



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, December 2, 2022 | Newsletter #15

**- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 5** - 67th Day of School - Day 1 (LIBRARY & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- 6:30pm LPC PTO Meeting in the Library

**Tuesday, December 6** - 68th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, December 7** - 69th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 12 Winter Countdown: Deck the Halls - Classes will decorate the Hallways with holiday cheer.

**Thursday, December 8** - 70th Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 11 Winter Countdown: Oh Christmas Tree - Classes will decorate their classroom door as a Christmas tree.

**Friday, December 9** - 71st Day of School - Day 5 (LIBRARY & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 10 Winter Countdown: Frosty the Snowman Day: Classes will decorate a class snowman to display in the hallway.

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 5** - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in the LPC Elem. Library

**Monday, December 12** - 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 13** - PTO LPC Elementary Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:00pm

**Friday, December 23 - January 2** - No School - Winter Break

**Tuesday, January 3** - School resumes from Winter Break



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

## **PTO REMINDERS**

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

La Porte City Elementary PTO: Scrip Gift Card Order Form Scrip gift cards are an easy way to raise funds for our school. Simply purchase cards to places you normally shop (gas, food, household items, etc) or as gifts for any occasion. The school receives a specific rebate amount based on the retailer. Example: Order a Tootsie's \$20 certificate, receive the full \$20 value while the school earns a 20% rebate or \$4.00 If you are looking for a specific gift card, check Raise Right's website (formally ShopwithScrip) where they have +780 gift cards! There are egift cards, reloading options and the ability to ship your gift cards to your house (s&h apply) instead of to the school. Order Online - visit <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> First time ordering online? click 'Sign Up' in the upper right corner, then 'Join a Scrip Program' and enter our enrollment code: B4L78C7141185. Set up PrestoPay to pay from your bank account, use a credit/debit card, or send cash/check to school Paper Form Orders: send cash/check (payable to LPC PTO) to the school along with this form ALL ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY 12/2/2022 in order to have cards back by Santa's Cottage for pick up **\*\*THIS IS THE ONLY ORDER FOR 2022\*\*** Contact LPC PTO at LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com for questions.

### **Santa's Cottage - December 13th**

- The PTO is excited to host our annual Santa's Cottage event on Tuesday December 13th from 5:00-7:00pm in the LPC Elementary gymnasium
- 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. Free cookies and hot cocoa. Watch for more details coming soon.

## **LPC ELEMENTARY WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 12**

Our music programs for the winter music concerts this year will be on the same night: Monday, December 12 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.



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

## **PTO SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDER**

La Porte City Elementary PTO: Scrip Gift Card Order Form Scrip gift cards are an easy way to raise funds for our school. Simply purchase cards to places you normally shop (gas, food, household items, etc) or as gifts for any occasion. The school receives a specific rebate amount based on the retailer. Example: Order a Tootsie's \$20 certificate, receive the full \$20 value while the school earns a 20% rebate or \$4.00 If you are looking for a specific gift card, check Raise Right's website (formally ShopwithScrip) where they have +780 gift cards! There are egift cards, reloading options and the ability to ship your gift cards to your house (s&h apply) instead of to the school. Order Online - visit <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> First time ordering online? click 'Sign Up' in the upper right corner, then 'Join a Scrip Program' and enter our enrollment code: B4L78C7141185. Set up PrestoPay to pay from your bank account, use a credit/debit card, or send cash/check to school Paper Form Orders: send cash/check (payable to LPC PTO) to the school along with this form ALL ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY 12/2/2022 in order to have cards back by Santa's Cottage for pick up **\*\*THIS IS THE ONLY ORDER FOR 2022\*\*** Contact LPC PTO at [LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com](mailto:LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com) for questions.

## **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING ALERT**

The cold weather is starting to move in and a chill is in the air. I think it is safe to say that winter is getting closer. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather when it arrives. It is safe to say that shorts, tank tops, and flip flops season is over. Sweatshirts and fall jackets should now be worn. A warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots will soon be advised for when winter weather occurs. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future. The information below is from our LPC Elementary handbook.

## **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.



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

<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

---

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Santa Claus zooms to the library riding on a fire truck at 11:30 AM on Saturday, December 3. Children are encouraged to meet Santa in front of the library and take a turn visiting with him from 11:30 AM until 1 PM. Parents can take pictures during the visit. There will also be a variety of make-and-take Christmas crafts for kids in the library from 10 AM to 1 PM.
- Our youngest readers can participate in a fun learning program with stories, activities, and crafts at Story Time on Monday mornings at 10 AM. In December we'll enjoy reading about Christmas trees, reindeer, and Santa. We will not have Story Time on Monday December 26.
- Board games are available for checkout. The library has great games including Farkle, Yahtzee, Memory, Monopoly, Battleship, Clue, HiHo Cherry-O, Life, Connect 4, and many more. All we ask is that you keep the pieces together and return the game inside the library instead of using the drop.
- Magformers are a fun and educational STEM activity! Bring the kids in for a week of magnetic building fun with Magformers from Monday, December 5 through Saturday, December 10.
- December is read a New Book Month So, here are tips to answering the dreaded "*but what do I read?*" question: 1) **Go for the unexpected.** Pick up a book so far out of your reading zone that it scares you a little. Try something *new*. You never know, you might just find your next favorite genre. 2) **Learn something new.** Take the time to find a book that fits your needs and plan a project around it to ensure it gets read. 3) **Don't overthink it.** If you are still pondering over your next read: pull up that dreaded To-Be-Read list, *and just pick one*. If you really want to challenge yourself this month - aim for a new book every week.
- Hawkins Memorial Library is partnering with Thriftway and LPC Connect to host a Holiday Food Pantry Drive to brighten the spirits of our local community. Thriftway will donate one tote of groceries locally to The Lord's Food Pantry for every five totes donated from purchases made at their store. You can also drop off donations of non-perishable food items, socks, or cold weather gear at Hawkins Memorial Library and LPC Connect between now and December 31.
- Morris's Disappearing Bag by Rosemary Wells, is the December window story you can read while strolling through downtown. Morris is missing. His siblings went off to play with each other's new toys, but nobody wanted to play with Morris's bear. So Morris found something new to play with—a disappearing bag. Begin reading the book in front of the library and follow the directions to find the next set of pages.

