



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3 - 132nd Day of School - Day 6 (M & PE)

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

Tuesday, April 4 - 133rd Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, April 5 - 134th Day of School - Day 2 (PE & A)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, April 6 - 135th Day of School - Day 3 (PE & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, April 7 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Holiday Break

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 7 - No School - Good Friday

April 10 - 6:30 PTO Meeting

April 25 - 4th & 5th Gr Spring Concert 7:00 @ HS Aud.



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4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

See our Union Community School District Facebook page for information about next year's 4 Year old preschool enrollment. Information is listed below. If you missed this event contact the preschool to get signed up for preschool next year.



Union Community School District

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UCSD Preschool Packet Pick-Up Night is Monday, March 27th, at LPC Elementary and DG Elementary. Parents may come to the preschool classroom between 3:00 and 5:30 to pick up a preschool paperwork packet. This is for students turning 4 by September 15, 2023.

If you have not signed up for UCSD 4-year-old preschool yet, please use the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV59j83ETJJ-IJTj7a_DKSwQFUIyj5GFybmJqWFQvgr8KL6A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Questions, please email LPC Preschool Teacher Stephanie Estling s_estling@union.k12.ia.us or DG Preschool Teacher Hattie Rector h_rector@union.k12.ia.us.



PRESCHOOL PACKET PICK-UP NIGHT

**Monday, March 27
At LPC Elementary
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KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION - 2022-23

Welcome to Kindergarten - Fall 2023 Kindergarten Students

Calling all incoming kindergarten students! The secretaries at Dysart-Geneseo and La Porte City Elementary buildings are creating their list of students who will be five years old by September 15, 2023, so they can send you kindergarten registration materials. If your child currently attends the four-year-old preschool program in either school building, the materials will be sent home with the students the first week of April. Please complete the forms once you receive them, and return them to your child's preschool teacher no later than April 28.

If your child does not attend preschool, please contact the secretaries at 319-476-7110 for Dysart-Geneseo Elementary students, and 319-342-3033 for La Porte City Elementary students, so they can get your child added to the list of incoming kindergarten students. They will need your child's name, parents' names, address, phone number, email, and child's date of birth. After you contact the building secretaries they will send you the registration materials. Please complete them and return no later than April 28.

The kindergarten packets will contain useful information about the upcoming 2023-24 school year. In addition to this there will be a powerpoint sent to you with more information about the specific building your child attends. If you are new to our building and would like a tour, please contact the building that your child will be attending.

In early August the JMC online registration portal will open. You will need to go in and complete the last segment of the registration process, which includes payment of school fees, and depositing funds into your child's meal account. Be sure and watch the slideshow sent to you via email for information on accessing the online portal. If you already have children in the district you do not need to create a new account. If this is your first child to attend Union schools the PowerPoint will explain how to set up your username and password for the JMC online portal.

There will not be a kindergarten round-up or parent meeting. Your child's teacher will contact you prior to school starting on August 23, to set up a 15 minute kindergarten orientation time. If you have further questions, please contact the building that your child will be attending.



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NEW TK FULL DAY PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Beginning this fall, the Union Community School District administration is excited to announce the expansion of transitional kindergarten to full-day. Students will attend class according to the La Porte City Elementary daily schedule, and the program will follow the Union Community School District 2023-2024 academic calendar. The students, like in the past, will be offered a quality curriculum, aligned to early childhood education standards, and taught by a licensed teacher. The students will also have all the other options afforded the other elementary students in the district including: Art, ChangeMakers, Guidance, Library, Music and Physical Education. By extending to a full-day, these students will have more instructional time, be able to participate in additional center-based learning and possibly improve their social skills, which will increase their probability of success.

Per Superintendent John Howard, "Our half day transitional kindergarten has been successful for many years, and we are cognizant and proud of this fact. We believe that by adding more classroom, educational hours for our transitional kindergarten students they will be more prepared for the subsequent grade levels. Further, I believe this expansion meets a greater community need as well. I want to thank the Union Board of Education for supporting this change, and we are looking forward to working with students and parents to continue our outstanding results."

