



# LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, April 5, 2024 | Newsletter #28

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### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 8** - 133rd Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades(No Preschool on Mondays)
- PTO 6:30 pm in the Library

**Tuesday, April 9** - 134th Day of School - Day 2 (A & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Wednesday, April 10** - 135th Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Thursday, April 11**- 136th Day of School - Day 4 (A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

**Friday, April 12**- 137th Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**April 8 - 6:30 PTO Meeting**

**April 23 - 4th & 5th Gr Spring Concert 7:00 @ HS Aud.**

**April 24 - Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development**

**- 1:10 Car Riders/Walkers - 1:20 Bus Students**

### **MONDAY'S SOLAR ECLIPSE**

With the upcoming Solar Eclipse this Monday afternoon, we want to let parents know that we plan to have indoor recess for that afternoon. For the safety of our students we plan not to have them out during recess at that time.



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## **ISASP TESTS: APRIL 15-19**

In 2 weeks, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking the annual Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress and the Condition of Learning Survey. The ISASP assessment will focus on reading, math, language, writing, and science while the Conditions of Learning Survey focuses on school culture and climate. A district letter was sent a few weeks ago by Mr. Howard explaining in detail the importance of these 2 assessments. We ask that parents can help your child by making sure they are on time and in attendance to school each day next week, they get good rest and eat a quality breakfast, and you encourage your child to do their best on all tests.

## **4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL INFORMATION**

See our Union Community School District Facebook page for information about next year's 4 Year old preschool enrollment. If you missed this event which was this past Monday, contact the preschool to get signed up for preschool next year. Email Stephanie Eatling at [s\\_estling@union.k12.ia.us](mailto:s_estling@union.k12.ia.us)

## **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION - 2024-25**

Calling all incoming kindergarten students! The secretaries at Dysart-Geneseo and La Porte City Elementary buildings are creating their list of students who will be five years old by September 15, 2024, so they can send you kindergarten registration materials. If your child currently attends the four-year-old preschool program in either school building, the materials will be sent home with the students the first week of April. Please complete the forms once you receive them, and return them to your child's preschool teacher no later than April 29.

If your child does not attend preschool, please contact the secretaries at 319-476-7110 for Dysart-Geneseo Elementary students, and 319-342-3033 for La Porte City Elementary students, so they can get your child added to the list of incoming kindergarten students. They will need your child's name, parents' names, address, phone number, email, and child's date of birth. After you contact the building secretaries they will send you the registration materials. Please complete them and return no later than April 29.

The kindergarten packets will contain useful information about the upcoming 2024-25 school year. In addition to this there will be a powerpoint sent to you with more information about the specific building your child attends. If you are new to our building and would like a tour, please contact the building that your child will be attending.



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In early August the JMC online registration portal will open. You will need to go in and complete the last segment of the registration process, which includes payment of school fees, and depositing funds into your child's meal account. Be sure and watch the slideshow sent to you via email for information on accessing the online portal. If you already have children in the district you do not need to create a new account. If this is your first child to attend Union schools the PowerPoint will explain how to set up your username and password for the JMC online portal.

There will not be a kindergarten round-up or parent meeting. Your child's teacher will contact you prior to school starting on August 23, to set up a 15 minute kindergarten orientation time. If you have further questions, please contact the building that your child will be attending.

## **SPRING MUSIC CONCERT FOR GRADES 4TH & 5TH**

The spring music concert for grades 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm in the Matt High School Auditorium. This program will feature all students in fourth and fifth grades and also those fifth grade students that are in band. Our elementary school music teacher, Jen Bistline, directs the spring program. Mike Bistline, the high school and LPC elementary band teacher, will be directing the fifth grade band. Doors to the auditorium will open at 6:15 p.m. Band students are asked to be there at 6:30. Vocal students should stay with their parents until 6:45 p.m. Teacher supervision will not be available until then. At that time, students can report to the following rooms: 4th - Vocal Room and 5th - Band Room. The students will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, April 23, the day of the concert.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL NOW SET FOR 2023-24**

Superintendent John Howard announced that based on action by the Union School Board at their last board meeting, the final day of school for TK-12 students will be **Thursday, May 30.** District students will have met the state mandated requirement for instructional hours for the year. This day will be a 11:00 dismissal time and at the elementary that translates to 11:10 for walkers/car riders and 11:25 for bus students. Breakfast will be served on the last day of school, but no lunch will be served on that day.



