



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 27** - NO SCHOOL

- TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE

**Tuesday, February 28** - 114th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, March 1** - 115th Day of School - Day 1 (MUSIC & LIBRARY)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, March 2** - 116th Day of School - Day 2 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, March 3** - 117th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**February 24** - No School - Teacher Comp Day from Conferences

**February 27** - No School - Teacher Professional Development

**March 12** - Daylight Savings Time - Set Clock Ahead

**March 13-17** - Spring Break for USCD - No School

**March 20** - School Resumes from Spring Break

**March 20** - 6:00pm PTO Meeting in the Library

## **CONFERENCE THIS PAST WEEK**

Our second conferences for the Union Community Schools was held this past week on Tuesday and then yesterday (Virtually Due to a No School Day). This is followed by a no school day, today, Friday, Feb. 24. We encourage our teachers to have ongoing communication with parents throughout the entire school year. We want to make sure we keep that up for the remaining few months of this year. If you have any concerns, please keep in close communication with your child's teacher.



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## **IOWA SCHOOL ALERTS**

If you are not currently receiving school alert notifications please go to the following website to sign up to receive delay/cancellation 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.

## **LUNCH MONEY REMINDERS**

Just a reminder to parents to add money to your child's lunch account each month. We are getting more students running negative lunch balances. The Union Community School Board Policy 710.4 is stated below:

*In accordance with state and federal law, the Union Community School District adopts the following policy to ensure school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, prevent the overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.*

### *Payment of Meals*

*Students do have use of a meal account. When the balance reaches \$-10.00 a student may charge no more than one (1) meal to this account. When an account reaches this limit, a student shall not be allowed to charge further meals or ala carte items until the negative account balance is paid. Parents or students can add money to their lunch accounts using on-line system or pay at the student's building of attendance.*

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- National Read Across America Day is on March 2. It's a day to celebrate the privilege of being able to read, so head to the library, or curl up on the couch and just be a bookworm!
- Brainfuse HelpNow is available to learners with free access for homework help. You can access: live online tutoring for all levels and ages of learners; expert writing guidance at every step; academic and standardized test prep; learning more with lessons, videos, and tests; foundational and career-enhancing skills; and more. Click on the Brainfuse HelpNow icon on the library website to access all these learning services and more.
- Promote positive screen time with Libby, the one-tap reading app available from Hawkins Memorial Library. Research has found that active screen time – time spent using the creative side of our brains – is beneficial to overall health. Encourage your child to participate in active screen time by reading in



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Libby. Libby has a wide selection of children's books and magazines available for online checkout at no cost.

- Copy, printing, scanning, and faxing services are available. Stop in during our regular hours and we can help you with your small jobs.

## **LOCAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Crosslines of La Porte City has emergency funds available for utilities and food assistance. Contact local church offices or the Utilities office. The local Lord's Food Pantry, located at Heartland Church, has food available for local needs.

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH	LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				March 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		<b>CHICKEN DRUMSTICK</b> 1 with Tea Roll Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Fruit Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>BBQ RIB ON BUN</b> 2 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Broccoli with Chesse Peaches Dessert Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> 3 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Green Beans Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar	
<b>BREADED PORK CHOP</b> 6 with Muffin Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mixed Veggies Pears Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>CHICKEN FAJITAS</b> 7 (Chicken, Cheese, & Tortilla) Choice: Hamburger on Bun Refried Beans & Peppers/Onions Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>POPCORN CHICKEN</b> 8 with Tea Roll Choice: Hamburger on Bun Baked Potato Applesauce Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> 9 with Cinnamon Roll Choice: Hamburger on Bun Peas Fruit Cup & Dessert Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>PIZZA CRUNCHERS</b> 10 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar	
13	14	15	16	17	
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>			<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		
<b>MINI CORNDOGS</b> 20 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Broccoli with Cheese Peaches Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>WALKING TACO</b> 21 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn Refried Beans Applesauce Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN</b> 22 Choice: Hamburger on Bun French Fries Strawberries & Bananas Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>CHICKEN TERYAKI ON RICE</b> 23 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Peas & Carrots Egg Roll & Dessert Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>FISH (COD) NUGGETS</b> 24 with Garlic Breadstick Choice: Hamburger on Bun Green Beans Mixed Fruit Fruit / Veggie Bar	
<b>CHICKEN STRIPS</b> 27 with Muffin Choice: Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Pears Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>QUESADILLA</b> 28 (Chicken & Cheese) Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>POPCORN CHICKEN</b> 29 with Tea Roll Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Applesauce Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>SLOPPY JOE ON BUN</b> 30 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Green Beans Fruit Cup Dessert Fruit / Veggie Bar	<b>KNIGHT STICKS</b> 31 Choice: Hamburger on Bun Mixed Veggies Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar	

\*Vegetable / Fruit Bar Contains: Fresh Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Carrots, Cucumbers, & 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.



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BREAKFAST		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				March 2023	
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		<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> 1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAITS</b> 3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			
<b>MINI CINNI OR FRUIT FRUDEL</b> 6 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit    Milk	<b>OMELET OR POWER BITES WITH TOAST</b> 7 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit    Milk	<b>PANCAKES OR WAFFLES</b> 8 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit    Milk	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK</b> 9 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit    Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAITS</b> 10 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			
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<b>SPRING BREAK</b>			<b>NO SCHOOL</b>				
<b>MINI DONUTS</b> 20 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST</b> 21 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit    Milk	<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> 22 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 23 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAITS</b> 24 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			
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