

# 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"



DEC. 6, 2019

## Next Week's Schedule

- Mon., Dec. 9** - 71st Day of School – Day 6(PE/M)  
- Winter Concert @ HS Auditorium:  
(6:15 K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup>)(7:15 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Tues., Dec. 10** - 72nd Day of School-Day 5(L/PE)  
- **Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:00pm**
- Wed., Dec. 11** - 73rd Day of School - Day 1(M/L)  
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Dec. 12** - 74th Day of School-Day 2(A/PE)  
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Dec. 13** - 75th Day of School - Day 3(PE/M)  
- Regular Day of School

## Upcoming December Dates

- Dec. 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm  
Dec. 9 - K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grs Winter Concerts(6:15pm@HS)  
Dec. 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grs Winter Concerts(7:15pm@HS)  
Dec. 10 - PTO Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:00pm  
Dec. 20 - Classroom Holiday Parties  
Dec. 20 - Regular Dismissal for Winter Break  
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break  
Jan. 6 - Classes Resume from Winter Break

## Winter Sports Reminders

The winter sports season at the high school level is upon us once again. Here are a few reminders to all spectators attending basketball and wrestling events this winter. As a safety precaution, the school would ask that our young spectators be seated during the events and not be playing or running in the hallway or concession area. Please be respectful of the gym floor when food and drink are brought into the gym. Spectators are not allowed to sit in the first row of the bleachers as another safety precaution. As parents and role models, we need you to set the tone for good sportsmanship at all games and meets. Make sure to demonstrate sportsmanship in a positive manner that represents our school with pride no matter the outcome of the event. We are proud of our Knights! Show off that Union Knight pride in a positive manner.

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2nd Grade Concert) (December 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

# LPC Elementary PTO

## **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!

## **Scrip Orders due by Santa's Cottage December 10th**

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.

Shop online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). To sign up, click 'Register' in the upper right corner, then 'Join a Scrip Program' and enter our enrollment code: B4L78C7141185. The credit card fees are waived on December 6th.

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.

## **Amazon Smile**

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.

***To stay up-to-date with PTO events or announcements, please like our page on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/LPCElementaryPTO/>***

## **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.

## **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.

