



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Thursday, December 21, 2023 | Newsletter #18

BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, January 3 - School Resumes for UCSD - 80th Day of School - Day 2(ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade
- School Resumes from Winter Break

Thursday, January 4 - 81st Day of School - Day 3(MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, January 5 - 82nd Day of School - Day 4 (ART & MUSIC)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

WINTER BREAK STARTS TODAY DEC. 21-JAN 2

The student's last day before break will be today, Thursday, December 21 with a regular 3:10 dismissal time. So that means that our Winter Break 2023 will officially begin today at the end of the day. The Christmas winter break runs through Tuesday, January 2. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3. Have a great Holiday break.

HOLIDAY BREAK READING CHALLENGE

Student Council will be sponsoring the Holiday Break Reading Challenge! We strongly encourage you to read with, or listen to your child read over break. There is an activity page was sent home yesterday for your child to pick different, fun ways to read! We ask PK-2 grade students to spend 10-15 minutes for each activity chosen, and 3-5 grade students to spend 15-20 minutes for each activity chosen. Your child will be eligible for a treat if he/she completes and has YOU initial (but they can also color) AT LEAST 8 activities and returns the sheet after break. The sheet will be due no later than Monday, January 8, 2024. Please write your child's name/class on the sheet before returning.

Mrs. Spragg & Lisa & Student Council



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FIRST & Last Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

LIGHT UP YOUR BREAK WITH A GOOD BOOK

READING CHALLENGE

PreK-2nd grade should read for at least 10 min. per activity
3rd-5th should read for at least 15 min. per activity

READING MAKES YOU BRIGHT!

Choose at least 8 different activities on this sheet to complete over break.

Get an adult to initial in the circle next to each light after you complete it and then color in the lightbulb! Have a parent/guardian sign at the top once you are done and then return to school after break (by Monday, January 8th).

2024 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

It is that time of year again that people attempt to identify and then stick to a New Year's Resolution. At school we will be having each class talk about and make a plan for the 2024 year. Listed below are some ideas that parents can try. These will assist your child in practicing and improving their reading skills. Take a look at these tips and try some of them for the upcoming year. You might find that they will turn into daily habits and normal routines.

1. Read to your child on a daily basis.
2. Provide your child a quiet, comfortable place to read and study.
3. Encourage your child to develop a personal library and to add to it regularly.
4. Provide your child with a wide range of experiences.
5. Talk to your child on a daily basis about school, work, etc.
6. Praise your child for at least one success or improvement daily.
7. Hug your child at least once a day.



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8. Respect your child as an individual who has unique talents and abilities.
9. Provide family activities which encourage your child to grow in different ways.
10. Encourage your child to view reading as an enjoyable and fulfilling lifetime experience.

IOWA SCHOOL ALERTS

If you are not currently receiving school alert notifications please go to the following website to sign up to receive delay/cancelation 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](#)

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:

- Hawkins Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, December 25. Our staff wishes you a very blessed Christmas holiday. Please travel safely.
- **LEGO building** is the weekly activity Tuesday through Saturday, December 26-30. Drop in for building fun and create a masterpiece from the loads of LEGOs at the library.
- A different **classic Christmas movie** will be shown each afternoon at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 27, 28, and 29. Join us as we extend the holiday with a festive flick and some popcorn.
- Get positive screen time with **Libby**, the one-tap reading app available from Hawkins Memorial Library. Research has found that active screen time – time spent using the creative side of our brains – is beneficial to overall health. Adults and children can participate in active screen time by reading in Libby. Libby has a wide selection of books and magazines available for all ages for online checkout at no cost.
- The library will be closed on Monday, January 1 to celebrate the New Year. Remember to check out extra books and movies before the holiday!
- [Sneezy the Snowman at Night](#), by Maureen Wright, is the **January window story** you can read while strolling through downtown. B-R-R-R-R! AH-CHOO! Sneezy the Snowman is cold, cold, cold. Hilarity chills the air as Sneezy attempts to warm himself with some silly results. Begin reading the book in the front window of the library and follow the directions to find the next set of pages.
- Join us on January 2, at 1 PM for a **Snow Spectacular!** Children will have a un-brr-lieveably good time delving into the world of blizzards, exploring meteorological tools by creating their own snow measuring stick, and learning how to prepare for severe weather. This program is presented by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.
- Tuesday, January 2 through Saturday, January 6, is **bird feeder week**. Drop in and make simple pine cone feeders to hang on the bushes in your yard to feed wildlife.



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LUNCH					LA PORTE ELEMENTARY					JANUARY 2024					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HAMBURGER ON BUN															
OFFERED DAILY WITH A FRUIT / VEGETABLE BAR & FRUIT / VEGETABLE OF THE DAY															
1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL		CHICKEN FAJITA PEPPERS & ONIONS CORN FRUIT CUP (2)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN FRENCH FRIES (3) PEACHES (3)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS (4)	GREEN BEANS (4) PINEAPPLE (4)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MENU CHANGE FROM GARLIC TOAST TO MUFFIN		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15	
GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SOUP WITH CRACKERS PEARS (5)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SOFT SHELL TACO (Taco Meat, Cheese Cup, & WG Tortilla) REFRIED BEANS 100% JUICE (6)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH DINNER ROLL MASHED POTATOES GRAVY (1) APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN ON RICE STEAMED VEGGIES MANDARIN ORANGES (2) FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD (12)	GREEN BEANS (3) PINEAPPLE (3)	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	NO SCHOOL		CRISPITO BURRITOS (15)	REFRIED BEANS (4) CORN (4) PEACHES (4) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
15		16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
NO SCHOOL		REFRIED BEANS (4) CORN (4) PEACHES (4) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		POPCORN CHICKEN (17) WITH GARLIC KNOT BAKED POTATO (5) APPLESAUCE (5) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		SLOPPY JOE ON BUN (18) SWEET POTATO FRIES (6) FRESH FRUIT (6) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		CHEESE PIZZA (19) VEGGIES WITH CHEESE (1) PINEAPPLE (1) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		LASAGNA CHEESE (22) ROLLUPS WITH GARLIC TOAST GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES (2) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS (23) CORN (3) PEARS (3) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		1:00 DISMISSAL	
22		23		24		25		26		27		28		29	
SHRIMP POPPERS (29) WITH CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICK BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE SLICED OR WHOLE APPLES (1) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		WALKING TACO (30) REFRIED BEANS CORN MANDARIN ORANGES (2) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		CRISPY CHICKEN (24) ON BUN BAKED BEANS (4) PEACHES (4) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		PANCAKES WITH (25) SAUSAGE PATTIES HASHBROWNS APPLESAUCE CUP (5) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		PEPPERONI PIZZA (26) COOKED CARROTS (6) PINEAPPLE (6) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		LASAGNA CHEESE (22) ROLLUPS WITH GARLIC TOAST GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES (2) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS (23) CORN (3) PEARS (3) FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		1:00 DISMISSAL	
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*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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
1	2	3	4	5		
		WAFFLES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar	MINI DONUTS Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar		
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		
MINI CINNIS OR FRUIT FRUDEL Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	9 PANCAKES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	10 BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	11 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		
15	16	17	18	19		
NO SCHOOL	OMELET WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		
22	23	24	25	26		
BAGEL WITH CREAM CHEESE Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		
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