



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, September 29, 2023 | Newsletter #6

**BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 2** - 28th Day of School - Day 4 (A&M)

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

**Tuesday, October 3** - 29th Day of School - Day 5 (L&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, October 4** - 30th Day of School - Day 6 (M&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, October 5** - 31st Day of School - Day 1 (M&L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, October 6** - 32nd Day of School - Day 2 (A & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 9** - No School Professional Development Inservice for Teachers

**Monday, October 9** - 6:30 pm LPC Elementary PTO in the LPE Elem. Library

**Tuesday, October 17** - Early dismissal: 2:25 Walkers/Car Riders - 2:35 Bus Riders

Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00pm

**Thursday, October 19** - Early dismissal: 2:25 Walkers/Car Riders - 2:35 Bus Riders

Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00pm

**Friday, October 20** - No School - Teacher Comp Day

**Wednesday, October 25** - (1:00 District Early Dismissal - Professional Development

Teacher Inservice) - 1:10 for Elementary car riders/walkers

1:20 Bus Students

**Monday, November 6** - Picture Retakes



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## **SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES**

This past week your child had pictures taken by Halvorsen Photography at La Porte City Elementary School. Pictures will be delivered to school in about 2 to 3 weeks. Students were not required to purchase these pictures, but all students had their picture taken for the class composite. Picture retakes will be done on Monday, November 6.

## **ISASP DATA TO SHARE**

Recently the department of education shared data about last Spring's ISASP scores for Iowa school districts. Here are some important details to share about La Porte City Elementary.

- 1. Top 5% of all elementaries in the state for 4th grade Math.**
- 2. Top 3% of all elementaries in the state for 5th grade Math.**
- 3. Top 20% of all elementaries in the state for 3rd grade ELA.**
- 4. Top 9% of all elementaries in the state for 5th grade ELA.**
- 5. Top 9% of all elementaries in the state for 5th grade Science.**

We are so proud of our staff and students for these outstanding scores. We were in the top 10% of all elementaries in 6 different categories between both elementary buildings in our district. Way to go Knights!

## **UPCOMING EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE YEAR**

Starting this year, our district calendar includes 7 monthly Early Dismissals on the last Wednesday of each month for teacher professional development. During these times the teachers will be working in grade level professional learning communities reviewing student progress monitoring data and setting up intervention strategies for WIN times. The district has 1:00 dismissals, which for the elementary school translates to 1:10 for walkers/car riders and 1:20 for bus students. Please see the early dismissal schedule for the year below:

### **Early dismissals for professional development:**

September 27 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)	October 25 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)
November - 29 (Last Wednesday of the Month)	January 24 - (Fourth Wednesday of the Month)
February 28 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)	March 27 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)
April 24 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)	

### **Full day dismissals for professional development:**



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October 9 - (2nd monday of the month)

November 13 - (2nd monday of the month)

January 15 - (3rd monday of the month)

February 12 - (2nd monday of the month)

## **HOME FOOTBALL GAME REMINDERS**

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!!!!

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- October is [National Book Month](#)! We encourage everyone to pick up that book they've been "meaning to read" and read it. Drop by the library and roam around the aisles, pick a book with the most interesting cover, or ask the librarian for a suggestion. Did you know that six additional minutes of reading per day can significantly improve kids' reading performance? Try it!
- Monday, October 2 through Saturday, October 7 you can build with **Brainflakes** interlocking plastic discs. This is a creative and educational alternative to building blocks and a great STEM construction activity.
- Come in for creative fall fun at our **Luminary Workshop** on Wednesday, October 4 from 3 to 6 PM. Any age can decorate a luminary jar with an autumn or Halloween theme and take it home for a charming seasonal decoration.
- On Monday mornings at 10 AM, youngsters can participate in **Story Time** - a learning program with stories, activities, and crafts. This is a great program for children preschool age and younger. Reading topics for October will include apples, fire safety (this is a family Story Time with the FFA Museum), STEM, Halloween, and trick-or-treating in costume at downtown businesses. Join us!



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY										October 2023	
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY					
FILLED PORK ON BUN	2	CRISPITO BURRITOS	3	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN	4	MINI CORNDOGS	5	KNIGHT STICKS	6				
BAKED BEANS	4	CORN	5	CALI MEDLEY W/CHEESE	6	SWEET POTATO FRIES	1	GREEN BEANS	2				
PEACHES		MANDARIN ORANGES		APPLESAUCE		FRESH FRUIT		PINEAPPLE					
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK		
	9	BEEF AND CHEESE NACHOS	19	CHICKEN (TENDERS) & WAFFLES	11	CHICKEN TERIYAKI ON RICE	12	PEPPERONI PIZZA (STUFFED CRUST)	13				
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		REFRIED BEANS	3	CORN	4	GARLIC BROCCOLI	5	GREEN BEANS	6				
		PEARS		APPLESAUCE		MANDARIN ORANGES		FRESH FRUIT					
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK		
BBQ RIB ON BUN	16	EARLY DISMISSAL	17	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH TEA ROLL	18	EARLY DISMISSAL	19		20				
BAKED BEANS	1	WALKING TACOS	2	MASHED POTATOES GRAVY	3	PIZZA CRUNCHERS		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>					
PEACHES		CORN		APPLESAUCE CUPS		GREEN BEANS	4						
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK						
HOT DOG ON BUN	23	CHICKEN QUESADILLA	24	1:00 PM DISMISSAL	25	SALISBURY STEAK W/ GARLIC TOAST	26	CHEESE PIZZA	27				
FRENCH FRIES	5	CORN	6	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN		BAKED POTATO		GREEN BEANS	3				
FRUIT CUP		REFRIED BEANS		BROCCOLI W/CHEESE		FRESH FRUIT	2	PINEAPPLE					
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	MANDARIN ORANGES		PEARS	1								
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK		
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN	30	CHICKEN FAJITAS	31										
BAKED BEANS	4	CORN	5										
PEACHES		PEPPERS & ONIONS											
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	100% JUICE											
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK										

\*Vegetable / Fruit Bar Contains: Fresh Nonaine 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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BREAKFAST		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY			October 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>DONUTS</b> 2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>OMELET W/ TOAST</b> 3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES</b> 4 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BURRITO</b> 5 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 6 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
9	<b>BREAKFAST BAR W/ TOAST</b> 10 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>PANCAKES</b> 11 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 12 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 13 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>					
<b>MINI CINNIS</b> 16 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>OMELET W/ TOAST</b> 17 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>FRENCH TOAST STICKS</b> 18 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BURRITO</b> 19 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	20
<b>FRUIT FRUDEL</b> 23 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR W/ TOAST</b> 24 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES</b> 25 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> 26 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 27 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE</b> 30 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>OMELET W/ TOAST</b> 31 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>PANCAKES</b> 11/1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BURRITO</b> 11/2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> 11/3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	

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