



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*"Union Community Schools-Education To Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"*

Friday, December 3, 2021 | Newsletter #17

## **THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 6** - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Tuesday, December 7** - 70th Day of School - Day 4(Art & Music)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, December 8** - 71st Day of School - Day 5(Library & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, December 9** - 72nd Day of School - Day 6(PE & Music)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, December 10** - 73rd Day of School - Day 1(Library & Music)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 6** - No School - Teacher Professional Development Day

**Monday, December 13** - LPC Elementary Concerts at the High School Matt Auditorium  
(6:15-6:45 K & 1st) (7:00-7:30 2nd & 3rd) (7:45-8:15 4th & 5th)

**Tuesday, December 14** - 5:00-7:00pm Santa's Cottage in the LPC Elementary Gym

**Wednesday, December 23 - January 3** - No School - Winter Break

**Tuesday, January 4** - School resumes from Winter Break

## **NO SCHOOL MONDAY, DEC. 6**

We will have no school coming up this Monday, December 6 for all Union Community School Buildings. All teachers will be doing Professional Development in collaborative grade level groups. School will resume on Tuesday, December 7.



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### LPC 2021-22 WINTER HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

La Porte City Elementary is excited to have a 12 Days of Christmas countdown. Here is a list of our daily activities we will do. The students can dress up on any of the days they want. We embrace the holiday spirit with enthusiasm and excitement along with our students!

- 12 - Dec. 7 (Tues.) - Deck the Halls Day: Classes will decorate the hallway with some of your holiday cheer!!
- 11 - Dec. 8 (Wed.) - Jolly Old Saint Nicholas Day: Wear holiday sweaters/shirt/outfits today. Be jolly and kind to your classmates and teacher today!
- 10 - Dec. 9 (Thurs.) - Oh Christmas Tree Day: Classes will decorate their hallway door as a Christmas tree!
- 9 - Dec. 10 (Fri.) - Frosty the Snowman Day: Classes will decorate a class snowman to display in the hallway.
- 8 - Dec. 13 (Mon.) - Elf Day: Be an elf today and be helpful! Elves are helpers!
- 7 - Dec. 14 (Tues.) - The Night Before Christmas Day: Mr. Parker will read "The Night Before Christmas" over the Intercom.
- 6 - Dec. 15 (Wed.) - We Wish You a Merry Christmas Day: Wear green and red today. Enjoy the sounds of the Union Carolers @ 8:30
- 5 - Dec. 16 (Thurs.) - Reindeer Day: Wear your antlers and deer gear!!!
- 4 - Dec. 17 (Fri.) - Grinch Day: Wear green for Grinch Day!!
- 3 - Dec. 20 (Mon.) - Santa Claus is Coming to Town Day: Wear red and your Santa hat!
- 2 - Dec. 21 (Tues.) - Candy Cane Day: Wear red and white or stripes. Students will be given small candy canes.
- 1 - Dec. 22 (Wed.) - Polar Express Day: Wear your pajamas to school and enjoy the story Polar Express in your classrooms. Bells will be given to all. Sing-A-Long. Parties in the pm.





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## **LPC ELEM. WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 13**

Our music programs for the winter music concerts this year will be on the same night: Monday, December 13 at 3 different times. Kindergarten and first grade at 6:15-6:45. Second and third grade at 7:00-7:30. Fourth and fifth grades at 7:45-8:15. All three performances will be held in the Matt High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in. Our elementary school music teacher, Jennifer Bistline, directs the winter programs.

## **PTO REMINDERS**

### **Scrip Orders - Due December 2nd**

- Ordering Scrip gift cards is an easy way to raise money without selling anything! Buy gift cards for yourself or purchase for upcoming holiday gifts.
- Paper order forms were sent home this week or shop online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). There are 700+ cards available to choose from online including several \$5 & \$10 cards. Those make great gifts for teachers and staff, postal carriers, co-workers, and more!
- How Scrip helps our school: Purchase a \$20 Tootsie's certificate through Scrip, you'll receive the full \$20 value while earning a 20% rebate (or \$4) for our school.

### **Santa's Cottage - December 14th**

- The PTO is excited to host our annual Santa's Cottage event on Tuesday December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym. As a health precaution, Santa's Cottage will have a modified "express" version this year.

Children will be able to shop on their own for affordable gifts for their family with prices ranging from \$0.25 - \$5.00 per item. The PTO will have apparel and Scrip gift cards for sale. Watch for more details coming soon.

### **Amazon Smile**

If you're shopping online this holiday season, 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/)**

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## **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Each year our elementary building is contacted by different local community organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. For a hard copy of the form, please contact the office.

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS**

- LEGO building is the weekly activity Monday through Saturday, December 6-11. Drop in for construction and create a masterpiece from the loads of LEGOs at the library.
- Our Gingerbread House Workshop is the place to do a little holiday building! We have all the goodies to build and decorate a delightful little house between 4 and 7 PM on Wednesday, December 8.
- The Union High School Carolers perform in the library at 4 PM on Friday, December 10. This charming costumed a cappella group will grace patrons with 20 minutes of holiday music.

Jolene Kronschnabel | Library Director | Hawkins Memorial Library



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| <b>UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>           |                     |                   |
| <b>La Porte City Elementary School</b>           |                     |                   |
| <i>"Education To Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"</i> |                     |                   |
| Todd Parker, Principal                           |                     |                   |
| 515 Fillmore St., La Porte City, IA 50651        | Phone: 319-342-3033 | Fax: 319-342-3816 |

## Holiday Assistance Available

Each year the elementary school is contacted by different local organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the below information and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. Please contact me at the elementary office if you have further questions.

