



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday, April 28, 2023 | Newsletter #34

**- NEW YEAR - NEW UNION**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 1** - 151st Day of School - Day 1 (Library & Music)

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

**Tuesday, May 2** - 152nd Day of School - Day 2 (Art & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 5B Shadow Day to UMS

**Wednesday, May 3** - 153rd Day of School - Day 3 (PE & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, May 4** - 154th Day of School - Day 4 (A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 5S Shadow Day to UMS

**Friday, May 5** - 155th Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

- May 1 - Parent class lists requests due date for educational reasons
- May 2 - 5th Gr Bechthold Shadow Day to UMS 7:45-2:45
- May 4 - 5th Gr Spragg Shadow Day to UMS 7:45-2:45
- May 10 - 4th Gr to Living History Farms
- May 11 - Renee Jesse Retirement Party 3:30-5:00
- May 12 - First Grade Field Trip to Grout, John Deere Museum and Phelps 8:30-3:00
- May 15 - 3rd Grade to Mrs. Arhart's house 12:30-2:30 pm
- May 15 & 16 Mile Day for PE students
- May 16 - UHS students come to help 3A plant the school garden 1:20-1:55 pm
- May 16 - Library Books are due
- May 17 - 5th Gr to Hartman Reserve
- May 17 - Grad Walk for UHS Seniors (arrive at school approximately 8:45)



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- May 18 - 3rd Grade Pen Pal Picnic @Hickory Hills 11:45-2:30
- May 18 - LPC Library Visit K-2 8:30-11:30 3-5 12:00-3:00  
(K-8:30-9:30, 1st-9:30-10:30, 3rd-10:30-11:30) - 3-5 12:00-3:00  
(2nd-12:00-1:00, 4th 1:00-2:00, 5th 2:00-3:00)
- May 19 - Career Day for LPC Elementary AM (TK-2nd) and PM Sessions (3rd-5th)
- May 19 - May 19 - Library Birthday Book Club Pizza Party
- May 25- 5th Grade Safety Patrol Pizza Party during lunch sponsored by LPC Police Depart.
- May 25 - 2nd Gr to Bloomsbury Farms in CR (9-2)
- May 29 - Memorial Day - No School
- May 30 - Last day for 4 year old preschool. Picnic in the shelterhouse.
- May 30 - 6:00 Preschool Graduation in the gym
- May 30 - Track & Field Day(Grs 3-5 AM) Playground-(Grs K-2 PM) Playground
- May 31 - Last day of school for students - 11:10 Dismissal

## **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.

## **TRACK & FIELD DAY - FUN & FITNESS DAY**

On Tuesday, May 30, we will have our Track & Field Day for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students in the morning @ LPC Elementary Playground (The HS Tracks id being resurfaced) 8:30-11:00. In the afternoon we will then have our Fun & Fitness Day for K, 1st, and 2nd grade students @ LPC Elementary Playground from 12:45-3:00. As always, you are welcome to come and watch your child participate in this fun day.

## **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



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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:**

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

## **YEAR BOOKS**

The 2022-2023 Yearbooks will be sent home last week 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.

## **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!

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Bring the kids in for a week of magnetic building fun with Magformers from Monday, May 1 through Saturday, May 6. Magformers are a fun and educational STEM activity!
- May is Get Caught Reading Month! Get Caught Reading is a nationwide campaign to promote the fun of reading books for all ages. Because research indicates that early language experience actually stimulates a child's brain to grow and that reading to children gives them a huge advantage when they start school, we hope to encourage people of all ages to enjoy books and magazines and to share that



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pleasure with the young children in their lives. Thousands of items to read - books, magazines, and newspapers - are available to you at the library. Hawkins Memorial Library loves readers!

- National Children's Book Week, May 2-8, was established in 1919 and is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person. This is a great week to bring a child to the library to check out books!



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## Summer Back Pack Program - Registration Form

**St. Paul United Methodist Church will be providing weekly bags of food during the summer months for kids that are currently in the backpack program or need supplemental food.**

**We are located near the post office at Sycamore and 1st St. The food bags will be available for pickup every Thursday from 4 - 6 pm, starting on June 1. If this time does not work or if you need transportation, please call Colleen at 319-239-7819.**

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**Please fill out the bottom of the sheet and return to the school.**

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will pick up the bags?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the names of the children who will be participating. Preschool children may be included.**

Name	Age	Food allergies
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**By signing this form, I agree to allow my children to participate in this Summer Food program. I understand that for children with food allergies, food items provided may contain possible allergens. St. Paul United Methodist Church, La Porte City Schools, and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank do not assume any liability for any adverse reaction.**

**Also, if you notice any problem with any item, please contact the church. By signing this form, I agree to assume all risks associated with the program.**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**



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LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY			May 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
PULLED PORK ON BUN ① BAKED BEANS PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACO ② CORN MIXED FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN ③ BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MACARONI & CHEESE ④ with CINNAMON ROLL ④ PEAS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD ⑤ GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
BBQ RIB ON BUN ⑥ FRIES OR WEDGES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN FAJITAS ① with CHEESE ① CORN & PEPPERS/ONIONS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN ② with TEA ROLL ② MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN OR TERYAKI ③ CHICKEN ON RICE (COOK'S CHOICE) STEAMED VEGGIES ③ MANDARIN ORANGES FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SAUSAGE PIZZA ④ MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
PIZZA CRUNCHERS ⑤ GREEN BEANS FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SENIOR MEAL ⑥ CRISPITO BURRITOS ⑥ CORN & FRENCH FRIES STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BREADED PORK CHOP ① with MUFFIN ① BAKED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	DELI SUB ② WITH CHIPS ② CALI MEDLEY OR BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA ③ MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
CHICKEN STRIPS ④ with GARLIC BREAD OR STICK GREEN BEANS PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MEXICAN DAY ⑤ CORN & REFRIED BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN DAY ⑥ with a BUN, MUFFIN, OR ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY APPLESAUCE ⑥ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	ON A BUN DAY ① VEGGIE & FRUIT OF THE DAY COOK'S CHOICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA DAY ② VEGGIE & FRUIT OF THE DAY COOK'S CHOICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
NO SCHOOL ②	COOK'S CHOICE ③	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ④ BREAKFAST ONLY NO LUNCH SERVED 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 EXCEPT ON COOK'S CHOICE DAYS**



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>MINI DONUTS</b> 1 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>OMELET WITH TOAST</b> 2 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES OR PANCAKES</b> 3 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK</b> 4 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 5 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>MINI CINNIS</b> 8 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST</b> 9 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> 10 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 11 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 12 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>FRUIT FRUDEL</b> 15 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>OMELET WITH TOAST</b> 16 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES OR PANCAKES</b> 17 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK</b> 18 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 19 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>MINI DONUTS</b> 22 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST</b> 23 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> 24 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 25 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>COOK'S CHOICE</b>	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> 29	<b>COOK'S CHOICE</b> 30 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!</b> 31 <b>BREAKFAST ONLY</b> <b>COOK'S CHOICE</b> 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			