



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, May 26, 2023 | Newsletter #37

NEW YEAR - NEW UNION

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, May 29 - NO SCHOOL

- MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 30 - 171st Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades (No Preschool)
- Red Union Knight Shirt Day - Wear your red PTO Union shirt for Track & Field and Fun & Fitness Day
- **Track & Field Day Grades 3-5 at LPC Elementary Playground AM**
- **Fun & Fitness Grades K-2 at LPC Elementary Playground PM**

Wednesday, May 31 - 172nd Day of School - Day 4 (MUSIC & ART)

- Last day of School TK through 5th Grades (No Preschool)
- Breakfast will be served - but no lunch will be served
- 11:10 Dismissal Walkers/Town Students - 11:20 Bus Students

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- 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

2 DAYS LEFT OF SCHOOL: 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end soon! The children have worked hard all year and we feel that they deserve some fun! During the last days we will have Union Knight Spirit Days. We encourage students to wear Union Knight or red and black shirts.

- Tuesday, May 30 - Red Union Knight Shirt Day - Wear your red PTO Union shirt for Track & Field and Fun & Fitness Day.
- Wednesday, May 31 - Last Day of School - Wear any Union Knight or red and black shirt. Last day of school!!!!!!



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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.

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The LPC elementary building office will be open all summer long from 8:00 – 3:00 pm. Caren, our secretary, will be in the office for two weeks after school is out. I will be in the office most of the summer, with a few days off for vacation. The front doors will be open for deliveries, and signs will be posted, if no one is in the office during parts of the day. The superintendent's central office at the high school will be open all summer long as well. Please call the LPC Elementary office if you need anything at 342-3033 and I will return your call.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Elementary summer school will be offered for TWO weeks throughout the summer in the mornings from July 10-21. Those students who qualified for summer school were notified a few weeks back by letter. If you have any questions please contact the office.

MOVING

If you will be moving out of our district over the summer or know of families moving into the district, please let the office know. This will help us with our planning for next year.



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

REPORT CARDS

The elementary teachers will be working on report cards during inservice days May 31 afternoon and June 1. Report cards will be emailed out to parents on June 2, barring any technical difficulties. Make sure you have a current email on file with the office. Special Education, Title 1 reading, and Band report cards will be mailed. Contact the elementary office if you have questions.

NEXT YEAR'S ELEMENTARY CLASS LISTS

Class lists for next year will be released on the last day of school with students to take home. Each class will spend some time with their new teacher for next school year during the last day of school. 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, FAST, and Resource students. **Parents had 4 weeks up until May 1 to turn in any educational requests. Just a reminder that we may not be able to meet all requests turned in due to the factors listed above. Our main priority is to keep a balance of student academics in each classroom. Class lists will NOT BE modified or changed unless a significant disparity comes about as a result of move in and/or out of students over the summer.**

YEAR 18 - THE UNION KNIGHT WAY!!!

As I reflect on my 18th year here in the Union Community School District and the La Porte City Elementary, I think of the many wonderful opportunities that I have had. I have watched my own 2 children go through the elementary, middle school, and graduate from the high school. It has been a great joy to watch them along with their classmates grow each step of the way. These past eighteen years have given me great experiences in learning the past traditions and rituals of our school district and community and also making new ones. I continually look for ways to make our building better to meet the individual needs of all of our students. This can be only done with the input of our teachers, parents, students, and community members. I look forward to continuing to build strong working relationships with all of you. The future is bright for our students, elementary building, school district, and community. I am so proud to be a Union Knight! I can't wait to start the 19th year of our educational journey together. Have a great summer!!!



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Monday, May 22 through Saturday, May 27 you can build with BrainFlakes interlocking plastic discs at the library. This is a creative and educational alternative to building blocks and a great STEM construction activity for both boys and girls.
- Snap photos in front of the library's May photo booth backdrop. This lush and brightly colored fantasy setting has fun and silly props to make big smiles appear.
- 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.
- The library's summer program schedule is out. Look for the lime green sheet with all of our activities. If you haven't found it in your child's papers, you can get a copy from the library.



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Hawkins Memorial Library

308 Main Street, La Porte City 319-342-3025

Find Your Voice! Library Summer Learning Programs

*All programs are FREE

**Programs are presented in the library unless otherwise noted



READ TO EARN PRIZES ALL SUMMER LONG! Register children ages preschool - 5th grade for the summer reading program, **Find Your Voice!** and earn prizes by completing reading logs. Stop at the library to sign up.

Weekly Activities in the Library – Drop in and enjoy these week-long activities anytime the library is open!

- May 30-June 3: Perler Beads
- June 5-10: Pot Holders & Sewing Cards
- June 12-15: Make Father's Day Cards
- June 19-24: LEGO Building
- June 26-July 1: BrainFlakes
- July 3-6: Perler Beads
- July 7-13: STEAM Activities
- July 17-22: Coloring
- July 24-29: Origami Paper Folding
- July 31-August 5: Magformers
- August 7-12: Brain Flakes
- August 14-19: LEGO Building
- August 21-26: Coloring



More on Mondays Programs! Everything begins at 1 PM in the library.

