# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY
## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday, December 1, 2023 | Newsletter #15 BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 4** - 66th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- SANTA"S COTTAGE in the LPC Elementary Gym 5:00-7:00

**Tuesday, December 5** - 67th Day of School - Day 1 (LIBRARY & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, December 6** - 68th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 12 Winter Countdown: Deck the Halls - Classes will decorate the Hallways with holiday cheer.

**Thursday, December 7** - 69th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 11 Winter Countdown: Elf Day - Dress up in elf attire and help others today. Elves are great helpers.

**Friday, December 8** - 70th Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Day 10 Winter Countdown: Oh Christmas Tree Day - Decorate your class door as a Christmas Tree!

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**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

**Friday, December 15** - LPC Student Council School Store

**Friday, December 22 - January 2** - No School - Winter Break

**Wednesday, January 3** - School resumes from Winter Break

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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 2023 WINTER HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

La Porte City Elementary is excited to have a 12 Days of Christmas countdown. Here is a list of our daily activities we will do. The students can dress up on any of the days they want. We embrace the holiday spirit with enthusiasm and excitement along with our students! Let the fun begin!!! See the specific daily countdown below that starts on this upcoming Wednesday.

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# UNION KNIGHTS STICKERS

LPC Elementary Student Council is selling Union Knights vinyl stickers as part of a fundraiser. Funds will be used to sponsor a variety of holiday activities for our students, including our annual Winter Break Reading Challenge - Hot Cocoa Party. For a great stocking stuffer and to support our school, please consider purchasing a sticker! Happy Holidays!

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LPC Student Council Union Knights

# STICKER FUNDRAISER!

LPC Student Council is selling Union Knights vinyl stickers as part of a fundraiser. Funds will be used to sponsor a variety of holiday activities, including the Winter Reading Challenge's hot cocoa party.

If you would like to purchase stickers, please fill out this form, attach your payment (cash or check), and have your student return it to their teacher or the school office by Friday, December 8th! Orders will be filled and passed out by Friday, December 15th.*

All designs are 3" round vinyl, waterproof stickers and cost $1 each:

| Option 1: Solid black background with distressed, red U. | Option 2: Distressed red background with solid black U. | Option 3: Distressed gray background with solid black U. | No preference on colors (Could be any of the 3 options) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| Quantity: _____ | Quantity: _____ | Quantity: _____ | Quantity: _____ |

Total # of Stickers: _____ @ $1 each  Total $ Due: _____

*Please include payment with form before returning it to school.
We accept cash or check. Checks made payable to *UCSD*.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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# 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.

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| K & 1 | 6:00pm Report time | 6:15-6:45 Concert time | Kdgn. - Vocal Room | 1st - Band Room |
| 2nd & 3rd | 6:45pm Report time | 7:00-7:30 Concert time | 2nd - Vocal Room | 3rd - Band Room |
| 4th & 5th | 7:30pm Report time | 7:45-8:15 Concert time | 4th - Vocal Room | 5th - Band Room |

# 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)

# 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:

- **Santa Claus** zooms to Hawkins Memorial Library riding on a fire truck at 11:30 AM on Saturday, December 2. Children are encouraged to meet Santa in front of the library and take a turn visiting with him from 11:30 AM until 1 PM. Parents are welcome to take pictures during the visit. There will also be a variety of make-and-take Christmas crafts for kids from 10 AM to 1 PM.
- Monday, December 4 through Saturday, December 9 everyone can build with **Brainflakes** interlocking plastic discs. This is a creative and educational alternative to building blocks and a great STEM construction activity.
- Our youngest readers can participate in a fun learning program with stories, activities, and crafts at **Story Time** on Monday mornings at 10 am. In December we'll enjoy reading about different Christmas topics. We will not have Story Time on Mondays December 25, or January 1.
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh! by Mo Willems, is the December window story you can read while strolling through downtown. Oh, and joy to the—driving a sleigh! The Pigeon has made a list and checked it once. Can his holiday dream come true? Begin reading the book in front of the library and follow the directions to find the next set of pages.
- **December is read a New Book Month**, so here are tips to answering the dreaded "*but what do I read?"* question: 1) Go for the unexpected. Pick up a book so far out of your reading zone that it scares you a little. Try something *new*. You never know, you might just find your next favorite genre. 2) Learn something new. Take the time to find a book that fits your needs and plan a project around it to ensure it gets read. 3) Don't overthink it. If you are still pondering over your next read: pull up that dreaded To-Be-Read list, *and just pick one*. If you really want to challenge yourself this month - aim for a new book every week.

