



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 11 - 71st Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- **Day 9 Winter Countdown: Deck the Halls - Candy Cane Day - Wear red and white or stripes.**
- PTO Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 12 - 72nd Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- **Day 8- Winter Countdown: Deck the Halls - Frosty the Snowman Day - Decorate a class snowman to display in the hall.**
- Concert Practice at the HS K-2 in the morning and 3-5 in the afternoon
- Elementary Music Concert at HS K-1 6:15-6:45, 2-3 7:00-7:30, 4-5 7:45-8:15

Wednesday, December 13 - 73rd Day of School - Day 1 (LIBRARY & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- **Day 7 Winter Countdown: Grinch Day - Wear Green.**

Thursday, December 14 - 74th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- **Day 6 Winter Countdown: Jolly Old St. Nicholas Day - Wear your best Christmas outfit & be jolly today!**

Friday, December 15 - 75th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- **Day 5 Winter Countdown: Reindeer Day - Wear your antlers and your deer gear.**
- LPC Student Council School Store 7:40-8:00 am in the library

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



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Wednesday, January 3 - School resumes from Winter Break

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.

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

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.

12 Days of Christmas COUNTDOWN!

Dysart-Geneseo Elementary and La Porte City Elementary student councils are excited to announce this year's 12 Days of Christmas Countdown! We will start our countdown on Wednesday, December 6th. Each day's dress-up theme and/or activity is as follows:

<p>6th DAY 12 Deck the Halls Day Decorate the hallways with some holiday cheer!</p>	<p>7th DAY 11 Elf Day Dress up in elf attire and help others today. Elves are great helpers!</p>	<p>8th DAY 10 Oh, Christmas Tree Day Decorate your class door as a Christmas tree!</p>
<p>11th DAY 9 Candy Cane Day Wear red & white and/or stripes & enjoy a sweet treat!</p>	<p>12th DAY 8 Frosty the Snowman Day Decorate a class snowman to display in the hall!</p>	<p>13th DAY 7 Grinch Day You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch! Wear green!</p>
<p>18th DAY 4 Night Before Christmas Day Enjoy listening to this Christmas story read over the Intercom!</p>	<p>19th DAY 3 Santa Claus is Coming to Town Day Wear red and a Santa hat today!</p>	<p>20th DAY 2 Christmas Cookie Day Enjoy decorating a Christmas cookie in class today!</p>
<p>21st DAY 1 Holiday Movie Day Wear pajamas & enjoy a holiday movie before break begins!</p>		<p>22nd NO SCHOOL! Have a great break! Don't forget the Winter Break Reading Challenge!</p>



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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 3rd day will be this upcoming Friday, December 15. 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

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

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!

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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IOWA SCHOOL ALERTS

If you are not currently receiving school alert notifications please go to the following website to sign up to receive delay/cancellation notifications. Since this is a PDF document the below link will not directly take you to this website, so you will have to do a google search for iowa school alerts or public gov delivery.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/new> It is also found on our Union web page under the families tab - in the school alerts information.

SCHOOLS **DISTRICT** **FAMILIES** **ACTIVITIES** **CONTACT**

FAMILIES

- Families Home
- Calendars
- Canvas
- Communication Flowchart
- Departments
- JMC
- Lunch Menus
- Monthly Message
- Open Enrollment
- Policies, Forms & Handbooks
- Registration
- School Alerts**

SCHOOL ALERTS

Announcements about the closing of school due to weather or other emergencies will be made on the radio, television stations and social media sites listed below.

Please tune in or log on to these stations/websites rather than calling administrators, as they will be in the process of notifying their school staff members.

AM Radio | KXEL 1540 | KWLO 1330 | WMT 600 | KOEL 950
FM Radio | KOKZ 105.7 | KFMW 108 | WMT 96.5 | KOEL 92.3
TV | KWWL - Ch. 7 | KGAN - Ch. 2 | KCRG - Ch. 9
Internet | kwwl.com | cbs2iowa.com | kcrg.com
Social Media | [UCSD Facebook](#)
Text & Email | [Iowa School Alerts/GovDelivery](#)

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)



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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.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- The **Union High School Carolers** perform in the library at 4 PM on Thursday, December 14. This charming costumed a cappella group will grace patrons with 20 minutes of holiday music.
- Hawkins Memorial Library is partnering with Thriftway and LPC Connect to host a **Holiday Food Pantry Drive** to brighten the spirits of our local community. Thriftway will donate one tote of groceries locally to The Lord’s Food Pantry for every five totes donated from purchases made at their store. You can also drop off donations of non-perishable food items, socks, or cold weather gear at Hawkins Memorial Library and LPC Connect between now and December 31.
- Take the time to stroll through the library and enjoy our many themed Christmas trees. We have an I Spy Christmas Tree with a list of ornaments to test how observant you are, a Frozen tree, a Teddy Bear tree, and many more.

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,

Todd Parker
LPC Elementary Principal
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Hannah Black
LPC Elementary School Counselor
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515 Fillmore St., La Porte City, IA 50651 Phone: (319) 342-3033 Fax: (319) 342-3816

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		EPC ELEMENTARY				DECEMBER 2023	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
		OFFERED DAILY Hamburger on Bun <small>Fruit / Veg Bar & Fruit / Veg of the Day & Milk</small>					KNIGHT STICKS (5) 1 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK
BBQ RIB ON BUN (6) 4 BAKED BEANS PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FIESTADA PIZZA (1) 5 CORN 100% JUICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH ROLL (2) 6 MASHED POTATOES GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHILI WITH CINNAMON ROLL (3) 7 SAVORY CARROTS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI PIZZA (4) 8 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
MINI CORNDOGS (5) 11 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACOS (6) 12 CORN REFRIED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN (1) 13 COTTAGE FRIES APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN ALFREDO WITH GARLIC TOAST (2) 14 PEAS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA (3) 15 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
ITALIAN CHICKEN ON BUN (4) 18 SWEET POTATO FRIES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA (5) 19 CORN MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN TENDERS WITH WAFFLES (6) 20 BAKED BEANS FRESH FRUIT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	HOLIDAY MEAL (1) 21 HAM WITH ROLL (1) ROASTED POTATOES FRUIT SALAD & JOLLY SIDE KICKS DESSERT FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK				22 WINTER BREAK BEGINS 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		
		CHICKEN FAJITAS PEPPERS & ONION (2) 3 CORN & FRUIT CUP	BREADED PORK CHOP WITH GARLIC TOAST (3) 4 FRENCH FRIES & PEACHES	PIZZA CRUNCHERS (4) 5 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE

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