Thank You,

Todd Parker  
La Porte City Elementary

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### La Porte City Elementary Holiday Assistance Release Form

**Student Information:**

|            |             |               |
|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Name _____ | Grade _____ | Teacher _____ |
| Name _____ | Grade _____ | Teacher _____ |
| Name _____ | Grade _____ | Teacher _____ |
| Name _____ | Grade _____ | Teacher _____ |

How many children are in the household? \_\_\_\_\_



Parent Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Any Comments on area of need: \_\_\_\_\_  
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| BREAKFAST  | December 2021  |  | DG & LPC Elementary  | Union Community Schools   |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |  |
| <b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>  | <b>Menu is subject to change without notice</b>  | Milk options:<br>1% white<br>Skim white<br>Skim chocolate  | <b>All Grains are Whole Grain Enriched</b>   |   |  |
|  |  | 1<br>Pancake<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt       | 2<br>Breakfast Pizza<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt | 3<br>Yogurt w/oatmeal bar<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt |  |
| 6<br>NO SCHOOL   | 7<br>Breakfast Burrito<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese       | 8<br>French toast<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free options:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt | 9<br>Breakfast Pizza<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese           | 10<br>Yogurt w/oatmeal bar<br>Choice: Cereal w/muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese           |  |
| 13<br>Mini Bagel<br>Choice: Cereal w /muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese   | 14<br>Breakfast bar w/muffin<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese | 15<br>Waffle<br>Choice: Cereal w/muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese                  | 16<br>Breakfast Pizza<br>Choice: Cereal w/muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese           | 17<br>Mini Cinnis<br>Choice: Cereal w/muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese                    |  |
| 20<br>Fruit Frudel<br>Choice: Cereal w /muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese | 21<br>Breakfast bar w/muffin<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese | 22<br>French toast<br>Choice: Cereal w/ muffin<br>100% fruit Juice<br>Fruit<br>Milk<br>Gluten free option:<br>GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt | 23<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Winter Break<br>                             | 24<br>NO SCHOOL<br>  |  |
| 27<br>WINTER BREAK   | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  |  |



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| LUNCH   | December 2021  | DG & LPC Elementary   | Union Community Schools  |  |
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| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
| <p><b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b></p> <p><i>Menu is subject to change without notice.</i></p>                      | <p>Milk choices:<br/>1% White,<br/>Skin White<br/>Skin Chocolate</p> <p><b>All Grains are whole grain enriched</b></p>   | <p>1<br/>Country Fried Pork Chop w/tea roll<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Baked Potato w/butter &amp; sour cream<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Banana<br/>Milk</p> | <p>2<br/>Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun<br/>Choice: Hamburger on Bun<br/>Sweet Potato fries<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Apple slices<br/>Milk</p>    | <p>3<br/>Toasted Cheese Sandwich<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Tomato Soup<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Pears<br/>Milk</p>                     |
| <p>6<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>  | <p>7<br/>Pork rib on bun<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Baked Bean<br/>Cauliflower/broccoli/carrots w/cheese<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Mandarin oranges<br/>Milk</p> | <p>8<br/>Chicken Nuggets w/tea roll<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Mashed potatoes w/gravy<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Peaches<br/>Milk</p>                       | <p>9 Breakfast for LUNCH<br/>Sausage smokies &amp; Waffles<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Hash brown round<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Apple slices<br/>Milk</p> | <p>10<br/>Mexican Pasta<br/>&amp; garlic breadstick<br/>Choice: Hamburger on Bun<br/>Green Beans<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Pears<br/>Milk</p>  |
| <p>13<br/>Cheese Pizza<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Corn &amp; Carrots<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Pineapple<br/>Milk</p>                 | <p>14<br/>Walking Taco<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Refried beans<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Banana<br/>Milk</p>  | <p>15<br/>Chicken popcorn w/tea roll<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Roasted butternut squash<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Peaches<br/>Milk</p>                     | <p>16<br/>Mini Corn dog<br/>Choice: Hamburger on Bun<br/>Broccoli w/cheese<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Apple Slices<br/>Milk</p>                                   | <p>17<br/>Chicken Alfredo<br/>&amp; Garlic Breadstick<br/>Choice: Hamburger on Bun<br/>Peas<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Mixed Fruit<br/>Milk</p> |
| <p>20<br/>Bosco Cheese breadstick w/marinara<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Green beans<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Applesauce<br/>Milk</p> | <p>21<br/>Chicken Nuggets w/tea roll<br/>Choice: Hamburger on bun<br/>Cheesy Potatoes<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Side Kick Jolly Juice<br/>Milk</p>     | <p>22<br/>Pizza Crunchers<br/>Choice: Hamburger on Bun<br/>Corn<br/>Vegetable/Fruit Bar<br/>Pineapple<br/>Milk</p>  | <p>23<br/>NO SCHOOL<br/>WINTER BREAK</p>   | <p>24<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>  |
| <p>27<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>   | <p>28<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>  | <p>29<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>   | <p>30<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>  | <p>31<br/>NO SCHOOL</p>  |

\*Vegetable/Fruit Bar contains: Fresh Romaine lettuce (iceberg shredded on Taco Day), tomato, carrots, cucumber, broccoli, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of fruit.  
May contain other vegetable choices: Celery, peppers, cauliflower. Items subject to change with product availability



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