

# 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., Feb. 10** -103rd Day of School - Day 1(M/L)  
- Regular Day of School
- Tues., Feb. 11** -104th Day of School - Day 2(A/PE)  
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Feb. 12** -105th Day of School - Day 3(M/PE)  
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day Classroom Celebrations
- Thurs., Feb. 13** -106th Day of School - Day 4(A/M)  
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Feb. 14** - 107th Day of School - Day 5(L/PE)  
- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

## Upcoming February Dates

- Feb. 5 - 100th Day of School  
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Parties  
Feb. 17 - PTO Family Night Out@Vinton Pizza Ranch 5-8pm  
Feb. 19 - No School - Teacher Inservice

## Sweet Treats due February 7th

The PTO would like to help deliver your Valentine's messages. Students can order Sweet Treats for teachers, staff, bus drivers, siblings, etc. Family members can also order treats for students. The PTO will be sure to deliver the Sweet Treats before Valentine's Day. The order forms will be sent home next week.

## Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Coming up on Friday, February 14, the elementary classes will have their Valentine's Day parties. Your child's teacher should be letting your child know if they need to bring anything for their classroom party. Contact your child's teacher.

## Iowa School Alerts: School Notification System

The State of Iowa (Iowa School Alerts) notification system that has been in use in the district for many years has been upgraded. In order to receive email or text messages from Union Community School District, you will need to subscribe to the service. Sign up for texts and email notification at <https://insights.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/new>.

## First Semester Report Cards

Our first semester ended on Monday, January 20. It has been a good first part of the school year for our students and staff. Classroom Report Cards were sent to parents via JMC last Wednesday, January 29. Title and Special Education reports were mailed out the same day. Please contact your child's teacher or the office, if you have any questions about report cards.

## The Gold Star Award

Last week, students brought home brochures to nominate their teachers for the Golden Star Award for Outstanding Teaching. If you would like to nominate an LPC elementary teacher, please fill out the form and return it to the elementary office this week. We feel all of our teachers are golden star teachers. We have some that have won the award in the past.

## Family Night Out: Next Mon., Feb. 17th

The LPC Elementary PTO is excited to host another Family Night Out at Vinton Pizza Ranch! Join us Monday, February 17th 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.



## Hard Surface Bus Routes

This is just a reminder to bus route parents. Due to the soft gravel roads and the possibility of having to go to hard surface routes, your student's hard surface information can be found on your JMC account. Click on the bus tab on the left of the screen. If we decide to go hard surface, a notice will be sent out as usual. If you have any questions, my contact Mike Timmer at [m\\_timmer@union.k12.ia.us](mailto:m_timmer@union.k12.ia.us) or the Bus Barn at 319-342-3286. The District Office number is 319-342-2674.

## Late Starts & Early Outs

This winter season we will try to use all of our possible options to try to have school while working around winter weather conditions that could involve poor driving conditions due to snow, wind, and ice. Just a reminder that inclement weather announcements about the late starts, early dismissals, and no school will be made on the radio and television stations listed below. These changes are always done with the safety of our students and staff in mind.

**AM Radio:** KXEL-1540, KWLO-1330, WMT-600, KOEL-950

**FM Radio:** KOKZ-105.7, KFMW-108, WMT-96.5, KKCW-98.5

**Television:** KWLL-7, KGAN-2, KCRG-9

## 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.

## 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.

1. All students must wear a warm coat, mittens, and a hat.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Throwing of snowballs and/or ice is not allowed.
5. Sliding on the ice is not allowed.
6. Rough play in the snow or on the snow piles is not allowed.

## LPC Elementary PTO

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### Amazon Smile

When your shopping online, 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.

### Scrip Orders due Monday February 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 earn a rebate or percentage back 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.

We would like to have orders delivered by February 14th (weather depending) so families can have them for Valentine's and Family Night at Pizza Ranch. Because of the turnaround time, we will not be able to accept orders after the due date. Thank you for understanding and supporting the PTO.

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