



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday, October 13, 2023 | Newsletter #8

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, October 16 - 37th Day of School - Day 1 (M&l)

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

Tuesday, October 17 - 38th Day of School - Day 2 (A&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Early dismissal: 2:25 Walkers/Car Riders - 2:35 Bus Riders
- Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 18 - 34th Day of School Day 3 (M&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, October 19 - 35th Day of School - Day 4 (A&M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Early dismissal: 2:25 Walkers/Car Riders - 2:35 Bus Riders
- Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:00 pm

Friday, October 20 - NO SCHOOL TEACHER CONFERENCE COMP DAY 36th Day of School - Day 6 (M&PE)

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:00pm

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



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Tuesday, October 31 - Halloween Parties - Outside Costume March 2:30pm

La Porte City Town Trick or Treat Night 5:30-7:30

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

Monday, November 6 - Picture Retakes

UPCOMING OCTOBER CONFERENCE SIGN UP

Our first conferences for the Union Community Schools will be held next week 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. If you have not yet signed up for conferences, please contact your child's teacher.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This upcoming conference week October 16-19, our LPC Elementary will once again be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. It will be for 4 days and end with conferences next Thursday evening. The book fair will be open in the library during regular school hours 8:15-3:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday and 8:15-6:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday. You should have received a special book fair note and flyer this past week.

OCTOBER PILLAR OF CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: PILLAR OF CITIZENSHIP

The October's Pillar of Character Spotlight is on the Pillar of Respect. The Pillar of Respect is treating others as if they are important because they are! Valuing people for their humanity, even though they might be different than you. This can include being accepting of differences, showing kindness in words and actions, being courteous, listening, dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements, and being considerate of others' feelings. Each class nominated a student who shows respect. The nominated students will be celebrated each day on 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:

TK Peyton Norris
1st Aspen Reiter

K Tark Linderer
1st Grace Johnson

K Broderick Denner



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2nd Shae Reel
3rd Luna Sadler
4th Amelia Grote
5th Colton Gardner

2nd Nova MacMahon
3rd Aubree Broell
4th Gavin Weber
5th Ethan Logan

3rd Sydney Mehlert

HALLOWEEN PARTIES:

2:30 COSTUME MARCH - STUDENTS MAY LEAVE

WITH PARENTS AFTERWARDS

Our annual Halloween parties will be Tuesday, October 31, in the late afternoon. 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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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.

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:

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)

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Bring the kids in for a week of magnetic building fun with **Magformers** from Monday, October 16 through Saturday, October 21. Magformers are a fun and educational STEM activity!
- Play **miniature golf** between the stacks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 19 - 21. Thanks to a grant from Aureon and sponsored by LPC Connect, we have the mini golf equipment for this new activity. Every time you play the course will be different.
- Courtesy of Iowa Public Television, **educational backpacks** can be checked out from the library. STEM activities, books and PBS KIDS DVDs are included in each of three backpacks, with activities



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servicing children between 3 and 8 years of age. Learning themes for the backpacks include Coding Fun, Building Challenge and Pattern Puzzles.

- Patrons can renew their borrowed books, magazines, and DVDs online. Visit www.laportecity.lib.ia.us, click the catalog tab and log into your account. Update your email and phone number, view a list of items checked out, and renew, reserve, or bookmark materials. You can also choose to receive warning, overdue, and reserve notices by text or email.

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH		LA PORTE ELEMENTARY				October 2023			
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
PULLED 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
	9	BEEF AND CHEESE NACHOS	10	CHICKEN (TENDERS) & WAFFLES	11	CHICKEN TERIYAKI ON RICE	12	PEPPERONI PIZZA (STUFFED CRUST)	13
NO SCHOOL		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
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		NO SCHOOL	
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
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BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN	30	CHICKEN FAJITAS	31						
BAKED BEANS	4	CORN	5						
PEACHES		PEPPERS & ONIONS							
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	100% JUICE		EVERYDAY THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF A HAMBURGER ON BUN					

*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	
DONUTS 2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET W/ TOAST 3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES 4 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BURRITO 5 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 6 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
9	BREAKFAST BAR W/ TOAST 10 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	PANCAKES 11 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 12 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 13 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
NO SCHOOL					
MINI CINNIS 16 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET W/ TOAST 17 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST STICKS 18 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BURRITO 19 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL	20
FRUIT FRUDEL 23 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR W/ TOAST 24 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES 25 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 26 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 27 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE 30 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	OMELET W/ TOAST 31 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	PANCAKES 11/1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BURRITO 11/2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT 11/3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	

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