



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, February 22, 2024 | Newsletter #23

**BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER**

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 26** - 110th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

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

**Tuesday, February 27** - 111th Day of School - Day 3 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, February 28** - 112th Day of School - Day 4 (MUSIC & ART)

- **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:10 WALKERS/CAR RIDERS - 1:20 BUS STUDENTS**

**Thursday, February 29** - 113th Day of School - Day 5 (PE & L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- Jump Rope 4 Heart Kickoff Assembly 2:30

**Friday, March 1** - 114th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 4th & 5th Grade Maturing Talks - Notes were sent out this week

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

**March 4 - 6:30pm PTO Meeting in the Library**

**March 10 - Daylight Savings Time - Set Clock Ahead**

**March 11-14 - Spring Break for USCD - No School**

**March 18 - School Resumes from Spring Break**

**March 23 - School Store - 7:40-8:00 am**

**March 27 - 1:10/1:20 Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development**

**March 29 - No School Easter Break**



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## **CONFERENCE THIS PAST WEEK**

Our second conferences for the Union Community Schools was held this past week on Tuesday and then today. This is followed by a no school day, tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23. We encourage our teachers to have ongoing communication with parents throughout the entire school year. We want to make sure we keep that up for the remaining few months of this year. If you have any concerns, please keep in close communication with your child's teacher.

## **UPCOMING EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE YEAR**

This upcoming Wednesday, February 28 will be another early dismissal for teacher Professional Development. 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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## **FEBRUARY PILLAR OF CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT:** **PILLAR OF CARING**

February's Pillar of Character Spotlight is on the Pillar of Caring.. The Pillar of Caring is showing others that you care through your actions. It is being kind. Being compassionate. Expressing gratitude. Forgiving others. Helping people in need. Each class nominated a student who shows caring. 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:

K Koltyn Long	K Owen Rose	
1st Jasper Meier	1st Bentley Sorrell	
2nd Katie Meyer	2nd Kaydin Serafin	
3rd Brooks Hoover	3rd Preston Dererell	3rd Isaac Kaalberg
4th Alexis Bruce	4th Jake Rosauer	
5th Fiona Williams	5th Chelsea Juhl	

## **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.

## **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*



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*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*



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## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Origami week is Monday through Saturday, February 26 to March 2, at the library. *Origami* art is the traditional Japanese craft of folding a sheet of paper into objects and figures. Ori translates as “folded,” and kami means “paper. Drop in and give this art a try.
- A **family movie**, Under The Boardwalk, shows at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, February 28. This fun beach adventure leads a shy crab and his new friend to discover a whole world beyond the boardwalk on their journey to find home.
- The library has **jigsaw puzzles** patrons can check out for adults and children. This is good news for those of you that dash through puzzles – it will give you more choices. And if you have puzzles you are done with, please consider donating them to the library’s collection.
- Do you own **DVDs** that you no longer watch? Consider donating them to the library. We will take new or used movies, and TV series. DVDs are added to the library’s collection and replace movies that have been damaged or are missing.



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# Spring Break Fun at the Library

### ➤ **What is Alive?**

**Monday, March 11, 1:30 PM**

Explore seeds, soil, germination and plant growth through great hands-on planting activities with Black Hawk Co. Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom.

### ➤ **Art-Lit to Go! Color Creation**

**Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 PM**

Through hands-on activities like "Painting with Marbles" and "Permanent Marker Tie-Dye," children will embark on colorful journeys, learning the secrets of color theory. Bring prewashed white t-shirts and/or socks for tie-dyeing. Kids can also make their own crayons. This colorful program is presented by Black Hawk County ISU Extension and Outreach.

### ➤ **Fluffy Slime**

**Wednesday, March 13, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM**

Stop in for this fun and messy make-and-take activity.

### ➤ **Humane Society Visit**

**Thursday, March 14, 1:30 PM**

The Cedar Bend Humane Society visits with animals, information and pet toy activities. Please bring a donation of pet food or cat litter.

### ➤ **BINGO**

**Friday, March 15, 1:30 PM**

Play BINGO at the library for the fun of it...and for small prizes.

# Hawkins Memorial Library



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

\*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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