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
- RESIDENT OF THE UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLED FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT
- RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARENT(S)/PRESCHOOL TEACHER (COMMUNICATED IN MAY, IF NOT BEFORE THAT TIME)

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

- ON-LINE REGISTRATION WILL BE THE SAME AS THE K-5 SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS IN AUGUST.
- OPEN HOUSE WILL BE PLANNED FOR STUDENTS AT LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE YEAR
- THE STUDENTS' FIRST DAY WILL BE THE SAME AS THE K-5 SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS.
- CONTACT TODD PARKER, LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BY PHONE AT 319-342-3033 OR BY E-MAIL AT t_parker@union.k12.ia.us FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



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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/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.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- The weekly activity at the library for Monday, March 27 through Saturday, April 1 is Perler Beads. We have a lot of forms and beads to make eye catching Perler Bead projects.
- The library has jigsaw puzzles patrons can check out for adults and children. This is good news for those of you that dash through puzzles – it will give you more choices. And if you have puzzles you are done with, please consider donating them to the library's collection.
- Get the Bunny Hop on your calendar for Saturday, April 1. Hawkins Memorial Library has activities from 10 AM to 1 PM. Activities include Easter crafts, games, and sidewalk chalk. This event is scheduled in conjunction with the 1 PM Easter Egg Hunt at Care Initiatives. The rain date is Saturday, April 8.
- Remember, the library has computers, tablets, and WiFi for use by the public.
- Three different educational backpacks can be checked out from the library, courtesy of Iowa Public Television. Learning themes for the backpacks are Coding Fun, Building Challenge and Pattern Puzzles. STEM activities, books and PBS KIDS DVDs are included in each backpack, with activities serving children between 3 and 8 years of age.



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LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY			April 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
SHRIMP POPPERS 3 WITH A KNIGHT STICK GREEN BEANS PEARS ⑥ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPITO BURRITOS 4 CORN ① MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 5 BAKED BEANS ② PEACHES DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	HOT DOG ON BUN 6 FRENCH FRIES ③ FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	NO SCHOOL	
BBQ RIB ON BUN 10 SWEET POTATO FRIES APPLESAUCE ④ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SOFT SHELL TACO 11 CORN & REFREID BEANS PEARS ⑤ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 12 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRUIT CUP ⑥ DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SAUSAGE SMOKIES 13 AND FRENCH TOAST HASHBROWNS ① FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI PIZZA 14 GREEN BEANS ② PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
MEATBALL SUB 17 WITH CHEESE SEASONED POTATO WEDGES PEACHES ③ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BEEN & BEEF NACHOS 18 CORN MIXED FRUIT ④ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN 19 WITH TEA ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE ⑤ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN ORANGE 20 CHICKEN ON RICE IMPERIAL BLEND MANDARIN ORANGES ⑥ EGG ROLL DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA 21 MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE ① FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
BREADED PORK CHOP 24 WITH MUFFIN ROASTED POTATOES APPLESAUCE ② FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA QUESADILLA 25 (CHICKEN & CHEESE) CORN & REFREID BEANS PEARS ③ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN STRIPS 26 WITH TEA ROLL CALIFORNIA MEDLEY WITH CHEESE MANDARIN ORANGES ④ DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	GOULASH 27 WITH GARLIC BREAD GREEN BEANS ⑤ FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS 28 MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE ⑥ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
PULLED PORK ON BUN 5/1 BAKED BEANS ① PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACO 5/2 CORN ② MIXED FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 5/3 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRUIT CUP ③ DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			

*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.

CHOICE DAILY = HAMBURGER ON BUN



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FRUIT FRUITAL 3 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 4 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 5 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 6 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL	
MINI CINNIS 10 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET WITH TOAST 11 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES OR PANCAKES 12 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK 13 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 14 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI DONUTS 17 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 18 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 19 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 20 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 21 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI CINNIS 24 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET WITH TOAST 25 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES OR PANCAKES 26 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK 27 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 28 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
FRUIT FRUDEL 5/1 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 5/2 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 5/3 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			