



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 | Newsletter #18

**- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, December 22- No School Due to Incoming Poor Weather Conditions**

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

**Tuesday, January 3** - School Resumes for UCSD - 80th Day of School - Day 2(ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

**Wednesday, January 4** - 81st Day of School - Day 3(MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, January 5** - 82nd Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, January 6** - 83rd Day of School - Day 5 (LIBRARY & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, December 22- No School Due to Incoming Poor Weather Conditions**

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

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

## **IOWA SCHOOL ALERTS**

If you are not currently receiving school alert notifications please go to the following website to sign up to receive delay/cancelation notifications. Since this is a PDF document the below link will not directly take you to this website, so you will have to do a google search for iowa school alerts or public gov delivery.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/new> It is also found on our Union web page under the families tab - in the school alerts information.



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## **WINTER BREAK STARTS TODAY DEC. 22-JAN 2**

The students' last day before break was yesterday, Wednesday, December 21 with a regular 3:10 dismissal time, due to school being canceled on Thursday for weather. So that means that our Winter Break 2022 is here and officially started. The Christmas winter break runs through Monday, January 2. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Have a great Holiday break.

## **HOLIDAY BREAK READING CHALLENGE**

Student Council will be sponsoring the Holiday Break Reading Challenge! We strongly encourage you to read with, or listen to your child read over break. There is an activity page was sent home yesterday for your child to pick different, fun ways to read! We ask PK-2 grade students to spend 10-15 minutes for each activity chosen, and 3-5 grade students to spend 15-20 minutes for each activity chosen. Your child will be eligible for a treat if he/she completes and has YOU initial (but they can also color) AT LEAST 7 activities and returns the sheet after break. The sheet will be due no later than Friday, January 6, 2023. Please write your child's name/class on the sheet before returning.

Mrs. Spragg & Lisa & Student Council

## **2023 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

It is that time of year again that people attempt to identify and then stick to a New Year's Resolution. At school we will be having each class talk about and make a plan for the 2023 year. Listed below are some ideas that parents can try. These will assist your child in practicing and improving their reading skills. Take a look at these tips and try some of them for the upcoming year. You might find that they will turn into daily habits and normal routines.

1. Read to your child on a daily basis.
2. Provide your child a quiet, comfortable place to read and study.
3. Encourage your child to develop a personal library and to add to it regularly.
4. Provide your child with a wide range of experiences.
5. Talk to your child on a daily basis about school, work, etc.
6. Praise your child for at least one success or improvement daily.
7. Hug your child at least once a day.
8. Respect your child as an individual who has unique talents and abilities.
9. Provide family activities which encourage your child to grow in different ways.
10. Encourage your child to view reading as an enjoyable and fulfilling lifetime experience.



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## The DG & LPC Student Councils will be sponsoring the Christmas-Winter Break Reading Challenge!

We strongly encourage you to read with, or listen to your child read over break. We know that it is a busy time, but please try to read a few minutes everyday. There is an activity page for your child to pick different, fun ways to read! **We ask PreK-2 grade students to spend 10-15 minutes for each activity chosen, and 3-5 grade students to spend 15-20 minutes for each activity chosen.** Your child will be eligible for hot cocoa and a treat provided by Student Council if he/she completes and has **YOU** initial **AT LEAST 7** activities and returns the sheet after break. The sheet will be sent home with your student before break. The sheet will be due no later than Friday, January 6, 2023.

Thank you!  
Happy Reading!

Student Council

### WINTER BREAK READING CHALLENGE!

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading is sweet! We all know how important reading is, so it is important to maintain good reading habits even over winter break! Choose at least 7 different activities on this sheet to complete over break. Get an adult to initial in the circle of each cookie after you complete it and then color/decorate the cookie! Have a parent/guardian sign the bottom once you are done and then return to school after break!

<p>Read on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.</p>	<p>Read in bed.</p>	<p>Build a fort and read in it.</p>	<p>Read with a flashlight.</p>	<p>Read to a friend or family member on the phone.</p>
<p>Read in your pajamas.</p>	<p>Read while sipping on a cup of hot cocoa or a warm drink.</p>	<p>Go to the public library and read.</p>	<p>Read to a pet or stuffed animal.</p>	<p>Read with a sibling or cousin.</p>
<p>Read in the car.</p>	<p>Read while snuggled up in a blanket.</p>	<p>Read once or twice to the Christmas Tree.</p>	<p>Read with your hat and gloves/mittens on.</p>	<p>Read a book about Christmas or winter.</p>

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING ALERT**

The cold weather has moved in and a chill is in the air. I think it is safe to say that winter is here. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather. A warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots should be worn for our winter weather season. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them.. The information below is from our LPC Elementary handbook.

### **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Remember to dash in and grab extra books and movies early because Hawkins Memorial Library will be closing at 5 PM on Friday, December 23, and remain closed on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday.
- Hawkins Memorial Library wishes you a very blessed Christmas holiday. Please travel safely.
- The library will be closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. Remember to pickup books and movies early!
- LEGO building is the weekly activity Tuesday through Saturday, December 27-31. Drop in for building fun and create a masterpiece from the loads of LEGOs at the library.
- A different family Christmas movie will be shown each afternoon at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, December 28 (The Grinch – animated); Thursday, December 29 (The Muppet Christmas Carol); and Friday, December 30 (Elf). Join us as we extend the holiday with festive flicks and some popcorn.
- Patrons can check out jigsaw puzzles for adults and children from the library. This is good news for those of you that dash through puzzles – it will give you more choices. And if you have puzzles at home you are done with, please consider donating them to the library's collection for us to share.
- Because Hawkins Memorial Library has limited space it is impossible to carry all of the books you may want to read. However, we can borrow almost anything requested from other Iowa libraries through our Interlibrary Loan Service as long as it is not a brand new book. Just ask.
- January 2-7 To celebrate the New Year, the library will be closed on Monday, January 2. Remember to check out extra books and movies before the holiday!
- Snowmen at Night, by Caralyn Buehner, is the January window story you can read while strolling through downtown. Have you ever wondered . . . what do snowmen do at night? This delightful wintertime tale offers many amusing details about the secret life of snowmen and where they go at night. Begin reading the book in front of the library and follow the directions to find the next set of pages.
- Tuesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 7, is bird feeder week. Drop in and make simple pine cone feeders to hang on the bushes in your yard to feed wildlife.
- 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 book drop.