



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, January 29 - 92nd Day of School - Day 2(ART & PE)

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

Tuesday, January 30 - 93rd Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

Wednesday, January 31 - 94th Day of School - Day 4(A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

Thursday, February 1 - 95th Day of School - Day 5(L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, February 2 - 96th Day of School - Day 6(M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 26 - Report Cards Will Be Released Via JMC Email

Monday, February 12 - **NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Wednesday, February 14 - **Valentine's Day Parties**

February 20 - **1:10 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00pm**

February 22 - **1:10 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00pm**

February 23 - **No School - Teacher Comp Day from Conferences**

February 28 - **1:10 EARLY DISMISSAL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

SWEET TREATS

The PTO would like to help deliver Valentine messages for students and families. Students can order Sweet Treats for teachers, staff, bus drivers, siblings, etc. Family members can also order treats for students. Please limit the treats to those in LPC Elementary and bus barn only. Please be sure to write Valentine's messages and fill out the order form slip with the total number of treats and cost. Return your messages, order slip, and cash or check (payable to LPC PTO). Forms will be sent home with students next week. Contact the office if you need additional forms.



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JANUARY PILLAR OF CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: **PILLAR OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The January Pillar of Character Spotlight is on the Pillar of Responsibility. A person of responsibility is someone who is:

Reliable - People can count on them and they do what they are supposed to do.

Has great self-discipline and use self control.

Think before they act and try to understand how their actions affect others. Consider consequences.

Always try their best.

Perseveres. Never gives up, and continues to try when faced with a challenge.

Is accountable for their words, actions, and attitudes.

Each class has nominated a student who shows responsibility. 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:

TK Owen Youngblut
1st Kayla Gardner
2nd Charlie Delaine
3rd Ember Wellman
4th Riley Hakeman
5th Rhian Wyss

K Zayah Byford
1st Stella Schmitz
2nd Linley Hakeman
3rd Abby Johnson
4th Jocelyn Meyer
5th Natalie Craft

K Noah Schildroth

3rd Emma Gross

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

We are quickly approaching the 100th day of school that our students have attended. With a few snow days this month, the 100th day of school for students is now set to be Thursday, February 8. Each classroom will be doing lessons and activities centered on the concepts of 100. Take time at home to talk to your child about what 100 means to them. Try counting 100 things, by either 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, 20's and/or 25's. These different ways of counting will reinforce the basic concepts in math. This is a great teachable moment to incorporate math into our everyday activities.

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.



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<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

This upcoming Wednesday, we will have an early dismissal for teacher inservice. 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)



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LUNCH MONEY REMINDERS

Just a reminder to parents to add money to your child's lunch account each month. We are getting more students running negative lunch balances. The Union Community School Board Policy 710.4 is stated below:

In accordance with state and federal law, the Union Community School District adopts the following policy to ensure school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, prevent the overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.

Payment of Meals

Students do have use of a meal account. When the balance reaches \$-10.00 a student may charge no more than one (1) meal to this account. When an account reaches this limit, a student shall not be allowed to charge further meals or ala carte items until the negative account balance is paid. Parents or students can add money to their lunch accounts using on-line system or pay at the student's building of attendance.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Come in and see what bargains are on our tables. The library's **book sale** goes through Thursday, February 1. A large selection of donated and withdrawn books will be available for \$5.00 per bag.
- Patrons can renew their borrowed books, magazines, and DVDs online. Visit www.laportecity.lib.ia.us, click the catalog tab and log into your account. Update your email and phone number here, view a list of items checked out, and renew, reserve, or bookmark materials. You can also choose to receive warning, overdue, and reserve notices by text or email.
- Did you know... from July 2022 through June 2023 patrons saved more than \$155,000 by using the library instead of purchasing materials. This does not include savings from the use of eBooks, eAudiobooks, databases, multiple readers and movie viewers, or in-library uses. The library is a great value to the community! Use it.



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LUNCH		LPC ELEMENTARY				FEBRUARY 2024	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
OFFERED DAILY WITH A FRUIT / VEGETABLE BAR & FRUIT / VEGETABLE OF THE DAY							
CHOICE OF: HAMBURGER ON BUN							
			CHICKEN TERIYAKI ON RICE 1	KNIGHT STICKS 2			
			STEAMED VEGGIES (5)	GREEN BEANS (6)			
			PINEAPPLE	PEARS			
			FORTUNE COOKIE	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
			FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK				
MEATBALL SUB 5	CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA 2	CHICKEN TENDERS WITH GARLIC BREADSTICK 7	CHILI WITH CRACKERS & CINNAMON ROLL 4	PIZZA CRUNCHERS 9			
FRENCH FRIES (1)	CORN MANDARIN ORANGES	BAKED BEANS (3)	SAVORY CARROTS	GREEN BEANS (5)			
PEACHES		APPLESAUCE	FRUIT CUP	PINEAPPLE			
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
	CHICKEN FAJITAS 13	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 14	TURKEY & NOODLES WITH BISCUIT 15	PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD 16			
NO SCHOOL 12	(Chicken & Cheese in a Tortilla)	CORN SIDEKICKS (1)	MIXED VEGGIES (2)	BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE (3)			
	PEPPERS & ONIONS (6)	DESSERT	FRUIT CUP	100% JUICE			
	MANDARIN ORANGES	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK						
PULLED PORK ON BUN 19	FIESTADA PIZZA 20	CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH GARLIC TOAST 21	BBQ RIB ON BUN 22	NO SCHOOL 23			
(4)	(5)		(1)				
SEASONED POTATO WEDGES	CORN PINEAPPLE	MASHED POTATOES (6)	SWEET POTATO FRIES				
PEARS	EARLY DISMISSAL	GRAVY	PEACHES				
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	ROSY APPLESAUCE	EARLY DISMISSAL				
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK				
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN 26	SOFT SHELL TACO 27	POPCORN CHICKEN 28	MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN WITH RICE 29	CHEESE PIZZA MARCH 1			
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE	CORN REFRIED BEANS	TATER TOTS	STEAMED VEGGIES (5)	GREEN BEANS (6)			
MANDARIN ORANGES	FRUIT CUP	APPLESAUCE CUP	PINEAPPLE	MIXED FRUIT			
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	1:00 DISMISSAL	FORTUNE COOKIE				
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK				

*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		LPC ELEMENTARY			FEBRUARY 2024	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
			SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK 1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		YOGURT PARFAIT 2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI DONUTS 5 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 6 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 7 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 8 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		YOGURT PARFAIT 9 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
	12 NO SCHOOL	13 OMELET WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	14 WAFFLES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	15 SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	16 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
19 MINI CINNIS Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	20 BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	21 PANCAKES Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	22 BREAKFAST PIZZA Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		23 NO SCHOOL	
26 FRUIT FRUDEL Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	27 OMELET WITH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	28 FRENCH TOAST Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	29 SAUSAGE PANCAKE STICK Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk		MARCH 1 YOGURT PARFAIT Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	



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