



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, September 2, 2022 | Newsletter #2

- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5 - NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 6 - 9th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, August 31 - 10th Day of School I - Day 4 (MUSIC & ART)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, September 1 - 11th Day of School - Day 5 (PE & LIBRARY)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, September 2 - 12th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

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

NO SCHOOL MONDAY - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Just a reminder to parents that on this upcoming Monday, we will have no school due to the Labor Day holiday. It will be a great three day weekend. With eight good days of school behind us, it will be a nice short break for our younger students. On Tuesday, all students preschool through fifth grade will start back at it and will get back into their regular routines/schedules at school.

NEW YEAR - NEW UNION - GO KNIGHTS!



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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.

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.

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



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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 times. This is in accordance to our school board policy.

HOME FOOTBALL GAME REMINDERS

Our first varsity home football game was last week. 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.



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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 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:

- LEGO building is the weekly activity Tuesday through Saturday, September 6-10. Stop in and build a masterpiece from the loads of LEGOs at the library.
- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. The library has a lot to offer – for free. If you are not already a patron, come in, sign-up, and start using your library. We have books, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, newspapers, computers, programs, games, puzzles, and more.
- Hawkins Memorial Library will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5. Run in and grab books, movies, puzzles, and games early!
- National Read a Book Day on September 6 calls all book lovers to indulge in their favorite hobby, guilt-free. Bringing new worlds to life, books enlighten us and transport us on exciting adventures. They can challenge our perspectives on the human experience in ways unmatched by other media. In a world deluged by technology, National Read a Book Day encourages us to silence the noise and turn the pages for a while.



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