



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday, November 10, 2023 | Newsletter #12

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## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, November 13** - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- American Education Week
- 6:30 PTO Meeting in the Library

**Tuesday, November 14** - 55th Day of School - Day 1 (LIBRARY & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, November 15** - 56th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, November 16** - 57th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, November 17** - 58th Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 7:40-8:00am Student Council School Store

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

**Monday, November 13** - No School - Teacher Professional Development

- 6:30 PtO Meeting

**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

**Tuesday, December 12** - Winter Concert at UHS Auditorium; K & 1 6:15-6:45,  
2nd & 3rd 7:00-7:30, 4th & 5th 7:45-8:15




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## **LPC ELEMENTARY RECEIVES HIGH RECOGNITION**

Our LPC elementary building just received the results from the Iowa School Performance Profile. Our building was rated as a High Performing building. Our elementary school ranked in the top 2.7% of all schools and in the top 1% of all elementaries in the state of Iowa. Way to go LPC Elementary staff, students, and parents. We are Making A Difference!!!!

## **NO SCHOOL MONDAY**

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

On Monday, we will have no school for students as teachers will be having 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:

### **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)

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

September 27 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

October 25 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)



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November - 29 (Last Wednesday of the Month)

February 28 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

April 24 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

January 24 - (Fourth Wednesday of the Month)

March 27 - (Last Wednesday of the Month)

## **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

This upcoming week of November 13-17 is American Education Week. At the La Porte City Elementary school we are stressing to our children the importance and value of a great education. As educators we are aware of the enormous job we have in educating each individual child to the best of our ability. We are preparing our children today to become future leaders.

## **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 2nd day will be this upcoming Friday, November 17. 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**

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

## **LPC ELEMENTARY WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 12**

Our music programs for the winter music concerts this year will be on the same night: Tuesday, December 12 at 3 different times. Kindergarten and first grade at 6:15-6:45. Second and third grade at 7:00-7:30. Fourth and fifth grades at 7:45-8:15. All three performances will be held in the Matt High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in. Our elementary school music teacher, Jennifer Bistline, directs the winter programs.

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Just a Special Thanksgiving, by Mercer Mayer, is the November **window story** you can read while strolling through downtown. Little Critter is going to have a Thanksgiving he'll never forget! From the school play to a surprise dinner for all of Critterville, celebrate along with Little Critter and his family as they give thanks this holiday. Begin reading the book in front of the library and follow the directions to find the next set of pages.



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- Gobble up crafting fun at the library from Monday, November 13 through Saturday, November 25. Free make and take **Thanksgiving crafts** can be created during these two weeks for the holiday.
- **Family Stories Month** rolls around in November just in time for the holidays. When families gather it's an excellent time to share stories and learn about family history. Throughout the month Family History Month encourages you to record or listen to stories from relatives of all ages.
- Is there a book you'd like to read, but Hawkins Memorial Library doesn't have it on our shelves? Chances are we can borrow it from another library for you. The State Library of Iowa provides all Iowa libraries with the option of getting books through the **InterLibrary Loan program** at no cost to you. Ask us about this great program!
- **National Family Literacy Month** is celebrated during the month of November. National Family Literacy Month is an opportunity for families to learn and read together. It also celebrates the work literacy programs do to empower families.

## **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Each year our elementary building is contacted by different local community organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. A hard copy of this form is being sent home with all students today.



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## Union Community School District

**La Porte City Elementary School**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year the La Porte City Elementary School is contacted by various local organizations that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it. This is a free opportunity that provides meals, clothing, gifts, and other donations for those students and families who may need support. Please fill out the information below and return it to the La Porte City Elementary office if you would like to be considered for any assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. Please contact Mr. Parker or Ms. Black at the elementary office or email if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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LPC Elementary Principal  
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LPC Elementary School Counselor  
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### La Porte City Elementary Assistance Release Form

Student Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

How many children are in the household? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments on area of need: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PANCAKES & SAUSAGE 16 SMOKIES HASHBROWNS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS 17 MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	CORN PEARS 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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