



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, October 25, 2023 | Newsletter #10

**BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER**

### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 30** - 46th Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- Halloween Parade 2:30pm on Fillmore Street

**Tuesday, October 31** - NO SCHOOL - STATE VOLLEYBALL - GO KNIGHTS!!!

**Wednesday, November 1** - 47th Day of School - Day 5 (LIBRARY & PE)

- Possible 11:10am Early Dismissal, if the Volleyball Team Wins on Tuesday
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, November 2** - 48th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Possible 11:10am Early Dismissal, if the Volleyball Team Wins on Wednesday
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, November 3** - 49th Day of School - Day 1 (MUSIC & LIBRARY)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 30** - Halloween Parties - Outside Costume March 2:30pm

**Tuesday, October 31** - No School - State Volleyball - LPC Town Trick or Treat Night 5:30-7:30

**Wednesday, November 1** - Possible 11:00am Early Dismissal, If the Volleyball team wins on Tuesday

**Thursday, November 2** - Possible 11:00am Early Dismissal, If the Volleyball team wins on Wednesday

**Sunday, November 5** - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back 1 Hour

**Monday, November 6** - School Picture Retakes

**Friday, November 10** - Veterans Day Celebrated - Wear Red/White/Blue

**Sunday, November 13** - No school - Teacher Professional Development

**Monday - Friday November 13-17** - American Education Week

**Wednesday, November 22** - No School - Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, November 23** - No School - Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 24** - No school - Thanksgiving Break

**Wednesday, November 29** - 1:10 Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development



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## **NO SCHOOL TUESDAY FOR STATE VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to our Union Knights High School Volleyball team as they qualified for the State Tournament for the 10th time in school history. As a result of this amazing accomplishment, there will be no school for our Union Community School District on Tuesday, October 31 so staff, parents, students, and fans can support our Knights. With no school on October 31st, La Porte City Elementary will be moving their halloween parties and costume march to Monday, October 30. Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt or coat that will fit under their costumes. It is supposed to be cold on Monday afternoon for the costume march. If the Knights win their first round volleyball match on Tuesday, we will have a 11:10 early dismissal on Wednesday, November 1 for their semifinal match. If they win their volleyball match on Wednesday, we will have a 11:10 early dismissal on Thursday, November 2 for their finals match. The district will keep parents informed via email and facebook page.

## ***UNION KNIGHTS STATE VOLLEYBALL A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE***



2010 STATE  
QUALIFIER



2011 STATE  
SEMIFINALS



2012 STATE  
FINALIST



2013 STATE  
SEMIFINALS



2014 STATE  
QUALIFIER



2016 STATE  
FINALIST



2019 STATE  
SEMI FINALS



2020 STATE  
QUALIFIER



2022 STATE  
QUALIFIER



2023 STATE  
QUALIFIER

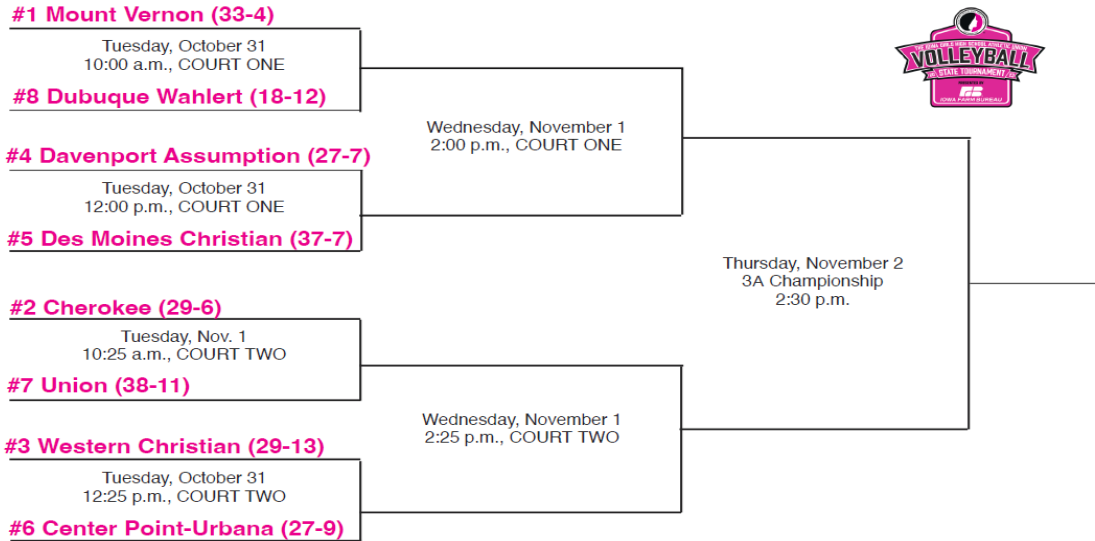
***10 TIME STATE QUALIFIER - 5 TIME SEMI FINALIST - 2 TIME FINALIST***



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## 2023 CLASS 3A STATE VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS



## GOOD LUCK TO OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our Union Knights High School Football Team as they qualified for the State Playoffs and won their first round game last Friday night in Waukon. Way to go Knights!!!! They now travel to Van Meter tonight to play in the 2nd round match of the 2023 State Playoffs at 7:00pm. Go Knights!!!

