



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, September 8, 2023 | Newsletter #3

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## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 11** - 13th Day of School - Day 1 (M&L)

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

**Tuesday, September 12** - 14th Day of School - Day 3 (A & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, September 13** - 15th Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, September 14** - 16th Day of School -Day 4 (A&M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, September 15** - 17th Day of School - Day 5 (PE&L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Constitution Day Celebrated - Wear Red, White, and Blue Clothing

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 11** - LPC Elementary PTO 6:30pm

**Friday, September 15** - Constitution Day Celebrated

**Monday - Friday, September 18-22** - Homecoming Week for Union Community Schools

**Wednesday, September 27** - School Pictures

## **CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATED SEPT. 15**

We will celebrate the annual Constitution Day on Friday, September 15, actual day September 17. The federal legislation passed over ten years ago, requires schools to conduct events on this day centered around the history of the Constitution. Teaching about the constitution will be done in a variety of different ways in each grade level in the elementary building. Teachers and students will discuss topics involving the branches of government, the constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other areas related to this topic. It is important to teach these concepts to our children. We encourage students to wear red, white, and blue that day.



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## **SCHOOL PICTURES SEPTEMBER 27**

In a few weeks, your child will bring home a Halvorsen Photography school picture form. Take a moment to look over the form and pick the package that best suits your needs. La Porte City Elementary School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 27. Don't forget to have your child bring back their picture forms. Students are not required to purchase these pictures, but all students will have their picture taken for the class composite. If for some reason your child cannot attend school on this day, picture retakes will be done in November.

## **VISITORS AT SCHOOL**

Parent visitors are allowed at school this year, but need to be scheduled in advance with the classroom teacher. When planning a school visit, parents are asked to consider keeping the visit short to minimize disruption in your child's day and the classroom schedule. If you plan to eat lunch with your child, notify the office by 8:30 AM the morning of your visit., so you can be included in the lunch account. The adult visitor fee for lunch is \$4.84 and will need to be paid in the office the day of the visit. Adult visitor lunch fees cannot be paid out of your student's account.

## **DAILY ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT**

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses <b>2</b> days a month..	When a student misses <b>4</b> days a month..
They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.

As another school year starts, we want to remind our Parents, Guardians, Relatives, and most importantly our STUDENTS about the importance of regular school attendance. Regular school attendance is the #1 factor for student success in school. If you are involved in a student's life, please encourage them to attend school and support them in regular attendance. Thank you for your help and cooperation in the success of OUR students!



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## **NEW BUS SAFETY EXPECTATIONS**

As we start the school year we wanted to communicate expectations and consequences if those expectations are not met for transportation. Expectations are pretty simple, talk quietly, stay in your seat, be respectful of the driver and other riders. Unfortunately, those expectations are not always met and consequences need to be given. One of the big questions we have had is "What constitutes a bus suspension?" Please see below: Physical Fighting - Bullying/Harassment - Vandalism  
3rd Insubordination Violation(Insubordination will be considered refusal to obey redirects from a bus driver which includes refusing to use seatbelts in accordance with board policy [711.10](#)) (Parents will be contacted by school administration letting you know each time insubordination has taken place. The first removal will be five days, and the second twenty days, which you can find page 7 of the district handbook which is [linked here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your students building principal. Thank you for your help and support!

Union Administration Team

## **NEW CAMERAS AT THE ELEMENTARY**

New this year, the La Porte City Elementary Building has cameras in the hallways, entrances, parking lots, and playgrounds. The Union Community School District Board of Directors supports and has authorized the use of video cameras inside and outside of district property, including school district buses as a means to monitor and maintain a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please see our District Handbook for further information regarding cameras in our district.

## **A REMINDER OF OUR START TIME**

At La Porte City Elementary, our school will begin at 8:05am with the tardy bell. Students can start coming into the building at 8:00 and go straight to their classroom. If they come before 8:00, they are to go to the gym. Students not riding the bus and not be eating breakfast are encouraged not to come to school prior to 8:00. Students eating breakfast may enter the front doors of the building no earlier than 7:40. Serving ends at 7:55am for breakfast. Please do not drop your children off to school before 7:40am as no direct supervision is available until then. Students will enter and exit the building through their main hallway. During dismissal, the K-3 students who have classrooms on Gates Street (KP, 1S, 2N, 2P, & 3G) may use the outside door of their classroom.



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## **MORNING DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS**

A reminder to parents that your help is needed before school to ensure the safety of all children and also provide smooth drop zone procedures. We are asking that if parents need to park their car and come into the building with their child, that they park at the far end of the drop off zone past the sign. This needs to be available for buses and also parents who are just dropping their children off to school from 7:30-8:05. Parents who need to come in the building need to park at the end of the drop off lane. The side parking lot on Gates Street is also open for parents to park and come in the building. Thank you for helping make the dropoff time in the morning safe and stress free. If you are picking up your children on Gates Street, please park in the spots available marked with yellow lines, or in the baseball parking lot. We ask that parents do not stop and wait along the road or near the stop signs. Please be alert of students that may be crossing with a parent and cars backing up. For the safety of all students we ask that parents do not bring pets on school grounds at drop off and pick up times. This is in accordance to our school board policy.

