



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, April 24 - 146th Day of School - Day 2 (Art & PE)

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

Tuesday, April 25 - 147th Day of School - Day 3 (PE & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 4th & 5th Gr Music Concert including 5th Gr Band @ HS Auditorium 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 26 - 148th Day of School - Day 4 (A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, April 27 - 149th Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, April 28 - 150th Day of School - Day 6 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

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.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL NOW SET FOR 2022-23

Superintendent John Howard announced that based on action by the Union School Board at their March 21 meeting, the final day of school for TK-12 students will be **Wednesday, May 31.** District students will have met the state mandated requirement for instructional hours for the year. This day will be a 11:00 dismissal time and at the elementary that translates to 11:10 for walkers/car riders and 11:25 for bus students. Breakfast will be served on the last day of school, but no lunch will be served on that day.



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NEXT YEAR'S ELEMENTARY CLASS LISTS

We will soon be in the process of compiling class lists for next year. We believe we have a competent and experienced teaching staff which works hard to provide the best education possible for all students. We take many factors into consideration when putting together these lists. They are: number balance, gender balance, behavior balance, and academic balance, which involves Title I reading, ELP, and Resource students. If you have a **special concern based on only educational reasons and not in the area of social reasons for your child's placement next year, please contact me at the elementary office by May 1.** We use the FAST data to help place students to have balanced classrooms. This is state mandated and involves weekly progress monitoring and interventions for students. Parent special concerns will be considered but may not be able to be met. We have to keep a balance of student academics with the FAST progress monitoring and assessments in each classroom.

2023-24 Grade Level Teachers Listed Below:

Preschool - Stephanie Estling	TK - Sarah Miller	
Kindergarten - Dana Junge	Kindergarten - Angela Petersen	
1st Grade - Caitlin Schmitz	1st Grade - Bekka Pierson	
2nd Grade - Dana Neuman	2nd Grade - Sarah Pospisil	
3rd Grade - Vanessa Arhart	3rd Grade - Tracie Grosse	3rd Grade - Lindsay Ducker
4th Grade - Jamie Bernhards	4th Grade - Amy Nading	
5th Grade - Angie Bechthold	5th Grade - Haley Spragg	

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT FOR GRADES 4TH & 5TH

The spring music concert for grades 4th & 5th will be on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the Matt High School Auditorium. This program will feature all students in fourth and fifth grades and also those fifth grade students that are in band. Our elementary school music teacher, Jen Bistline, directs the spring program. Mike Bistline, the high school and LPC elementary band teacher, will be directing the fifth grade band. Doors to the auditorium will open at 6:15 p.m. Band students are asked to be there at 6:30. Vocal students should stay with their parents until 6:45 p.m. Teacher supervision will not be available until then. At that time, students can report to the following rooms: 4th - Vocal Room and 5th - Band Room. The students will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, April 25, the day of the concert.

YEAR BOOKS

The 2022-2023 Yearbooks will be sent home today with students. These were purchased by parents via online registration in August. We do have a small amount of extras for sale at \$13.00 each. Contact the office if you are interested.



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SCHOOL STORE - STUDENT COUNCIL

This spring, the LPC Student Council will be hosting our School Store in the 4th-5th grade hallway every Thursday morning from 7:40 - 8 AM! Our opening day will be on Thursday, April 13th. We have FUN items such as tie-dye notepads, scented pens, pencil grips, erasers, pencils, stickers, and more available for purchase. All items are \$0.25 - \$1.00 each. All funds go directly back to the Student Council. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION - 2022-23

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/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.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- A tisket, a tasket, come create a May Day basket... make baskets for May Day from Monday, April 24 through Saturday, April 29.
- With our Easter backdrop and props you can snap fun photos at Hawkins Memorial Library. Drop in to pose at our April photo booth and post it on Facebook.
- 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.
- Did you know the library has public Wi-Fi, computers, and tablets available for use? We also copy, print and Fax for a small fee.



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LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				April 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
SHRIMP POPPERS WITH A KNIGHT STICK GREEN BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPITO BURRITOS CORN MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN BAKED BEANS PEACHES DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	HOT DOG ON BUN FRENCH FRIES FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	NO SCHOOL		
BBQ RIB ON BUN SWEET POTATO FRIES APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SOFT SHELL TACO CORN & REFREID BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRUIT CUP DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SAUSAGE SMOKIES AND FRENCH TOAST HASHBROWNS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI PIZZA GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
MEATBALL SUB WITH CHEESE SEASONED POTATO WEDGES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BEEN & BEEF NACHOS CORN MIXED FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH TEA ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESauce FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN ON RICE IMPERIAL BLEND MANDARIN ORANGES EGG ROLL DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN ROASTED POTATOES APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA QUESADILLA (CHICKEN & CHEESE) CORN & REFREID BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN STRIPS WITH TEA ROLL CALIFORNIA MEDLEY WITH CHEESE MANDARIN ORANGES DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	GOULASH WITH GARLIC BREAD GREEN BEANS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
PULLED PORK ON BUN BAKED BEANS PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACO CORN MIXED FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRUIT CUP 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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BREAKFAST		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY			April 2023	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
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		7
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		14
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		21
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		28
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				