## LA PORTE CITY/DYSART FFA PANCAKE FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 29

The La Porte Dysart FFA will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 29 from 9:00-12:00 at the La Porte City FFA Historical and Ag Museum located at 408 Main, La Porte City. This amazing breakfast features fresh off the griddle pancakes and sausages along with a yogurt bar and beverage. This fundraising event is a free will donation. Donate towards winning a large Farm to Table basket and much more. All proceeds will go to the Friends of the LPC Museum endowment. If you have any questions please contact Jan at 319-215-0257. The FFA will be accepting orders at the breakfast for their Fruit Sales.



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## **SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK COMING UP SOON**

Just a reminder for parents to remember to set your clocks back 1 hour Sunday November 5 in the morning. This will conclude daylight savings time for another year. Enjoy the hour of extra sleep that we will all take advantage of.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES**

This past month your child had pictures taken by Halvorsen Photography at La Porte City Elementary School. Pictures were delivered to school this past week. 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.

## **VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATED NOVEMBER 10**

On November 10, we will celebrate Veterans Day. At the elementary building, we will have students wear red, white, and blue and/or camouflage clothes. The front of the building will be decorated with flags lining the sidewalk. We will also have an assembly in the afternoon. Each grade level will discuss Veterans Day and what it means.

## **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)

In the morning announcements next week and have each grade level from the Union Elementary buildings highlighted on the school district's Facebook Page. Here are this month's nominated students:

## **HALLOWEEN PARTIES:** **2:30 COSTUME MARCH - STUDENTS MAY LEAVE** **WITH PARENTS AFTERWARDS**

Our annual Halloween parties will be moved to Monday, October 30, in the late afternoon. This was moved due to having no school on Tuesday, October 31. This year again, we are going to allow students to bring costumes to school, as long as they follow the rules below. **We will be having our costume march held outside this year in the front of the building in the afternoon at 2:30pm. This year, when the parade is over, parents may take their child home with them, if they wish.** Your classroom teachers will let you know what each classroom has planned for the afternoon. Trick or Treat night in La Porte City will be on Tuesday, October 31 in the evening from 5:30-7:30 pm.

1. Students should bring their costumes in a bag or sack and have all of the pieces labeled so they don't lose any. Make sure they put all the pieces back in a bag after their parties to take home.
2. Costumes that are too scary, gory, or inappropriate for school should not be worn.
3. Simple costumes not involving face make-up and/or hair paint are recommended.
4. We ask that any pretend weapons be kept at home and not brought to school. This includes: (any type of guns, swords, knives, crossbows, etc.)
5. The students will be given time in the afternoon to put on their costumes before the classroom parties. Students need to wear costumes that are easy to put on and can be put on over their school clothes. These also need to be costumes that can be put on by themselves.
6. Students do not have to purchase new costumes, dressing up as their favorite hero, sports player: basketball, baseball, football, etc, sports team, or Union Knights shirts would work just fine.
7. If you are unsure whether your costume is "appropriate for school" please contact the office ahead of time.
8. Students who wish not to participate in this activity may be excused by the classroom teacher at the request of the parents.



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## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- **Perler beads** are the weekly activity for Monday, October 30 through Saturday, November 4. We have a lot of forms and beads to make colorful Perler Bead projects.
- On Monday, October 30, at 10 AM, adorable costumed Story Time children will parade to La Porte City businesses and trade a trick for a treat at **Story Time**. Our **trick-or-treaters** will march through downtown rain or shine.
- **Trick-or-Treat** at the library on Tuesday, October 31. Come in costume and trade a trick for a treat from 1 to 6 PM.
- Hawkins Memorial Library is partnering with Thriftway and LPC Connect to host a **Holiday Food Pantry Drive** to help meet the food needs of our local community. Thriftway will donate one tote of groceries to the LPC Food Pantry for every five totes donated from purchases made at their store. You can also drop off donations of non-perishable food items, socks, or cold weather gear at Hawkins Memorial Library and LPC Connect (located next door) between now and December 31, 2023.



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH	LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY				November 2023
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		CHICKEN DRUMSTICK 1 WITH BREADSTICK MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	GRILLED CHEESE 2 WITH TOMATO SOUP FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI FRENCH 3 BREAD GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
MEATBALL SUB 6 (MEATBALLS, CHEESE, SAUCE ON HOAGIE) SWEET POTATO FRIES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SOFT SHELL TACO 7 CORN REFRIED BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN 8 GARLIC TOAST VEGGIES WITH CHEESE 100% FRUIT JUICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN ORANGE 9 CHICKEN ON RICE STEAMED VEGGIES FORTUNE COOKIE MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SAUSAGE PIZZA 10 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
	CRISPITO BURRITOS 14	CRISPY CHICKEN 15 ON BUN	PANCAKES & SAUSAGE 16 SMOKIES	PIZZA CRUNCHERS 17	
NO SCHOOL	CORN PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	HASHBROWNS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
HAMBURGER OR 20 CHEESEBURGER ON BUN BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	THANKSGIVING MEAL 21 TURKEY WITH ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY FRUIT SALAD PUMPKIN BAR FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	22	23	24	
<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>					
BREADED PORK CHOP 27 WITH MUFFIN POTATO WEDGES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS 28 REFRIED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN TENDERS 29 WITH WAFFLES, GARLIC TOAST, OR BREADSTICK CORN PEARS 1:00 pm Dismissal FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MACARONI & CHEESE 30 WITH CINNAMON ROLL PEAS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	EVERYDAY THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF A HAMBURGER ON BUN	

\*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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