



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday, October 6, 2023 | Newsletter #7

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## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, October 9 - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE**

- 6:30 PTO Parent Meeting in the LPC Elementary Library

### **Tuesday, October 10 - 33rd Day of School - Day 3 (M&PE)**

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

### **Wednesday, October 11 - 34th Day of School - Day 4 (A&M)**

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Preschool to LPC Hanson's Hollow AM Group 8:45 and PM Group 12:45
- Kindergarten to Ride LPC Fire Trucks

### **Thursday, October 12 - 35th Day of School - Day 5 (L&PE)**

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

### **Friday, October 13 - 36th Day of School - Day 6 (M&PE)**

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 9:00 2P to LPC Nursing Home

## **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 3:00-6:00 pm

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

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**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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## **NO SCHOOL/EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE YEAR**

There will be no school on Monday, October 9 due to a teacher inservice for professional development. 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:**

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)

## **UPCOMING OCTOBER CONFERENCE SIGN UP**

Our first conferences for the Union Community Schools will be held in a few weeks on **Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19**. Conferences will be from 3:00-6:00 on both evenings. The time change is due to regional volleyball. There will also be a 2:15 dismissal on both of these days. At the elementary, this time translates to a 2:25 dismissal for walkers/car riders and 2:35 for bus students. This will be followed by a no school day on Friday, October 20.

**Parents will be able to sign up for conferences using our district's JMC management system at <https://union.onlinejmc.com> on Monday, October 9 in the afternoon.** A jmc email will be sent out to all parents when the link will be open, along with directions for signing up for conferences. You will use your JMC parent login as you did to register your child for school in August. The appointment times are set at 20 minute time slots on the scheduler. Conferences can last up to 15 minutes, with 5 minutes for teachers to transition to the next scheduled conference. All conferences will be held virtual, but parents can request face to face via an email to the teacher. Please sign up by Friday, October 13.



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## SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES

This past month 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.

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## HOME FOOTBALL GAME REMINDERS

Our last 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



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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:**

- The library will have a food booth at La Porte City's **OktoberFest** on Saturday, October 7 from 4 to 8 PM. We are serving brats, hot dogs, mac n cheese, cookies, popcorn, water, coffee, and hot cocoa as a fundraiser. Please visit and support us!
- On Monday, October 9 at 10 AM the library is having a family Story Time with the FFA Museum. Any elementary aged child and younger can participate in this **Story Time** - a learning program with stories, activities, and crafts, when we read about and practice fire safety. Our Monday Story Time is a great program for children preschool age and younger. Join us!
- A **Grab Lab Kids Engineering Challenge** is the STEM building activity at 1 PM on Monday, October 9. This is the perfect workshop for kids who like to design and build. They will be given materials to make a simple grabber and challenged to test it and design it better.
- Bone Soup by Cambria Evans, is the October **window story** you can read while strolling through downtown. When Finnigin finds himself in a new town on Halloween, he hopes to join a great feast with the creatures that live there. But not a body or soul will share any of their food with the ever-famished Finnigin. So what's a hungry skeleton to do? Begin this book in the library's front window and follow the directions to read the other sets of pages.



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LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				October 2023			
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
PULLED PORK ON BUN	2 (4)	CRISPITO BURRITOS	3 (5)	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN	4 (6)	MINI CORNDOGS	5 (1)	KNIGHT STICKS	6 (2)
BAKED BEANS		CORN		CALI MEDLEY W/CHEESE		SWEET POTATO FRIES		GREEN BEANS	
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
	9	BEEF AND CHEESE NACHOS	10 (3)	CHICKEN (TENDERS) & WAFFLES	11 (4)	CHICKEN TERIYAKI ON RICE	12 (5)	PEPPERONI PIZZA (STUFFED CRUST)	13 (6)
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		REFRIED BEANS		CORN		GARLIC BROCCOLI		GREEN BEANS	
		PEARS		APPLESAUCE		MANDARIN ORANGES		FRESH FRUIT	
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK
BBQ RIB ON BUN	16 (1)	EARLY DISMISSAL	17	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH TEA ROLL	18 (3)	EARLY DISMISSAL	19	PIZZA CRUNCHERS	20
BAKED BEANS		WALKING TACOS	(2)	MASHED POTATOES GRAVY		GREEN BEANS	(4)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
PEACHES		CORN		APPLESAUCE CUPS		FRESH FRUIT			
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK		
HOT DOG ON BUN	23 (5)	CHICKEN QUESADILLA	24 (6)	1:00 PM DISMISSAL	25	SALISBURY STEAK W/ GARLIC TOAST	26	CHEESE PIZZA	27
FRENCH FRIES		CORN		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
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BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN	30 (4)	CHICKEN FAJITAS	31 (5)						
BAKED BEANS		CORN							
PEACHES		PEPPERS & ONIONS		EVERYDAY THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF A HAMBURGER ON BUN					
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	100% JUICE							
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\*Vegetable / Fruit Bar Contains: Fresh Homemade 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	
	<b>BREAKFAST BAR W/ TOAST</b> 9 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>
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## **PICTURES FROM THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL**





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