## **HOME FOOTBALL GAME REMINDERS**

Our second varsity home football game is tonight. A reminder that there is No Smoking allowed on the Union Community School District grounds pursuant to the Iowa Smokefree Air Act. The school does not provide direct supervision of students, but will uphold appropriate student behavior and student expectations as follows: 1. Ideally, elementary students should sit with their parents or in small parent-supervised groups in the bleachers and watch the game. 2. If your child brings a football to the game, we ask that they play catch away from where fans are watching the game. 3. No students are allowed on the practice field behind the scoreboard outside of the fence. 4. We also are asking that students dispose of all plastic bottles and trash properly in the waste cans available. 5. No kicking or throwing of pop bottles will be allowed. 6. Also we ask that students do not sit or stand in the middle of the brick retaining wall under the scoreboard. Your cooperation is needed and very much appreciated. We want students to have fun and show their school spirit in a positive way. Go Knights!!!!

## **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

As the junior high and high school football, volleyball, and cross-country seasons are ready to begin, our district needs your help. As parents and role models, we need you to set the tone at all games. We need you to support our players, cheerleaders, and coaches in a positive manner that represents our school with pride. Come cheer on the Knights to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! See you at the games. Go Knights!



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## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- The library is holding a book and DVD sale. From Tuesday, September 12 through Saturday, September 16, we will have an assortment of hardcover and paperback books, and DVDs out on tables for a great sale price. Stop in and look through our offerings.
- Are you storing books and movies you won't use again? If it's time to clean house the library will take your donations for our upcoming sale. Drop off boxes or bags of books and DVDs at the library by Saturday, September 9 and contribute to a good cause. Thank you!
- At 10 am on Monday mornings during the school year, children five years old and younger can participate in a fun learning program with stories, activities, and crafts. During the first session of Story Time on Monday, September 11, youngsters learn about using their library. Other fun Story Time topics this month include books and fall.



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH		LEL				September 2023	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
		EVERYDAY THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF A HAMBURGER ON BUN			<b>KNIGHT STICKS</b> 1 (Cheese Filled Breadsticks)		
					Green Beans Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk		
	<b>4 WALKING TACO</b> 5	<b>CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN</b> 6	<b>MANDARIN ORANGE</b> 7 <b>CHICKEN ON WG RICE</b>	<b>PEPPERONI FRENCH</b> 8 <b>BREAD PIZZA</b>			
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	Corn Refried Beans Pears Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	French Fries 100% Fruit Juice Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Broccoli With Cheese Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk			
<b>BREADED PORK CHOP</b> 11 <b>WITH WG MUFFIN</b>	<b>CHICKEN FAJITA</b> 12	<b>CHICKEN DRUMSTICK</b> 13 <b>WITH TEA ROLL</b>	<b>LASAGNA CHEESE ROLLUP</b> 14 <b>WITH GARLIC BREADSTICK</b>	<b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> 15 (Stuffed Crust)			
Potato Wedges Applesauce Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Corn Peppers & Onions Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Baked Beans Peaches Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Mixed Veggies Fresh Fruit Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Green Beans Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk			
<b>CHEESEBURGER ON BUN</b> 18	<b>SOFT SHELL TACO</b> 19	<b>POPCORN CHICKEN</b> 20 <b>WITH TEA ROLL</b>	<b>FRENCH TOAST STICKS</b> 21 <b>WITH SAUSAGE</b>	<b>PEPPERONI PIZZA</b> 22 (Stuffed Crust)			
Potato Tots Fruit Cup Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Corn Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Mashed Potatoes Gravy Rosy Applesauce Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Hashbrowns Fresh Fruit Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Mixed Veggies Pears Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk			
<b>SHRIMP POPPERS</b> 25 <b>WITH A KNIGHT STICK</b>	<b>CHICKEN &amp; CHEESE</b> 26 <b>QUESADILLA</b>	<b>LOCAL FOOD DAY</b> 27 ANTON FARMS <b>BRATS &amp; BEEF BURGERS</b>	<b>CHICKEN ALFREDO</b> 28 <b>WITH GARLIC BREADSTICK</b>	<b>PIZZA CRUNCHERS</b> 29			
Broccoli With Cheese Mandarin Oranges Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Local Ag Science Garden Veggies Becks Apples <small>EARLY DISMISSAL</small> Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Peas Fresh Fruit Fruit / Veggie Bar Milk	Green Beans Applesauce Cup 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.



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