



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, November 20** - 59th Day of School - Day 5 (LIBRARY & PE)

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

**Tuesday, November 21** - 60th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- LPC Elementary Turkey Fun Day & Turkey Trot 2:00pm

**Wednesday, November 22** - NO SCHOOL

- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK

**Thursday, November 23** - NO SCHOOL

- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**Friday, November 24** - NO SCHOOL

- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK

**Monday, November 27** - 61st Day of School - Day 1 (MUSIC & LIBRARY)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- School Resumes from Thanksgiving Break

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**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

**Monday, December 4** - PTO LPC Elementary Santa's Cottage 5:00-7:00pm

**Monday, December 11** - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in the LPC Elem. Library

**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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## **TURKEY FUN DAY TUESDAY**

On Tuesday, November 20 our elementary students will have a chance to do some fun Turkey activities in their classrooms and grade levels. It will be a fun filled day for our students as they get ready for Thanksgiving break.

## **TURKEY TROT HEALTHY WALK MONDAY**

We will be having our 5th annual, all school healthy walk, on Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00pm. The walk will start and end at the elementary building. It will include a few blocks around the school and the surrounding neighborhood. We have participated in the "Go the Distance" healthy walks around the school in the past and thought we would do other ones throughout the school year.

## **SANTA'S COTTAGE - DECEMBER 4**

The PTO is excited to host our annual Santa's Cottage event on Monday, December 4th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the elementary gym. Santa's Cottage will operate as it did last year with only the children being able to enter the gym to shop. Children will be able to shop on their own for affordable gifts for their family with prices ranging from \$0.25 - \$5.00 per item. The PTO will also have limited Union apparel and Scrip gift cards for sale. Free cookies and hot cocoa will be available at the event for all to enjoy. Santa will also be on site to capture a photo with the children. This year PTO is pleased to announce we will also have vendors set up for adults to shop in the hallway. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## **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:

### **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)



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## 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)

## **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.

## **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING ALERT**

The cold weather is starting to move in and a chill is in the air. I think it is safe to say that winter is getting closer. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather when it arrives. It is safe to say that shorts, tank tops, and flip flops season is over. Sweatshirts and fall jackets should now be worn. A warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots will soon be advised for when winter weather occurs. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future. The information is in our LPC Elementary handbook.

## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Gobble up crafting fun at the library through Saturday, November 25. Free make and take **Thanksgiving crafts** can be created for the holiday.
- Wednesday, November 22 (no school) is a great day for a **family movie** at the library. Elemental is showing at 1:30 PM in the library with popcorn provided. And don't forget that we have a large selection of DVDs that can be checked out for viewing at home over the holiday.
- On Wednesday, November 22, the library will close at 5 PM and remain closed all day on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for **Thanksgiving**. We will open again at 9 AM on Saturday, November 25.
- Hawkins Memorial Library wishes you a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Please travel safely.



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## **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 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 13	CRISPY CHICKEN 14 ON BUN BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PANCAKES & SAUSAGE 15 SMOKIES HASHBROWNS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS 16 MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>					
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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