

UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Union Community School District

"Education To Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"



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May 21, 2021

Next Week's Schedule

- Mon., May 24** - 164th Day of School - Day3(M&PE)
- 9 Day Count Down - Extra Recess Day
- Tues., May 25** - 165th Day of School- Day4(M&A)
- 8 Day Count Down - Outdoors Day
- Wed., May 26** - 166th Day of School-Day5(L&PE)
- 7 Day Count Down - Colorful Day
- 5th Gr Field Trip:Hartman Reserve (Rescheduled)
- Thurs., May 27** - 167th DayofSchool-Day6(PE&M)
- 6 Day Count Down - Dance Day
- Fri., May 28** -168th Day of School-Day1(L&M)
- 5 Day Count Down - Hat Day
- Early Dismissal 2:25/2:35

Upcoming May Dates

- May 18 - 5th Gr. to Hartman Reserve - Postponed
May 19 - Library Books Due
May 26 - 5th Gr. to Hartman Reserve (Rescheduled)
May 26 - 3rd Gr Pen Pal Picnic Hickory Hills(Resched)
May 28 - Early Dismissal - 2:25 Walkers/2:35 Bus
May 28 - 1st Gr. to Cedar Valley Arboretum
May 28 - 2nd Gr to Bloomsbury Farm
May 31 - No School - Memorial Day
June 2 - Track & Field Day 3rd-5th AM & K-2nd PM
June 4 - Last Day of School: Regular Dismissal

COVID Changes to End the Year

On Monday night, the Union Community School District Board voted that face coverings will NOT BE REQUIRED within the school buildings, at school events and on school transportation. This was due to the Iowa Department of Public Health revising their guidelines and recommending that schools provide parents and students the option of continuing to wear a face covering while in the school building. We are evaluating other COVID procedures at our building to see what can be changed for the remainder of the school year.

Spring Grade Level Field Trips

This year, due to COVID 19 and the Black Hawk County contact tracing guidelines we will be limiting field trips to 1 per grade level. We are setting the requirements that these will be in an outdoor setting and all contact tracing guidelines will still be followed. It may be as simple as the class walking to the city park, etc. Each grade will let parents know the specifics.

LIBRARY BOOK ALERT!!!!!!!!!!

We are in need of finding all lost and forgotten school library books. We are in the process of doing inventory of our books and shelving them for the summer. Students will be fined for lost or damaged library books. Help us keep our elementary library strong with books that are in good shape. Library books were due back on May 19.



Notice Change: Parents Now Can Attend

Track & Field - Fun & Fitness Days

We now are welcoming parents to attend our annual Track & Field Day for 3rd-5th grade students from 9:00-11:00 and Fun & Fitness Day for K-2nd Grade students from 12:45-2:45 both on Wednesday, June 2. These both will be held in our playground area, back behind the elementary building. More information will be sent out as the event gets closer.

10 Days to Summer Countdown

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end soon! The children have worked hard all year and we feel that they deserve some fun! During the last days of school, we will be participating in a 10 Days Until Summer Countdown. Each school day will have a different activity. Your child may need to bring some things to school, so keep this reminder close at hand. We hope that everyone will have a great time as we head toward the end of the year! Please note that children will NOT be allowed to call home if they forget something. This is for fun so please don't stress! We don't expect you to buy anything for these days! Let's have some fun! Please see the list at the end of the newsletter.

Last Day of School for 2020-21

Superintendent Travis Fleshner announced that based on action by the Union School Board at their April 5 meeting, the final day of school for TK-12 students will be **Friday, June 4**. This day will be a **full day of school** with dismissal being at 3:10 for walkers/car riders and 3:25 for bus students. District students will have met the state mandated requirement for instructional hours for the year.

Hawkins Memorial Library News

- “Reading Colors Your World” is the theme for the 2021 Library Summer Reading Program Hawkins Memorial Library will host June through August. You’ll soon receive a program schedule for the library STEM, Lunch with the Library, Summer Reading evening events, and week-long library activities for children ages preschool through 5th grade. Plan on joining us for these free and entertaining programs.
- The library has yard games for checkout. Choose from Rollzee/Farkle, Ladder Toss, Dominos, Horse Shoes, Ring Toss, Tumble Tower, Lawn Darts, or 4-in-1-Row. Have fun trying a different game each week, or organize a neighborhood lawn party.
- If you are storing children’s or juvenile books in your home that are no longer being read, consider donating them to the library. We are in need of hardcover and paperback books for kids that can be shared in the seven Little Libraries located around town.
- May is Get Caught Reading Month and Hawkins Memorial Library loves readers! Launched in 1999, Get Caught Reading is a nationwide campaign to promote the fun of reading books for all ages. Because of research indicating that early language experience actually stimulates a child’s brain to grow and that reading to children gives them a huge advantage when they start school, we hope to encourage people of all ages to enjoy books and magazines and to share that pleasure with the young children in their lives. Thousands of items to read - books, magazines, and newspapers - are available to you at the library.
- You can snap a photo in front of the library’s May photo booth backdrop to let everyone know you are focused on spring. This lush and brightly colored fantasy setting has fun and silly props to make big smiles appear. Watch our Facebook page to view the pixies and elves that earn a treat by participating in our creative monthly change of scenery.
- Did you know the library has public Wi-Fi, computers, and tablets available for use? We also copy, print and Fax for a small fee.

