



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Thursday, October 19, 2023 | Newsletter #9

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## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 23** - 41st Day of School - Day 5 (L&PE)

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

**Tuesday, October 24** - 42nd Day of School - Day 6 (M&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, October 25** - 43rd Day of School - Day 1 (M&l)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 1:00 District Early Dismissal - Professional Development Teacher Inservice
  - - 1:10 for Elementary car riders/walkers - 1:20 Bus Students

**Thursday, October 26** - 44th Day of School - Day 2 (A&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, October 27** - 45th Day of School - Day 3 (M&PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**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

**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



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## **NO SCHOOL FRIDAY P/T CONFERENCE COMP DAY**

Our first conferences for the Union Community Schools was held this past Tuesday and Thursday evening from 3:00-6:00pm. If you did not get a chance to attend, but still want to meet with your child's teacher please contact them via email or call the school. Just a reminder we will have no school tomorrow, Friday, October 20 as it is the conference comp day for teachers.

## **THANKS YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES**

A big thank you goes out to the following local businesses for making a donation that helps provide supper for our teachers during our 2023-24 Fall and Spring conferences. We appreciate your donations.

LPC Elementary PTO  
Pipho & Gingrich PLLC

LPC Insurance  
Robert Pipho DDS

Cedar Valley Bank  
Farmers Coop Telephone Co.

## **SCHOOL STORE - STUDENT COUNCIL**

This year, the LPC Student Council will be hosting our School Store in the library throughout the school year in the mornings from 7:40 - 8 AM. Our opening day will be October 26. We have FUN items such as tie-dye notepads, scented pens, pencil grips, erasers, pencils, stickers, and more available for purchase. All items are \$0.25 - \$1.00 each. All funds go directly back to the Student Council. Thank you!

School Store Dates (Subject to change based on weather/events)

**Located in the library**

Oct. 27th   Nov. 17th   Dec. 15th   Jan. 19th   Feb. 9th   Mar. 22nd   Apr. 19th   May 17th

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

This upcoming Wednesday, October 25 we will have an early dismissal at 1:10 for the elementary building. 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



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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)

November - 29 (Last Wednesday of the Month)

February 28 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

April 24 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

October 25 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

January 24 - (Fourth Wednesday of the Month)

March 27 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

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

October 9 - (2nd monday of the month)

January 15 - (3rd monday of the month)

November 13 - (2nd monday of the month)

February 12 - (2nd monday of the month)

## **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

2nd Shae Reel

3rd Luna Sadler

4th Amelia Grote

5th Colton Gardner

K Tarek Linderer

1st Grace Johnson

2nd Nova MacMahon

3rd Aubree Broell

4th Gavin Weber

5th Ethan Logan

K Broderick Denner

3rd Sydney Mehlert



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## **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.

## **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.



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## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- **Halloween crafts** are the weekly activity for Monday through Saturday, October 23-28. Sneak in any time the doors are unlocked to create some creepy fun.
- The library has a **Halloween movie** showing at 1:30 PM for the early school out on Wednesday, October 25. Hocus Pocus, a movie about three wild witches who return from seventeenth-century Salem for a night of zany fun and comic chaos, is rated PG and plays for 96 minutes. And we serve popcorn.
- Get positive screen time with **Libby**, the one-tap reading app available from Hawkins Memorial Library. Research has found that active screen time – time spent using the creative side of our brains – is beneficial to overall health. Adults and children can participate in active screen time by reading in Libby. Libby has a wide selection of books and magazines available for all ages for online checkout at no cost. 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.
- Participate in our free, global, digital book club! The next **Big Library Read**, Artie and the Wolf Moon by Olivia Stephens, is available in Libby and Sora with no waitlists or holds from November 2-16, 2023. After sneaking out against her mother's wishes, Artie Irvin spots a massive wolf—then watches it don a bathrobe and transform into her mom. Thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves, Artie asks her mom to share everything. Artie and the Wolf Moon will be available for simultaneous use in ebook and audiobook formats on Libby. Go to BRIDGES on the library website, <https://www.laportecity.lib.ia.us/>, for more information.



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## **GIRL SCOUT TRUNK OR TREAT**

All students are invited to the local Girl Scout Trunk or Treat to come in costume to get candy. Have your parents bring their cars and also decorate them and hand out candy.





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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		<b>EVERYDAY THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF A HAMBURGER ON BUN</b>					
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	100% JUICE							
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	MILK						

\*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>
<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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