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## **NEXT YEAR'S ELEMENTARY CLASS LISTS**

We will soon be in the process of compiling class lists for next year. We believe we have a competent and experienced teaching staff which works hard to provide the best education possible for all students. We take many factors into consideration when putting together these lists. They are: number balance, gender balance, behavior balance, and academic balance, which involves Title I reading, ELP, and Resource students. If you have a **special concern based on only educational reasons and not in the area of social reasons for your child's placement next year, please contact me at the elementary office by May 3.** We use the FAST data to help place students to have balanced classrooms. This is state mandated and involves weekly progress monitoring and interventions for students. Parent special concerns will be considered but may not be able to be met. We have to keep a balance of student academics with the FAST progress monitoring and assessments in each classroom.

### **2024-25 Grade Level Teachers Listed Below:**

**Preschool - Stephanie Estling**

**Kindergarten - Dana Junge**

**1st Grade - Caitlin Schmitz**

**2nd Grade - Dana Neuman**

**3rd Grade - Vanessa Arhart**

**4th Grade - Angie Bechthold**

**5th Grade - Rachel Hellman**

**Kindergarten - Angela Petersen**

**1st Grade - Bekka Pierson**

**2nd Grade - Sarah Pospisil**

**3rd Grade - Tracie Grosse**

**4th Grade - Amy Nading**

**5th Grade - Kelsey Murphy**



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## **HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

- Ready, Set, Library! Race to discover the possibilities at your library during **National Library Week**, April 7 – 13, 2024. Libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, enjoy programs, and great reading. Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.
- Monday, April 8 through Saturday, April 13, is **coloring week**. The library will have colors and markers, and plenty of pages and bookmarks to decorate.
- April 12 is known as D.E.A.R Day! D.E.A.R. stands for "Drop Everything and Read," a national celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives.



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LUNCH		LPC ELEMENTARY			APRIL 2024
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
*CHOICES OFFERED DAILY WITH A FRUIT / VEGETABLE BAR & FRUIT / VEGETABLE OF THE DAY*					
Hamburger on Bun					
<b>GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH</b> ② 1 CORN 100% JUICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>SOFT SHELL TACO</b> ③ 2 REFRIED BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>POPCORN CHICKEN WITH DINNER ROLL</b> ④ 3 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN WITH RICE</b> ⑤ 4 ORIENTAL VEGGIE BLEND MANDARIN ORANGES FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> ⑥ 5 GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SANDWICH</b> ① 8 PEPPERS & ONIONS SWEET POTATO FRIES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CHICKEN &amp; CHEESE QUESADILLA</b> ② 9 CORN PEARS APPLE FILLED CHURRO FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH DINNER ROLL</b> ③ 10 MASHED POTATOES GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>BBQ RIB ON BUN</b> ④ 11 COLESLAW BAKED BEANS FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>PEPPERONI PIZZA</b> ⑤ 12 GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>SHRIMP POPPERS WITH (1) KNIGHT STICK</b> ⑥ 15 CORN PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>WALKING TACOS</b> ① 16 REFRIED BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CHICKEN TENDERS WITH DINNER ROLL</b> ② 17 MIXED VEGGIES APPLE OR APPLE SLICES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>LASAGNA CHEESE ROLLUP WITH GARLIC TOAST</b> ③ 18 ASPARAGUS FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD</b> ④ 19 GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN</b> ⑤ 22 SEASONED POTATOES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CHICKEN FAJITAS</b> ⑥ 23 PEPPERS & ONIONS REFRIED BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CRISPY OR SPICY CHICKEN ON BUN</b> ① 24 CORN APPLESAUCE CUP <b>1:00 DISMISSAL</b> FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>GOULASH WITH GARLIC TOAST</b> ② 25 GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>PIZZA CRUNCHERS</b> ③ 26 BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	
<b>SEASONED GRILLED CHICKEN ON BUN</b> ④ 29 FRENCH FRIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	<b>CRISPITO BURRITOS</b> ⑤ 30 CORN MANDARIN ORANGES 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			APRIL 2024
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>MINI CINNIS 1</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>EGG &amp; CHEESE BAGEL 2</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES 3</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK 4</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>COOKS CHOICE 5</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>DONUTS 8</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 9</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>PANCAKES 10</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA 11</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>COOKS CHOICE 12</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>MINI CINNIS 15</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>EGG &amp; CHEESE BAGEL 16</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>FRENCH TOAST 17</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK 18</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>COOKS CHOICE 19</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>DONUTS 22</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 23</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>WAFFLES 24</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>BREAKFAST PIZZA 25</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>COOKS CHOICE 26</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
<b>MINI CINNIS 29</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	<b>EGG &amp; CHEESE BAGEL 30</b> Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar  100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk				

COOKS CHOICE = ANY MAIN BREAKFAST ITEM PREVIOUSLY ON MENU



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