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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023 | Newsletter #14 BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, November 28 - 62nd Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, November 29 - 63rd Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, November 30 - 64th Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, December 1 - 65th Day of School - Day 5 (LIBRARY & PE)
- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

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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NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY

We will have no school in the upcoming next 3 days: Wednesday, November 22, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday break. School will resume as scheduled on Monday, November 27. Have a nice break.

A TIME FOR THANKS

Traditionally this is the time of year when we stop and give thanks for things that we have to be grateful for this year. As I reflect on this first part of the school year, here are the things that I am thankful for.

- I am thankful for kind words, they make us all feel appreciated.
- I am thankful for smiles, they make our day brighter.
- I am thankful for positive attitudes, they are contagious.
- I am thankful for students, they are the reason that we are here.
- I am thankful for teachers, secretaries, nurses, associates, cooks, custodians, and bus drivers, they all work together to guide our future leaders.
- I am thankful for parents, they assist us in educating our children.
- I am thankful for volunteers and the support of our communities, we cannot provide a quality education alone.
- I am thankful for the opportunity to work together.
- I am thankful for everyone collaborating together to Make A Difference this school year.

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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)

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)

NOVEMBER PILLAR OF CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: PILLAR OF CITIZENSHIP

The November Pillar of Character Spotlight is on the Pillar of Citizenship. Citizenship is when you do your share to make your home, school, and community a better palace. A student who shows citizenship cooperates with others, stays informed, is a positive leader, protects the environment, and makes choices that protects the safety and rights of others. Each class has nominated a student who shows citizenship. 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:

K MacKena Lynch
K Lainey Zeien
1st Krew Vaughn
1st Morgan Schildgen
2nd Maci Gehrke
2nd Raven Dibben
3rd Sage Sadler
3rd Evanora Kaiser
3rd Zander DeWinter
4th Ethan Graham
4th Brennen Wenszell
5th Addi Stoneman
5th Letty Burns

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PTO REMINDERS

Santa's Cottage - December 4th

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!

Scrip Orders - Due December 8th

PTO Scrip Gift Card Order is back!!! An order form was sent home with your child this week. Order forms are due back by December 8th, or order online anytime. As you spend time with family over Thanksgiving break, share the form with them and invite them to order gift cards too. Orders will be back by December 18th at the latest. We will have order forms available at Santa's Cottage on December 4th, as well as a few gift cards on hand to purchase.

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.

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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.

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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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
		1 CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH BREADSTICK MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	2 GRILLED CHEESE WITH TOMATO SOUP FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	3 PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK
6 MEATBALL SUB (MEATBALLS, CHEESE, SAUCE ON HOAGIE) SWEET POTATO FRIES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	7 SOFT SHELL TACO CORN REFRIED BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	8 POPCORN CHICKEN GARLIC TOAST VEGGIES WITH CHEESE 100% FRUIT JUICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	9 MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN ON RICE STEAMED VEGGIES FORTUNE COOKIE MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	10 SAUSAGE PIZZA GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK
13 NO SCHOOL	14 CRISPITO BURRITOS CORN PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	15 CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	16 PANCAKES & SAUSAGE SMOKIES HASHBROWNS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	17 PIZZA CRUNCHERS MIXED VEGGIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK
20 HAMBURGER OR CHEESEBURGER ON BUN BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	21 THANKSGIVING MEAL TURKEY WITH ROLL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY FRUIT SALAD PUMPKIN BAR FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	23	24
27 BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN POTATO WEDGES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	28 BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS REFRIED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	29 CHICKEN TENDERS WITH WAFFLES, GARLIC TOAST, OR BREADSTICK CORN PEARS 1:00 pm Dismissal FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	30 MACARONI & CHEESE 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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BREAKFAST — **LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY** — **November 2023**

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		1 FRENCH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	2 BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	3 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk
6 MINI DONUTS Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	7 BREAKFAST BAR W/TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	8 WAFFLES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	9 BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	10 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk
13 NO SCHOOL	14 OMELET W/ TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	15 PANCAKES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	16 BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	17 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk
20 MINI CINNIS OR FRUIT FRUDEL Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	21 BREAKFAST BAR W/TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	23	24
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