



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, February 2, 2024 | Newsletter #22

BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, February 5 - 97th Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

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

Tuesday, February 6 - 98th Day of School - Day 2(ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

Wednesday, February 7 - 99th Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

Thursday, February 8 - 100th Day of School - Day 4(A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, February 9 - 101st Day of School - Day 5(L & 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 were sent home this week with students. Forms are also attached below. Contact the office if you need additional forms.



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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.

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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UPCOMING FEBRUARY CONFERENCE SIGN UP

Our second conferences for the Union Community Schools will be held in a few weeks on **Tuesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 22.** Conferences will be from 3:00-7:00 on both evenings. There will also be a 1:00 dismissal on both of these days. At the elementary, this time translates to a 1:10 dismissal for walkers/car riders and 1:20 for bus students. This will be followed by a no school day on Friday, February 23.

Parents will be able to sign up for conferences using our district's JMC management system at <https://union.onlinejmc.com> on Monday, February 12 in the afternoon. A jmc email will be sent out to all parents when the link will be open, along with directions for signing up for conferences. You will use your JMC parent login as you did in the fall and also when you registered your child for school in August. The appointment times are set at 20 minute time slots on the scheduler. Conferences can last up to 15 minutes, with 5 minutes for teachers to transition to the next scheduled conference. **All conferences will be held virtual, but parents can request face to face via an email to the teacher.** Please sign up by Friday, February 16.

Since our teachers are encouraged to have ongoing communication with parents throughout the entire school year, at the elementary level our spring conferences are considered optional. If you have no concerns at this time, and your child's teacher has not reached out to you to specifically schedule a conference, it is not required to schedule one. However, parents are always more than welcome to schedule one, if you choose. Our teachers are always happy to share and talk to parents about our students. Parents also have the option to email the teacher with any questions and/or concerns.



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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/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](#)

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Create special and personal **Valentines cards** Monday, February 5, through Wednesday, February 14. We have the supplies for you to fashion a masterpiece of love.
- Don't miss our **Paper Snowflakes & Valentines Workshop** on Wednesday, February 7 from 4 to 6 PM. Enjoy a relaxed hands-on class with Jamie Goble Brocco, author of Christmas Snowflakes. Jamie has a variety of patterns available for snowflakes and Valentines, and supplies are provided. There are no age limits and experience is not required. However, adult assistance will be needed for children still perfecting their scissor skills.
- **National Library Lover's Month** in February is dedicated to the people who love whole buildings devoted to reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, and otherwise loving books. Libraries provide education, entertainment, and activities for all ages. They provide resources for researching family and community heritage. Libraries lend other media like movies and audiobooks, and they offer digital resources for the entire community to use.



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- **Story Time** is on Monday mornings at 10 AM for our youngest readers. Children five years and younger can participate in our fun learning program which includes stories, activities, and crafts



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Happy Valentine's Day



The PTO would love to help with your Valentine message deliveries!
Your Valentine message and treat can be delivered to anyone in the LPC Elementary building or bus barn. Please contact us on Facebook or email LPCElementaryPTO@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Due: Wednesday, February 7th.

Treat Choice A: Plain M&Ms –50¢

Treat Choice B: SweetHearts –50¢

Treat Choice C: Lindor Truffles –\$1.00 (recommended for teachers and staff)

Example for Student		Example for Teacher/Staff
To: <u>Sam Student</u>		To: <u>Ms. Teacher</u>
Teacher: <u>1-Jesse</u>		Teacher: _____
From: <u>Mom & Dad</u>		From: <u>Sam Student</u>
Message: <u>We LOVE You!</u>		Message: <u>Thanks for being a great teacher!</u>
Treat Choice: <u>B</u>		Treat Choice: <u>C</u>

1. Fill in boxes on page 2 for EACH person you would like to send a Sweet treat. Remember, they will be cut on the lines to deliver with each treat.
2. If delivering to students, use first and last name on the "To" line and include the recipients' teachers name (if known).
3. Add the total number of each treat choice that you are ordering and write the numbers below.
4. Return the bottom portion of this page and all of page 2 to the office by **Wednesday, February 7th.**
5. Include cash OR checks payable to LCP PTO.

Student's Name & Teacher: _____ Contact email/phone: _____

Total of each treat choice needed:

Treat Choice A (M&Ms 50¢ each): # _____

Amount total: \$ _____

Treat Choice B (SweetHearts 50¢ each): # _____

Amount total: \$ _____

Treat Choice C (Truffles \$1.00 each): # _____

Amount total: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ORDERED: # _____













Amount total: \$ _____



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1/29/24, 12:46 PM SweetTreats2.jpeg

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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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		
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MEATBALL SUB ① 5	CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA ② 6	CHICKEN TENDERS WITH GARLIC BREADSTICK ③ 7	CHILI WITH CRACKERS & CINNAMON ROLL ④ 8	PIZZA CRUNCHERS ⑤ 9		
FRENCH FRIES	CORN	BAKED BEANS	SAVORY CARROTS	GREEN BEANS		
PEACHES	MANDARIN ORANGES	APPLESAUCE	FRUIT CUP	PINEAPPLE		
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
	12	13	14	15	16	
NO SCHOOL	CHICKEN FAJITAS (Chicken & Cheese in a Tortilla) ⑥	CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN ①	TURKEY & NOODLES WITH BISCUIT ②	PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD ③		
	PEPPERS & ONIONS	CORN	MIXED VEGGIES	BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE		
	REFRIED BEANS	SIDEKICKS	FRUIT CUP	100% JUICE		
	MANDARIN ORANGES	DESSERT				
	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
19	20	21	22	23		
PULLED PORK ON BUN ④	FIESTADA PIZZA ⑤	CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH GARLIC TOAST ⑥	BBQ RIB ON BUN ①	NO SCHOOL		
SEASONED POTATO WEDGES	CORN	MASHED POTATOES	SWEET POTATO FRIES			
PEARS	PINEAPPLE	GRAVY	PEACHES			
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	EARLY DISMISSAL	ROSY APPLESAUCE	EARLY DISMISSAL			
	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
26	27	28	29	MARCH 1		
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN ②	SOFT SHELL TACO ③	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH GARLIC TOAST OR BISCUIT ④	MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN WITH RICE ⑤	CHEESE PIZZA ⑥		
BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE	CORN	TATER TOTS	STEAMED VEGGIES	GREEN BEANS		
MANDARIN ORANGES	REFRIED BEANS	APPLESAUCE CUP	PINEAPPLE	MIXED FRUIT		
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT CUP	1:00 DISMISSAL	FORTUNE COOKIE			
	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	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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