



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

- 6:30 PTO Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, February 13 - 102nd Day of School - Day 6 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grade

Wednesday, February 14 - 103rd Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Thursday, February 15 - 104th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, February 16 - 105th Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

UPCOMING EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE YEAR

This upcoming Monday, we will have no school as the teachers will have a professional development

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



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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)

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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VALENTINE'S DAY CLASSROOM PARTIES

Coming up in a couple weeks is Valentine's Day. On Tuesday, February 14, the elementary classes will have their Valentine's Day parties. Your child's teacher should be letting your child know if they need to bring anything for their classroom party. We are asking that any treats be prepackaged or store bought. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions.



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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.

The screenshot shows a website navigation menu with tabs for SCHOOLS, DISTRICT, FAMILIES, ACTIVITIES, and CONTACT. The FAMILIES tab is selected. On the left, a sidebar lists various family-related services, with 'School Alerts' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'SCHOOL ALERTS' and contains the following text:

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 | KWLL - 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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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH					LPC ELEMENTARY					FEBRUARY 2024					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
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							
MEATBALL SUB 5		CHICKEN & CHEESE 6		CHICKEN TENDERS 7		CHILI WITH CRACKERS 8		PIZZA CRUNCHERS 9							
FRENCH FRIES 1		QUESADILLA 2		WITH GARLIC BREADSTICK		& CINNAMON ROLL 4		GREEN BEANS 5							
PEACHES		CORN		BAKED BEANS 3		SAVORY CARROTS		PINEAPPLE							
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		APPLESAUCE		FRUIT CUP		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK							
12		13		14		15		16							
NO SCHOOL		CHICKEN FAJITAS (Chicken & Cheese in a Tortilla)		CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN 1		TURKEY & NOODLES WITH BISCUIT 2		PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD 3							
		PEPPERS & ONIONS 6		CORN SIDEKICKS DESSERT		MIXED VEGGIES		BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE 100% JUICE							
		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		BBQ RIB ON BUN 1		NO SCHOOL							
SEASONED POTATO WEDGES		CORN PINEAPPLE		MASHED POTATOES 6		SWEET POTATO FRIES									
PEARS		EARLY DISMISSAL		ROSY APPLESAUCE		PEACHES									
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		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		MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN WITH RICE 5		CHEESE PIZZA 6							
BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE		CORN REFRIED BEANS		TATER TOTS 4		STEAMED VEGGIES		GREEN BEANS							
MANDARIN ORANGES		FRUIT CUP		APPLESAUCE CUP		PINEAPPLE		MIXED FRUIT							
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		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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