, we want them to stay home. If you have questions about illness or our attendance policy, please contact the office.

LPC Elementary PTO

Scrip Orders

Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser and an easy way to raise money without selling anything! Buy gift cards for yourself or purchase as gifts. Gift cards 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.

November 21st is ThankScriping Day - many cards have bonus rebates up to 21% when ordered on this date. To help earn the bonus rebates, please have all paper orders turned in on or before 11/21. Or, shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com. To sign up, 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 – December 6th

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.

Santa's Cottage - December 10th

The PTO will be hosting the annual Santa's Cottage event on Tuesday December 10th from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym. Children can shop on their own for affordable gifts for their family with prices ranging from \$0.25 - \$5.00 per item. The PTO will have apparel and Scrip gift cards for sale. Join us for hot cocoa, cookies, and maybe even a visit from Santa too!

NEW! Amazon Smile Account

If you're shopping online this holiday season, please consider using the Amazon Smile account for the LPC PTO. If you shop at Amazon using the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4666834>, the PTO will receive a donation of 0.5% of the total purchase.

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