## **LPC 2022 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! Let the fun begin!!! See the specific daily countdown below that starts on this upcoming Wednesday.



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



## LPC 2022 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 (Wed.) - **Deck the Halls Day:** Classes will decorate the hallway with some of your holiday cheer!!
- 11 - Dec. 8 (Thurs.) - **Oh Christmas Tree Day:** Classes will decorate their hallway door as a Christmas tree!
- 10 - Dec. 9 (Fri.) - **Frosty the Snowman Day:** Classes will decorate a class snowman to display in the hallway.
- 9 - Dec. 12 (Mon.) - **Elf Day:** Be an elf today and be helpful! Elves are helpers!
- 8 - Dec. 13 (Tues.) - **The Night Before Christmas Day:** Mr. Parker will read "The Night Before Christmas" over the Intercom.
- 7 - Dec. 14 (Wed.) - **Jolly Old Saint Nicholas Day:** Wear holiday sweaters, shirts, & outfits today. Be jolly & kind to your classmates & teacher today!
- 6 - Dec. 15 (Thurs.) - **Candy Cane Day:** Wear red and white or stripes. Students will be given small candy canes.
- 5 - Dec. 16 (Fri.) - **Grinch Day:** Wear green for Grinch Day!!
- 4 - Dec. 19 (Mon.) - **Santa Claus is Coming to Town Day:** Wear red & your Santa hat!
- 3 - Dec. 20 (Tues.) - **We Wish You a Merry Christmas Day:** Wear green & red today.
- 2 - Dec. 21 (Wed.) - **Reindeer Day:** Wear your antlers and deer gear!!!
- 1 - Dec. 22 (Thurs.) - **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.






# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

LUNCH	DG / LEL				December 2022
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
			<b>CHICKEN ALFREDO</b> 1 with Garlic Breadstick <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Peas Day 5 Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑤ Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>PIZZA CRUNCHERS</b> 2 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Day 6 Green Beans Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑥ Pineapple Milk	
<b>MEATBALL SUB</b> 5 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Sweet Potato Fries Fruit / Veggie Bar ① Peaches Milk	<b>WALKING TACO</b> 6 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Refried Beans & Corn Fruit / Veggie Bar ② Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>CHICKEN DRUMSTICK</b> 7 with Tea Roll <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Broccoli with Cheese Fruit / Veggie Bar ③ Applesauce Milk	<b>TERYAKI CHICKEN</b> 8 with Rice <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Oriental Veggies Fruit / Veggie Bar ④ Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> 9 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Green Beans Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑤ Pineapple Milk	
<b>HOT DOG ON BUN</b> 12 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Baked Beans Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑥ Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>CRISPITO BURRITOS</b> 13 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Mexi Corn Fruit / Veggie Bar ① Peaches Milk	<b>BREADED CHICKEN ON BUN</b> 14 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Garlic Broccoli Fruit / Veggie Bar ② Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>SAUSAGE SMOKIES</b> 15 with PANCAKES <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Hashbrowns Fruit / Veggie Bar ③ Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>PEPPERONI PIZZA</b> 16 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Mixed Veggies Fruit / Veggie Bar ④ Pineapple Milk	
<b>PULLED PORK ON BUN</b> 19 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Seasoned Potato Wedges Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑤ Rosy Applesauce Milk	<b>PIZZA QUESADILLA</b> 20 (Chicken & Cheese) <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Refried Beans Fruit / Veggie Bar ⑥ Bananas Milk	<b>BBQ RIB ON BUN</b> 22 <b>CHOICE: Hamburger on Bun</b> Green Beans Fruit / Veggie Bar ① Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 <b>POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL</b> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Cookie Fruit / Veggie Bar ② Fruit Salad Milk	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>WINTER BREAK BEGINS</b>	
26	27	28	29	30	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	
<small>*Vegetable / Fruit Bar Contains: Fresh Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Carrots, Cucumbers, &amp; a 2nd Fruit Daily            May Also Contain Other Choices Like Celery, Peppers, And Cauliflower. All Items On Menu Are Subject To Change Based On Product Availability.</small>					



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

BREAKFAST		DG / LEL			December 2022
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
			<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 1	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 2	
			CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	
			CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	
			100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	
			Milk	Milk	
<b>MINI CINNIS</b> 5	<b>OMELET WITH TOAST</b> 6	<b>WAFFLES OR PANCAKES</b> 7	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK</b> 8	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 9	
CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	
CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
<b>MINI DONUTS</b> 12	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST</b> 13	<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> 14	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 15	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 16	
CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	
CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
<b>APPLE FRUDEL</b> 19	<b>OMELET WITH TOAST</b> 20	<b>WAFFLES OR PANCAKES</b> 21	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK</b> 22	23	
CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	CHOICE: UNCRUSTABLE	<b>WINTER BREAK BEGINS</b>	
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit		
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk		
26	27	28	29	30	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> WINTER BREAK	