## 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

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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 — LPC ELEMENTARY — DECEMBER 2023

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *OFFERED DAILY* Hamburger on Bun<br>Fruit / Veg Bar & Fruit / Veg of the day & Milk | | KNIGHT STICKS (5) 1<br>GREEN BEANS<br>PINEAPPLE<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK |
| BBQ RIB ON BUN (6) 4<br>BAKED BEANS<br>PEACHES<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | FIESTADA PIZZA (1) 5<br>CORN<br>100% JUICE<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | POPCORN CHICKEN WITH ROLL (2) 6<br>MASHED POTATOES<br>GRAVY<br>ROSY APPLESAUCE<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CHILI (3) 7<br>WITH CINNAMON ROLL<br>SAVORY CARROTS<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | PEPPERONI PIZZA (4) 8<br>GREEN BEANS<br>PINEAPPLE<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK |
| MINI CORNDOGS (5) 11<br>BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE<br>PEARS<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | WALKING TACOS (6) 12<br>CORN<br>REFRIED BEANS<br>MANDARIN ORANGES<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN (1) 13<br>COTTAGE FRIES<br>APPLESAUCE CUP<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CHICKEN ALFREDO WITH GARLIC TOAST (2) 14<br>PEAS<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CHEESE PIZZA (3) 15<br>GREEN BEANS<br>PINEAPPLE<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK |
| ITALIAN CHICKEN ON BUN (4) 18<br>SWEET POTATO FRIES<br>PEACHES<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA (5) 19<br>CORN<br>MANDARIN ORANGES<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | CHICKEN TENDERS WITH WAFFLES (6) 20<br>BAKED BEANS<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | HOLIDAY MEAL 21<br>HAM WITH ROLL (1)<br>ROASTED POTATOES<br>FRUIT SALAD & JOLLY SIDE KICKS<br>DESSERT<br>FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK | 22<br>WINTER BREAK BEGINS<br>NO SCHOOL |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL | | | | |

*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.

LUNCH — JANUARY 2024

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| | | CHICKEN FAJITAS (2) 3<br>PEPPERS & ONION<br>CORN & FRUIT CUP | BREADED PORK CHOP WITH GARLIC TOAST (3) 4<br>FRENCH FRIES & PEACHES | PIZZA CRUNCHERS (4) 5<br>GREEN BEANS<br>PINEAPPLE |

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | YOGURT PARFAIT 1<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk |
| MINI DONUTS 4<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 5<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | WAFFLES 6<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | BREAKFAST PIZZA 7<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | YOGURT PARFAIT 8<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk |
| MINI CINNIS 11<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | OMELET WITH TOAST 12<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | PANCAKES 13<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | BREAKFAST PIZZA 14<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | YOGURT PARFAIT 15<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk |
| BAGEL WITH CREAM CHEESE 18<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 19<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | FRENCH TOAST 20<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | BREAKFAST PIZZA 21<br>Choice: Cereal with<br>Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit<br>Milk | 22<br>WINTER BREAK BEGINS<br>NO SCHOOL |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL | | | | |

**BREAKFAST — JANUARY 2024**

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| NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | WAFFLES 3<br>Choice: Uncrustable<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk | BREAKFAST PIZZA 4<br>Choice: Uncrustable<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk | MINI DONUTS 5<br>Choice: Uncrustable<br>100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk |

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