



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, August 29 - 4th Day of School - Day 4 (M&A)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)

Tuesday, August 30 - 5th Day of School - Day 5 (PE&L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 1st Day of School for Preschool Strudents 2022-23

Wednesday, August 31 - 6th Day of School - Day 6 (M&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, September 1 - 7th Day of School - Day 1 (M&L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, September 2 - 8th Day of School - Day 2 (A&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Monday, September 5 - NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5 - No School Labor Day

Monday, September 12 - LPC Elementray PTO 6:30pm

Monday - Friday, September 26-30 - Homecoming Week for Union Community Schools

Wednesday, September 28 - School Pictures

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2022-2023 school year is here. I am very excited about starting my 18th year as the PreK-5 elementary principal here at Union in La Porte City where it's a New Year, New Union. I am looking forward to building on the last 17 years' successes. This will be my 32nd year in education and my 22nd year as an elementary principal. Our goal is to create a positive atmosphere in our building where education is engaging, exciting, challenging, and a fun place for our students.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

This is our 1st weekly newsletter that will be sent out via our JMC email system usually on Fridays throughout the school year. These will also be on our Union Community school webpage under the La Porte City Elementary tab. The main purpose of this newsletter is to form strong lines of communication between our elementary school and you, the parents. By sending these home on Fridays, you will have an opportunity to look at the upcoming events for the next week and have a chance to prepare for them over the weekend. If you need a newsletter printed out for you please let your child's teacher know.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome new staff to our building this year and those that have new roles or rooms: Andrew Castings (new Sp.Ed teacher - 3rd-5th grades), Kayla Peterson (moved to 2nd grade), Lindsay Ducker (moved to 3rd grade), and Kayla Grigg (new associate), Cheryl Wiebbecke (will be here 1 day a week as a health associate).

BREAKFAST & LUNCH RETURN TO FULL PRICES

Due to changes made to Food Service Guidelines by the USDA, both breakfast and lunch will resume being full priced in August 2022. We appreciate your understanding that this is not a local decision, but guidance issued from the USDA and State organizations that we are required to follow. Current meal prices are listed below. Your student(s) may qualify for free or reduced meals by filling out an Iowa Application for Free & Reduced Price School Meals. Applications for school year 22-23 are available here, <https://www.union.k12.ia.us/.../22-23-Free-and-Reduced> online on our district webpage. If you are unsure whether you qualify or not, we encourage you to fill out a Free/Reduced application to determine your eligibility. Keep an eye on your balances, students are not allowed to go under -10.00 due to school board policy.

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.



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A REMINDER OF OUR START TIME

At La Porte City Elementary, our school will begin at 8:05am with the tardy bell. Students 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 not riding the bus and not be eating breakfast are encouraged not to come to school prior to 8:00. 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. Students will enter and exit the building through their main hallway. During dismissal, the K-3 students who have classrooms on Gates Street (KP, 1D, 1J, 2N, 2P, & 3G) may use the outside door of their classroom.

3 WAY STOP SIGNS ON FILLMORE & PINE ST.

Just a reminder to parents that the City of La Porte City installed permanent 3 way stop signs in the front of the LPC Elementary building on the corner of Fillmore and Pine Street last year. Please make sure to obey these new signs especially when the safety patrol is in the cross walks walking students across the street.

MORNING DROP OFF & PICK UP 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 the ir 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. If you are picking up your children on Gates Street, please park in the spots available marked with yellow lines, or in the baseball parking lot. We ask that parents do not stop and wait along the road or near the stop signs. Please be alert of students that may be crossing with a parent and cars backing up. For the safety of all students we ask that parents do not bring pets on school grounds at drop off and pick up up times. This is in accordance to our school board policy.



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HOME FOOTBALL GAME REMINDERS

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 and watch the game. 2. If your child brings a football to the game, we ask that they play catch away from where fans are watching the game. 3. No students are allowed on the practice field behind the scoreboard outside of the fence. 4. We also are asking that students dispose of all plastic bottles and trash properly in the waste cans available. 5. No kicking or throwing of pop bottles will be allowed. 6. 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. Go Knights!!!!

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!

LPC ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

All La Porte City Elementary procedures and guidelines can be found on our building handbook, which is located on the Union Community School District website at <https://www.union.k12.ia.us/>. Click on the LPC Elementary link on the schools tab and then goto the Student Hanbook link on the right hand side.

CHANGE OF PLANS REMINDERS

Parents, your help is needed on a daily basis to please send a note and/or an email, if there is a change of plan with getting your child home. 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. Keep in mind all of these people that may need to know about change of plans: teachers, office, bus driver, siblings, coaches(soccer/football), others



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they walk with, and daycare. We are having daily situations in which not everyone knows about changes of student plans. We thank parents for assisting us in this situation.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Weave colorful and useful potholders with our looms and loops. Potholders week is Monday, August 29 through Saturday, September 3.
- Yard games are available for checkout. The library has great games including Yardzee, Football Toss, KanJam, Ladder Toss, Tumble Tower, Ring Toss, Horse Shoes, Connect 4, Checkers, and more. All we ask is that you keep the pieces together and return the game inside the library instead of using the book drop.
- Be sure to "Like" Hawkins Memorial Library on Facebook and remember to check "Get Notifications" and "Following" so you are informed about what is going on at your library.



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BREAKFAST		DG/LPC ELEMENTARY			August 2022
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		Mini Donuts 24 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza 25 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Yogurt with Oatmeal Bar 26 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	
Mini Cinnis 29 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Bar 30 Choice: Cereal Both with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Sausage Pancake on a Stick 31 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito 9/1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Yogurt with Oatmeal Bar 9/2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin or Oatmeal Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	

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LUNCH		DG/LPC ELEMENTARY			August 2022
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		Breaded Chicken on Bun 24 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Green Beans Fruit / Vegetable Bar 100% Fruit Juice Milk (1)	Corndog 25 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Potato Wedges Fruit / Vegetable Bar Apple Slices (2) Milk (2)	Pizza Crunchers 26 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn Fruit / Vegetable Bar Pineapple (3) Milk (3)	
KNIGHT Sticks 29 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mixed Veggies Fruit / Vegetable Bar Peaches (4) Milk (4)	Quesadilla (cheese & green chili) 30 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Refried Beans Fruit / Vegetable Bar Mandarin Oranges (5) Milk (5)	Popcorn Chicken with Tea Roll 31 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit / Vegetable Bar Applesauce (6) Milk (6)	BBQ Rib on Bun 9/1 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Fruit / Vegetable Bar Pears (1) Milk (1)	Pepperoni Pizza 9/2 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn & Carrots Fruit / Vegetable Bar Pineapple (2) Milk (2)	

*Vegetable / Fruit Bar Contains: Fresh Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Carrots, Cucumbers, And A Second Fruit Daily.

May Also Contain Other Choices Like Celery, Peppers, And Cauliflower. All Items On Menu Are Subject To Change Based On Product Availability.

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