



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, May 23 - NO SCHOOL

- Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 31 - 173rd Day of School - Day 5 (PE & LIBRARY)

- Last Day of School for Preschool - 6:30 pm Graduation
- COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER - DAY 2 Red Union Knight Shirt Day - Wear your red PTO Union shirt for Track & Field and Fun & Fitness Day.
- **Track & Field Day Grades 3-5 at HS AM**
- **Fun & Fitness Grades K-2 playground PM**

Wednesday, June 1 - 174th Day of School - Day 6(MUSIC & PE)

- Last day of School TK-5th Gr. students
- 11:10 Dismissal Walkers/Town Students - 11:20 Bus Students
- COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER - DAY 1 Year End Celebration Day - We will celebrate the end of the school year today with a fun party. Last day of school!!!!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 31 - Track & Field Day Grades 3-5 at HS AM - Fun & Fitness Grades K-2 playground PM

May 31 - Last Day of 4 Year Old Preschool - Preschool Graduation 6:30 pm

June 1 - Last Day of School TK-5 Grade Students - 11:10 Dismissal

2 DAYS LEFT - 5 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 5 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! 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!

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TRACK & FIELD DAY - FUN & FITNESS DAY

On Tuesday, May 31, we will have our Track & Field Day for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students in the morning @ UHS Track from 8:30-11:00. In the afternoon we will then have our Fun & Fitness Day for K, 1st, and 2nd grade students @ LPC Elementary Playground from 12:45-3:00. As always, you are welcome to come and watch your child participate in this fun day.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL NOW SET FOR 2021-22

Superintendent Travis Fleshner announced that based on action by the Union School Board at their April 18 meeting, the final day of school for TK-12 students will be **Wednesday, June 1**. District students will have met the state mandated requirement for instructional hours for the year. This day will be a 11:00 dismissal time and at the elementary that translates to 11:10 for walkers/car riders and 11:25 for bus students. Breakfast will be served on the last day of school, but no lunch will be served on that day.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The LPC elementary building office will be open all summer long from 8:00 – 3:00 pm. Caren, our secretary, will be in the office for two weeks after school is out. I will be in the office most of the summer, with a few days off for vacation. The front doors will be open for deliveries, and signs will be posted, if no one is in the office during parts of the day. The superintendent's central office at the high school will be open all summer long as well. Please call the LPC Elementary office if you need anything at 342-3033 and I will return your call.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Elementary summer school will be offered for TWO weeks throughout the summer in the mornings from July 11-22. Those students who qualified for summer school were notified a few weeks back by letter. If you have any questions please contact the office.



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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

The elementary teachers will be working on report cards during inservice afternoon of June 1. Report cards will be emailed out to parents on June 1 or 2, 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.

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 17 - THE UNION KNIGHT WAY!!!

As I reflect on my 17th 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 seventeen 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 18th year of our educational journey together. Have a great summer!!!



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HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

- The library will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. Remember to pick up books, movies, and magazines for the long holiday weekend.
- Perler Beads will be out from Tuesday, May 31 through Saturday, June 4. Perler beads are small, heat activated beads that you can lay on a mat to create interesting patterns. Then, after you apply heat, the beads will fuse together creating your design into a single work of art.
- The library has great programs all summer long. Check for a schedule in your child's backpack, stop in and pick one up at the library, find it online at www.laportecity.lib.ia.us
- (Calendar or Featured Events), or locate it on our Facebook page (Events). Take advantage of these free, fun, and educational activities.

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Hawkins Memorial Library

308 Main Street, La Porte City 319-342-3025



Read Beyond the Beaten Path, Library Summer Learning Programs

*All programs are FREE **Programs are presented in the library unless otherwise noted

Read to earn prizes all summer long! Register children ages preschool - 5th grade for the summer reading program, **Read Beyond the Beaten Path**, and earn prizes by completing reading logs. Stop at the library to sign up.

Weekly Activities in the Library – Drop in and enjoy these week long activities anytime the library is open!

- May 31-June 4: Perler Beads
- June 6-11: Pot Holders
- June 13-16: Father's Day Cards
- June 20-25: LEGO building
- June 27-July 2: Origami Paper Folding
- July 5-9: Perler Beads
- July 11-16: Magformers
- July 18-23: Coloring and Painting
- July 25-30: LEGO building
- August 1-6: Origami Paper Folding
- August 8-13: Perler Beads
- August 15-20: Magformers
- August 22-27: Coloring and Painting



More on Mondays Programs! Everything begins at 1 PM in the library.

- **BINGO** - 1 PM on June 6 & 20; July 11 & 25; Aug. 8 & 22. Play for fun and small prizes
- **Planting Party** – Read a book, plant seeds to take home, and learn growing tips on June 13 at 1 PM.
- **Puppet Show** – Enjoy a puppet show, books, songs and a skit about friendship on June 27 at 1 PM.
- **Flower Workshop** – 1 PM on July 18 design your own flowers in a vase and take home a beautiful arrangement.
- **STEM Learning** – Using Bee BOTS and books, kids will have fun programing these little robots on Aug.1 at 1 PM.
- **Ice Cream Social** – We'll have ice cream and read stories on August 15 at 1 PM.

Family Movies – 1:30 PM on Thursdays, June 16 & 30; July 7 & 21; Aug. 4 & 18. Popcorn provided!

Lunch with the Library

Dates/Times Offered: Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
** Held at the La Porte City, City Park

Kids can have "Lunch with the Library" each Wednesday this summer. Free sack lunches will be provided by the La Porte City Police Association for children to eat while they listen to themed stories and finish with an activity. Bring a blanket to sit on.

Blank Park Zoo – Festival of Trails Entertainment

Date/Time Offered: Saturday, June 18, at 1 PM

The Zoo is coming to you! Enjoy a free Blank Park Zoo "Zoo to You" animal education program at the library.

Story Time Mixed with Imagination – with The Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Date/Time Offered: Tuesday, June 21, at 3 PM

Learn a secret code called Braille, and let your fingers walk through the pages of time with inventor Louis Braille! Learn how to taste, smell, and feel the colors of the rainbow. Participants receive special braille items and experiences.

Wind Chime Workshop - LPC FFA Historical & Ag Museum

Date/Time Offered: Thursday, July 14, 6:30 PM. Everyone will meet at the library then walk to the museum.

Create your own one-of-a-kind wind chimes. Recommended for ages 6 years or older. This is a LPC FFA Historical & Ag Museum Annual Family Fun Event.

Magic Show

Date/Time Offered: Friday, July 15, at 4 PM

Enjoy a free Magic Show at Hawkins Memorial Library (prior to the Friday evening Brick Street Market). Comedy Magician Rick Eugene provides comical entertainment and magic together that is fun for the whole family.

ISU Insect Zoo

Date/Time Offered: Thursday, July 28, 4-5 PM

The Insect Zoo's Mission is to Spread Bug Love. See live animals and preserved insect displays at the library that are hands-on, interactive, and fun. Zoo staff helps participants handle the animals, talk facts and answer questions.



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SUMMER BACK PACK PROGRAM & CROSSLINES

Make sure to check out the information below about our community BackPack Program. Also Crosslines of La Porte City has emergency funds available for people who need assistance with food and utilities. Contact the local church offices or the LPC utility office.

2022 Summer Back Pack Program - Registration Form

The St. Paul United Methodist Church will be providing weekly bags of food during the summer months for kids that are currently participating in the Back Pack Program or simply need supplemental food items due to the current situation.

We are located next to the the Post Office on Sycamore and 1st St. The food bags will be available for pickup every Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm starting June 2nd. If this time does not work for you or if you do not have transportation, please call Sherry at 342-2484 and we can make different arrangements.

Please fill out the bottom of this sheet and return to the school.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Who will pick up food bags: _____

Please list children participating in the program

NAME	GRADE	FOOD ALLERGIES

By signing this form, I agree to allow my child(ren) to participate in the summer Back Pack Program provided by St. Paul United Methodist Church.

I understand that for children with food allergies, food items provided may contain ingredients such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs, and milk. Parents/guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. St. Paul United Methodist Church, La Porte City School system and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank do not assume any liability for adverse reaction to food consumed. We strive to include healthy and safe food. While some products might be past the marked best-by date, we have worked with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to ensure that they are still safe to consume. If you open an item and notice a problem, please contact the Church immediately.

By signing this form I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child(ren) participation in this Summer Back Pack Program, including any adverse reaction my child may have to foods consumed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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LUNCH May 2022 LPC Elementary Union Community Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.	Milk choices: 1% white Skim White Skim chocolate	All Grains are whole grain enriched	Menu is subject to change without notice.	
23 Cheese Pizza Choice: Hamburger on bun Mixed Veggies Vegetable/Fruit Bar Pineapple Milk	24 Chicken Cheese Burrito Choice: Hamburger on bun Corn Vegetable/Fruit Bar Banana Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets w/tea roll Choice: Hamburger on bun Broccoli w/cheese Vegetable/Fruit Bar Fruit Milk	26 Hotdog on bun Choice: Hamburger on bun Baked beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Fruit Milk	27 Cheeseburger on bun Choice: Hamburger on bun Green Beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Fruit Milk
30 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	31 Pizza Choice: Hamburger on bun Hot veggies Vegetable/Fruit Bar fruit Milk	JUNE 1 11:00 DISMISSAL NO LUNCH	HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!	

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

BREAKFAST May 2022 LPC Elementary Union Community Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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23 Mini Donut w/string cheese Choice: Cereal w /muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	24 Breakfast bar w/muffin Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	25 French toast Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	26 Sunbutter sandwich Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	27 Mini Cinnis Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk
30 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	31 Mini Donuts Choice: Cereal w /muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	June 1 11:00 DISMISSAL COOK'S CHOICE(items left) Choice: Cereal w /muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk	HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!	