



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, May 8 - 156th Day of School - Day 6 (Music & PE)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades (No Preschool on Mondays)
- 6:30 PM PTO Meeting at LPC Elementary Library

Tuesday, May 9 - 157th Day of School - Day 1 (Library & Music)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, May 10 - 158th Day of School - Day 2 (Art & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 4th Gr to Living History Farms Des Moines

Thursday, May 11 - 159th Day of School - Day 3 (PE & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Kindergarten to ride Fire Trucks - (Make up from October)
- Renee Jesse Retirement Party 3:30-5:00

Friday, May 12 - 160th Day of School - Day 4 (A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- May 12 - First Grade Field Trip to Grout, John Deere Museum and Phelps

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- May 8 - 6:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LPC Elementary Library
- May 10 - 4th Gr to Living History Farms
- May 11 - Kindergarten to Ride Fire Trucks - Makeup from the fall
- 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 16 - 5th Gr Band to DG 12:30-2:30



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- May 17 - 5th Gr to Hartman Reserve
- May 17 - Grad Walk for UHS Seniors (arrive at school approximately 8:45)
- 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



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Jesse Retiring After a 32-year Career At LPC Elementary

Renee Jesse has been a teacher for 32 years, with all of those years being at La Porte City Elementary. Renee has taught 1st grade for 31 years and 2nd grade for 1 year. Renee started teaching 1st grade in the fall of 1991.

Renee has seen many changes in curriculum throughout the years including phonics, whole language, basal readers and guided reading. Math has also changed throughout the years with drill and practice math, and manipulative based to problem solving based curriculums. She states that the biggest change has been in technology, with such a lack of technology 32 years ago. She had an overhead projector and one Apple computer that used a floppy disc to play one game. Now there are Chromebooks for each child and online classrooms that can be created.



Renee states that the hardest part of retiring is knowing that she will be missing out on making new relationships with our future leaders. She has been blessed to work with so many wonderful teachers and administrators over the years. It has really helped her to get to know lots of staff members and community members.

Renee states that La Porte City Elementary has been a wonderful place to work. She really appreciates Ron Crooks and Art Finke for taking a chance on her to be a new teacher, with hiring her only a few days before the new school year would start. She would like to thank all the parents over the years that she has worked with and states that it is fun to have students of previous students.

A retirement party is being held for Mrs. Jesse at La Porte City Elementary in the library on Thursday, May 11 from 3:30-5 P.M.

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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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.

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 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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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				May 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
PULLED PORK ON BUN 1 BAKED BEANS ① PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACO 2 CORN ② MIXED FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 3 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE ③ 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 8 FRIES OR WEDGES ⑥ PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN FAJITAS 9 with CHEESE ① CORN & PEPPERS/ONIONS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN 10 with TEA ROLL ② MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN OR TERYAKI 11 CHICKEN ON RICE (COOK'S CHOICE) STEAMED VEGGIES ③ MANDARIN ORANGES FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SAUSAGE PIZZA 12 MIXED VEGGIES ④ PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
PIZZA CRUNCHERS 15 GREEN BEANS ⑤ FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SENIOR MEAL 16 CRISPITO BURRITOS ⑥ CORN & FRENCH FRIES STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BREADED PORK CHOP 17 with MUFFIN ① BAKED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	DELI SUB 18 WITH CHIPS ② CALI MEDLEY OR BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA 19 MIXED VEGGIES ③ PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
CHICKEN STRIPS 22 with GARLIC BREAD OR STICK GREEN BEANS ④ PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MEXICAN DAY 23 CORN & REFRIED BEANS ⑤ PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN DAY 24 with a BUN, MUFFIN, OR ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY APPLESAUCE ⑥ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	ON A BUN DAY 25 VEGGIE & FRUIT OF THE DAY ① COOK'S CHOICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA DAY 26 VEGGIE & FRUIT OF THE DAY ② COOK'S CHOICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
NO SCHOOL 29	COOK'S CHOICE ③ FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 31 BREAKFAST ONLY NO LUNCH SERVED FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK ④				

*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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BREAKFAST		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY			May 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MINI DONUTS 1 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET WITH TOAST 2 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES OR PANCAKES 3 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK 4 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 5 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI CINNIS 8 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 9 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 10 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 11 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 12 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
FRUIT FRUDEL 15 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET WITH TOAST 16 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES OR PANCAKES 17 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK 18 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 19 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI DONUTS 22 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 23 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 24 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 25 CHOICE: CEREAL with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	COOK'S CHOICE	
29	30	31			
NO SCHOOL	COOK'S CHOICE	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!			
	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST ONLY COOK'S CHOICE 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			