- **BINGO** - June 5, July 3 & Aug. 7: Play for fun and small prizes.
- **Ice Cream in a Bag** – June 12: Make this yummy treat to eat with Black Hawk County Farm Bureau.
- **Move to the Music** – June 19: OST Music Studio leads exciting musical activities - dancing, singing, and playing instruments.
- **Teddy Bear Convention** – June 26: with Ruth Anne Schneck. You and your favorite bear are invited for reading, activities, a snack, and to meet the bears featured in Ruth Anne's Geoffrey books. Books will be available.
- **Create a Comic Book**: July 10: Featuring your story, you will write and illustrate your own comic book.
- **Mad Mixture with the Grout Museum** – July 17: The best of Super Cold, Combustion, and Kitchen Science programs.
- **STEM Learning** – July 24: Using Bee BOTS and books, kids will have fun programming these little robots.
- **Kites with the FFA Museum** – July 31: Let's go fly a kite! Join us to create a kite and fly it just like Ben Franklin did. We'll meet at the library.
- **Bird Feeders** – August 14: Make/paint a feeder for our feathered friends. Provided by the Prairie Rapids Audubon Society.
- **Ice Cream Social** – August 21: We'll eat ice cream with toppings while reading stories.

Family Movies – Begin at 1:30 PM on Thursdays, June 15 & 29, July 6 & 20, and Aug. 3. And popcorn is provided!

Mini Golf – Fridays, June 23, July 14, & August 18. Play miniature golf between the stacks in the library.

Lunch with the Library - Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Held at the La Porte City, City Park. Have "Lunch with the Library" each Wednesday this summer. Free sack lunches are provided for children by the La Porte City Police Association & Hawkins Memorial Library. Listen to themed stories and finish with an activity. Bring a blanket to sit on.

Hartman Reserve - Saturday, June 17, at 1 PM

Snakes, turtles, and more, oh my! Learn about and see these Animals of Iowa and Black Hawk County.

STEAM Activities - Friday, July 7 through Thursday July 13

We'll have lots of interactive, hands-on STEAM-based activities available for children to explore from Iowa PBS Education.

Magic Show - Friday, August 11, at 4 PM

Enjoy a Magic Show at the library (prior to the Friday Brick Street Market). Comedy Magician Rick Eugene provides comical entertainment and magic together that is fun for the whole family.

Mississippi River Museum – Rockin' Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians - Thursday, August 17, 1:30 PM

Become a herpetologist and explore the world of reptiles and amphibians! Learn about some of their amazing adaptations and the important roles they play in nature. Live animals will join us.



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Summer Enrichment at the Museum

All Enrichment activities are scheduled for 90 min from 10 am - 11:30 am
Admission is \$3.00 or buy a full summer pass for \$10.00 and come for all the fun!

June 12 @ 10 am The Last Static Bender - activities that use static electricity. Come bend water, move pepper and bubbles, and make a butterfly flap its wings. Fun for any age group.

June 19th @ 10 am Electric Aquatics - Does water conduct electricity? Join us for a fun experiment where we test our tap water and various other types of water. Fun for any age group

June 26th @ 10 am It's Electric - Learn line dancing starting with the electric slide. Fun for young and old alike. This would be a great day to join in with your littles.

July 10th @ 10 am Oobleck, Heck yes - come to the library lunch in the park on July 5th and hear the story of *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* then join us at the museum on the 10th to make your own. We will "power" our goo with electricity. Best for participants from 2nd grade and up.

July 17th @ 10 am Radio Static - Join us to listen to a 1930s radio program. Afterward, we will create and record our own 1930's style radio show and share it on our Facebook. Best for participants from 3rd grade and up.

July 24th @ 10 am The Power of the Potato - Come and see if we can power a clock with household produce. It will answer the age-old question, can a potato tell time? Is that a question? Fun for any age but will include using small parts.

July 31st @ 1 pm Let's go fly a kite! Join us to create a kite and fly it just like Ben Franklin did. Perfect for any age group. THIS EVENT WILL COMBINE WITH THE LIBRARY AND IS FREE TO EVERYONE.

All participants will need to fill out the participant information form.
Participants must be picked up no later than 11:35. A separate form is required for each participant.



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Registration forms must be received by the museum no later than June 9th to ensure we have enough materials for all participants. You can drop the forms off at the Museum on Thursday's and Friday's.

Participant Information Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name 1: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to participant _____

Contact Name 2: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to participant _____

Known Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Please note that all participants must be picked up no later than 11:35.
Participants under the age of 5 or those with special medical needs will need to be accompanied by an adult.



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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 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 30 FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 31 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



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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	
NO SCHOOL 29	COOK'S CHOICE 30 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! 31 BREAKFAST ONLY COOK'S CHOICE 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk			