

# 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., Dec. 16** - 76th Day of School - Day 4(A/M)  
- Regular Day of School
- Tues., Dec. 17** - 77th Day of School-Day 5(L/PE)  
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Dec. 18** - 78th Day of School- Day 6(PE/M)  
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Dec. 19** - 79th Day of School - Day 1(M/L)  
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Dec. 20** - 80th Day of School -Day 2(A/PE)  
- Classroom Parties  
- Elementary Sing-A-Long  
- **Regular Dismissal Time**
- Mon., Dec. 23 - Fri. Jan. 3** - No School  
- Winter Holiday Break
- Mon., Jan. 6** - 81st Day of School - Day 3(PE/M)  
- Classes Resume

## Holiday Parties

On Friday, students will have their holiday classroom parties with their teachers. Each grade level will be doing different activities. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about their classroom parties. There is nothing like holidays in the elementary building.

## Elementary Sing-A-Long

On Friday afternoon, our students will gather together to sing some holiday songs. This is a past tradition here at La Porte City Elementary. Each class will also get a chance to hear each other perform a few songs from the winter concert. It will be a great time!

## Regular Dismissal Time Friday

Just a reminder that all Union Community School District buildings will dismiss early on the day directly preceding a holiday. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are excluded from this practice, since the last day of school is not directly preceding the holiday. **So there will be regular dismissal time on Friday, December 20.**

## Winter Break: Dec. 23-Jan. 3

The Christmas winter break will begin next week on Monday, December 23. The students last day before break is Friday, December 20 with a regular dismissal time. School will resume as scheduled on Monday, January 6.

## 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

## Lunch Money Reminders

Just a reminder to parents to keep a close eye on your child's lunch account each month to make sure the balance is in the positive. Adding money to your child's account at the beginning of each month on a regular basis will eliminate any worries or confusion of having a negative balance. Remember that your account will be used up quicker if your child also eats breakfast. Notes are given to students to take home if their lunch balance is at \$4.00 or below. Our JMC program automatically emails parents as an additional reminder of low lunch account balances. Your help and assistance is needed in this area. Please call the office, if you have any questions.

## Lost & Found: Winter Clothing

It is that time of year that our students are wearing all of their winter weather clothing. It is so important to remind your children to keep track of their items throughout the day. Putting your child's name on their winter items would help in returning these to them in case they are dropped. One easy trick is to have your child put their gloves and hat in their sleeve when they take them off. We have a lost and found spot in the hall on the benches near the gym. If you have lost items, have your child check these spots.

## Christmas Break Reading Challenge

We are excited to announce that we will be having a **Christmas Break Reading Challenge!** We strongly encourage you to read with, and/or listen to your child read over break. We know that it is a busy time, but it is a GREAT way to keep reading while enjoying the holidays. There will be an activity page with many different and fun ways for your child to read. The activity sheet will be sent home with your child right before Christmas Break with more information, so be on the lookout! Happy Reading!

Mrs. Spragg (5th Grade) & Lisa (Librarian)

## 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.

## LPC Elementary PTO

### **Santa's Cottage - December 10th**

Thank you to all of the volunteers, families, crafters, and vendors that attended Santa's Cottage. It was fun seeing all of the children shop for gifts and enjoying the cocoa, cookies, and Santa too! Check our facebook page to see photos from the event.

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

Thank you to all the families that turned in Scrip orders this month. Those will arrive and be sent home with your child before Christmas break.

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.

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.

### **Family Night Out**

We are excited to announce we will be hosting another Family Night Out at Vinton Pizza Ranch sometime this spring. We will announce the date on Facebook when it gets closer.

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

