

# UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Union Community School District

*"Education To Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"*



LETTER #39



May 28, 2021

### Next Week's Schedule

**Mon., May 31** - Memorial Day- No School  
**Tues., June 1** - 169th Day of School-Day 2(A&PE)  
- 4 Day Count Down - Reading Day  
**Wed., June 2** - 170th Day of School- Day3(M&PE)  
- 3 Day Count Down - Mixed-Up Day  
-Track&Field Day Grs-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>(AM) LPC ElemPlaygrd  
- Fun & Fitness Day Grs K-2(PM) LPC ElemPlaygrd  
**Thurs., June 3** - 171st DayofSchool- Day4(M&A)  
- 2 Day Count Down - Talent Day  
**Fri., June 4** -172nd Day of School-Day5(L&PE)  
- 1 Day Count Down - Year End Celebration Day  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!**  
- Regular Dismissal Time 3:10/3:25

### Upcoming May Dates

May 28 - Early Dismissal - 2:25 Walkers/2:35 Bus  
May 31 - No School - Memorial Day  
June 1 - 2nd Gr to Bloomsbury Farm  
June 2 - Track & Field Day 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> AM & K-2<sup>nd</sup> PM  
June 4 - Last Day of School: Regular Dismissal

### Notice Change: Parents Now Can Attend Track & Field - Fun & Fitness Days

We now are welcoming parents to attend our annual Track & Field Day for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students from 9:00-11:00 and Fun & Fitness Day for K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Summer Office Hours

The LPC elementary building office will be open two weeks after school is out, from 8:00 - 3:00 pm. Caren, our secretary, will be in the office until June 11. I will be on the office until June 18. I will be off for a couple weeks, then back in the office the first week in July. The superintendent's central office at the high school will be open all summer long. Please call the LPC Elementary office if you need anything at 342-3033 and I will return your call.

### 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. Teachers will return for inservice on June 7 and 8.

### 4 Days Left of School

Yes, that is right, the students are already counting down to the last day of school. We have 4 days of school. It will be a very busy time. I know summer sports activities will be starting soon, and it is very nice in the evenings, but please try to have your child in bed at a reasonable time on school nights.

### Next Year's Elementary Class Lists

Class lists for next year will be released on the last day of school with students to take home. Each class will spend some time with their new teacher for next school year during the last day of school. We take many factors into consideration when putting together these lists. They are: number balance, gender balance, behavior balance, and academic balance, which involves Title I reading, ELP, FAST, and Resource students.

**Parents had 4 weeks up until April 30 to turn in any educational requests. Just a reminder that we may not be able to meet all requests turned in due to the factors listed above. Our main priority is to keep a balance of student academics in each classroom. Class lists will NOT BE modified or changed unless a significant disparity comes about as a result of move in and/or out of students.**

### Year 16 - The Union Knight Way!!!

As I reflect on my 16th year here in the Union Community School District and the La Porte City Elementary, I think of the many wonderful opportunities that I have had. I have watched my own 2 children go through the elementary, middle school, and graduate from the high school. It has been a great joy to watch them along with their classmates grow each step of the way. These past sixteen years have given me great experiences in learning the past traditions and rituals of our school district and community and also making new ones. I continually look for ways to make our building better to meet the individual needs of all of our students. This can be only done with the input of our teachers, parents, students, and community members. I look forward to continuing to build strong working relationships with all of you. The future is bright for our students, elementary building, school district, and community. I am so proud to be a Union Knight! I can't wait to start the 17th year of our educational journey together. Have a great summer!!!

## Summer School

Elementary summer school will be offered for three weeks throughout the summer: June 14-18, July 12-16, and August 2-6. Those students who qualified for summer school were notified a few weeks back by letter. If you have any questions please contact the office.

## Moving?????

If you will be moving out of our district over the summer or know of families moving into the district, please let the office know. This will help us with our planning for next year.

## Report Cards - June 8

The elementary teachers will be working on report cards during inservice days on June 7 and 8. Report cards will be emailed out to parents in the afternoon of June 8, barring any technical difficulties. Make sure you have a current email on file with the office. Special Education, Title 1 reading, and Band report cards will be mailed. Contact the elementary office if you have questions.

## Staff Leaving La Porte City Elem.

Each year the La Porte City Elementary has staff that retire and/or take jobs elsewhere. We will miss all of our great staff that have made the 2020-2021 a great school year. Here is the list that we wish good luck in the future to: Deb Jungling, Patti Juhl, Patty Bohnstengel, Cindy Bruce, Jody Keller, Polly Schares, Kathy Willems, and Laura Weber.

## 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.



## Hawkins Memorial Library News

- Your child brought home a brightly colored page listing the Hawkins Memorial Library's "Reading Colors Your World" Summer Reading Program schedule. Programs include reading for prizes, Lunch with the Library, Summer Science STEM, a Magic Show, weekly in-library activities, and six evening summer learning programs. Save and use this schedule so your child will have fun activities all summer long.
- Cosmic Art is the newest Kid's Kit to pick up at the library. This kit prompts you to think about how science and art inspire each other as you learn about the elements of art. Pick up this free kit when you visit the library.
- The Window Story for June is The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt. Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beginning at the library, follow the directions to find the next book section to read each set of pages as you stroll through downtown La Porte City.
- Can patrons of Hawkins Memorial Library reach the goal of 4000 checkouts this summer? For this checkout challenge we will add stickers to a poster every time you borrow from the library. As the stickers are applied you will see the picture emerge. This challenge is for all ages. We are excited to prove what stellar readers you are!

