

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"



FEB. 14, 2020

Next Week's Schedule

- Mon., Feb. 17** -108th Day of School-Day 6(PE/M)
- Regular Day of School
- Tues., Feb. 18** -109th Day of School - Day 1(M/L)
- Regular Day of School
- Wed., Feb. 19** - No School
Teacher Professional Development
- Thurs., Feb. 20** -110th Day of School-Day 2(A/PE)
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Feb. 24** - 111th Day of School - Day 3(M/PE)
- Regular Day of School

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

Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

The elementary classes will have their Valentine's Day parties today. 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.

Family Night Out: 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.



Random Act of Kindness

Next week (February 17-21) students and faculty will be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week. The theme this year is "Be the I in KIND". There will be a banner displayed inside the school hallway leading towards the gym where anyone is welcome to take their picture and be the "I" in KIND. This will also be the topic in Guidance classes with Ms. Arp for grade levels TK-5th.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." ~ Author Unknown

Be the "I" in KIND

Professional Development Wednesday

There will be no school on Wednesday, February 19 for students. The teachers will have professional development inservice. School will resume for all students and teachers on Thursday, February 20.

Iowa School Alerts: School Alert 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>.

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 or the Bus Barn at 319-342-3286. The District Office number is 319-342-2674.

The Gold Star Award

A weeks ago, 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.

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, KKCV-98.5

Television: KWWL-7, KGAN-2, KCRG-9

Lost & Found: Winter 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.

PTO NEWS

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Pizza Ranch Gift Cards

We have \$25 Pizza Ranch Scrip gift cards on-hand and available to purchase. You'll receive the full \$25 value and every card sold earns an 8% rebate for our school. Be sure to purchase a card for Family Night Out at Pizza Ranch on Monday 02/17!

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

