UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"

"ALL IN – EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY"

ISSUE #3

SEPT. 6, 2019

Next Week's Schedule

Mon. Sept. 9 - 11th Day of School-Day 5(PE/Lib) - Regular Day of School

Tues., Sept. 10 - 12th Day of School-Day 6(PE/M) - Regular Day of School

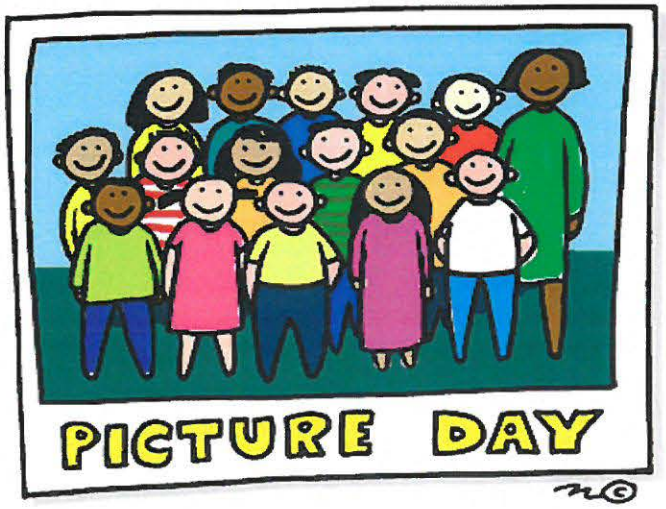
Wed., Sept. 11 - 13th Day of School-Day 1(M/Lib) - Regular Day of School

Thurs., Sept. 12 - 14th Day of School-Day2(A/PE) - Regular Day of School

Fri., Sept. 13 - 15th Day of School-Day 3(PE/M) - School Pictures

School Pictures

Today, your child brought home a Lifetouch Photography school picture form. Take a moment to look over the form and pick the package that best suits your needs. La Porte City Elementary School pictures will be taken this upcoming Friday, September 13. Don't forget to have your child bring back their picture form next Friday. Students are not required to purchase these pictures, but all students will have their picture taken for the class composite. If for some reason your child cannot attend school on this day, picture retakes will be done later in the school year.



Upcoming Dates

Aug. 23 - 1st day of School
Aug. 30 - Early Dismissal(2:25 Walkers)(2:40 Bus)
Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday - No School
Sept. 13 - School Pictures
Oct. 7-11- Homecoming Week

1st Home Football Game Tonight

Our first varsity home football game is tonight. A reminder that there is **No Smoking allowed on the Union Community School District grounds** pursuant to the Iowa Smokefree Air Act. The school does not provide direct supervision of students, but will uphold appropriate student behavior and student expectations as follows: 1. Ideally, elementary students should sit with their parents or in small parent-supervised groups in the bleachers or on the hill and **watch the game**. 2. Students are **not allowed to bring footballs** to the game. 3. **No students are allowed on the practice field.** 4. We also are asking that students dispose of all plastic bottles properly in the waste cans available. **No kicking or throwing of pop bottles will be allowed.** ***Also we ask that students do not sit or stand in the middle of the brick retaining wall under the scoreboard***. Your cooperation is needed and very much appreciated. We want students to have fun and show their school spirit in a positive way.

Morning Drop off Zone Reminders

A reminder to parents that your help is needed before school to ensure the safety of all children and also provide smooth drop zone procedures. We are asking that if parents need to park their car and come into the building with their child, that they ***park at the far end of the drop off zone past the sign.*** This needs to be available for buses and also parents who are just dropping their children off to school from 7:30-8:05. ***Parents who need to come in the building need to park at the end of the drop off lane. The side parking lot on Gates Street is also open for parents to park and come in the building.*** Thank you for helping make the dropoff time in the morning safe and stress free.

Visitors

Parents are welcome to visit their child in school. *Please give the teachers and students a few weeks to establish classroom routines and expectations before coming to visit.* We ask that you check in at the office and sign in the notebook on the counter. If you are coming for lunch, please call ahead of time so we can add you to our lunch count.

Change of Plans

Students who have a change of plans that varies from their typical after school routines need to bring a note from home stating their intentions. This is a safety issue as we want to keep track of the children and let bus drivers know of changes.

Attendance Policy

Our district has an attendance policy in which we are trying to reduce the number of days students are absent from school. Please refer to the handbook for more information. Please contact the office by 8:30 if your child will be home sick.

Lunch Policy Reminders

The Iowa Department of Education and our Union Community School District auditors have advised us to incorporate new measures to reduce excessive negative lunch balances. **As started last year, if we do not receive payment by the time the amount reaches $-20.00, we will ask your child to bring a cold lunch until the negative account is taken care of.** Students will continue to bring home negative lunch slips. Parents will receive emails about your child's negative lunch balance. Parents can also set up an online account with Payschools and add money online to their child's account. A password needs to be set up with the office. A reminder that our lunch program is not a charge type of system. We thank parents for keeping your lunch accounts in the positive.

A Reminder on Start Time

At Union Elementary at La Porte City our school will begin at 8:05am with the tardy bell. Student can start coming into the building at 8:00 and go straight to their classroom. If they come before 8:00, they are to go to the gym. Students eating breakfast may enter the front doors of the building ***no earlier than 7:40***. Serving ends at 7:55am for breakfast. ***Please do not drop your children off to school before 7:40am as no direct supervision is available until then.***

Volunteers & Substitutes

We are always in need of volunteers and substitutes throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering in the classrooms and/or substituting as a classroom teacher, secretary, nurse, cook, or associate, please contact the elementary office.

CONSTITUTION DAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH

Constitution Day Honored Sept. 17

We will celebrate the annual Constitution Day on Tuesday, September 17. The federal legislation passed over ten years ago, requires schools to conduct events on this day centered around the history of the Constitution. Teaching about the constitution will be done in a variety of different ways in each grade level in the elementary building. Teachers and students will discuss topics involving the branches of government, the constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other areas related to this topic. It is important to teach these concepts to our children. We encourage students to wear red, white, and blue that day.

Bus Safety - A must everyday!

If your child rides the bus, please review the bus procedures in our online elementary handbook. Our bus drivers need to concentrate on their driving and extra noise along with students misbehaving can be a distraction. Please remind your child that riding on a bus is a privilege and students will lose those privileges for repeated bus referrals. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter to ensure all of our students follow proper bus rules and stay safe.

Good Sportsmanship

As the junior high and high school football, volleyball, and cross-country seasons are ready to begin, our district needs your help. As parents and role models, we need you to set the tone at all games. We need you to support our players, cheerleaders, and coaches in a positive manner that represents our school with pride. Come cheer on the Knights to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! See you at the games. Go Knights!

Get Your Union Knight Apparel

Homecoming and Union Knight Friday spirit days will be coming soon. Our Union Knights Booster Club has a variety apparel for elementary age students. Get your Knight stuff now. Go to the Union Booster Club facebook page.