

# UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ISSUE #18

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"

"ALL IN – EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY"



DEC. 20, 2019

## Next Week's Schedule

- 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
- Tues., Jan. 7** - 82nd Day of School - Day 4(A/M)  
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Jan. 8** - 83rd Day of School - Day 5(L/PE)  
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Jan. 9** - 84th Day of School - Day 6(PE/M)  
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Jan.10** - 85th Day of School - Day 1(M/L)  
- Regular Day of School

## Upcoming December Dates

- 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

## 2020 New Year's Resolutions

It is that time of year again that people attempt to identify and then stick to a New Year's Resolution. At school we will be having each class talk about and make a plan for the 2020 year. Listed below are some ideas that parents can try. These will assist your child in practicing and improving their reading skills. Take a look at these tips and try some of them for the upcoming year. You might find that they will turn into daily habits and normal routines.

1. Read to your child on a daily basis.
2. Provide your child a quiet, comfortable place to read and study.
3. Encourage your child to develop a personal library and to add to it regularly.
4. Provide your child with a wide range of experiences.
5. Talk to your child on a daily basis about school, work, etc.
6. Praise your child for at least one success or improvement daily.
7. Hug your child at least once a day.
8. Respect your child as an individual who has unique talents and abilities.
9. Provide family activities which encourage your child to grow in different ways.
10. Encourage your child to view reading as an enjoyable and fulfilling lifetime experience.

## Regular Dismissal Today (Friday)

Just a reminder that all Union Community School District buildings will dismiss early on the day directly proceeding a holiday. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are excluded from this practice, since the last day of school is not directly proceeding 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 soon next week on Monday, December 23. The students last day before break is today, Friday, December 20 with a regular dismissal. School will resume as scheduled on Monday, January 6.

## 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)



## 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.

## 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

### Scrip Orders

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/LPCElementaryPTO/>***

