



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, April 22 - 143rd Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

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

Tuesday, April 23 - 144th Day of School - Day 6 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades
- 7:00pm Spring Concert at HS (4th and 5th Grade & 5th Band)

Wednesday, April 24 - 145th Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

- **EARLY DISMISSAL: 1:10 Walkers/Car Riders - 1:25 Bus Students**

Thursday, April 25 - 146th Day of School - Day 2 (A & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, April 26 - 147th Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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**



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LAST EARLY DISMISSAL FOR THE YEAR

This upcoming Wednesday, April 24 will be our last 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)

ISASP TESTS: APRIL 15-19

This past week, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students took 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. If your child was absent last week, we will be doing makeups this week.



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APRIL PILLAR OF CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: **PILLAR OF TRUSTWORTHINESS**

April's Pillar of Character Spotlight is on the Pillar of Trustworthiness. The Pillar of Trustworthiness is being honest and loyal. Telling the truth and doing the right thing. Each class nominated a student who shows trustworthiness. 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 Elliott Dinnebier	K Landen Alderman	
1st Izabella Adams	1st Colton Wellman	
2nd Corbin Osmundson	2nd Olivia Meyer	
3rd Paige Quint	3rd Roger Burns	3rd Peyton Reiter
4th Sophia Wubbenan	4th Nina Bormann	
5th Macy Buckingham	5th Cael Reiter	

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 4th & 5th 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

CAREER DAY COMING UP

"LPC Elementary is very excited to host our 2024 Career Day on **Friday, May 17th**. Interested in sharing about your career with our students at LPC? Remember to fill out the sign-up form your student brought home. You may also reach out to our school counselor, Hannah Black, via email to sign up. Please let Hannah know if you are interested by **Monday, April 15th**. Note, K-2nd grade students will be participating 8:30am-10:30am and 3rd-5th grade students will be participating from 12:30pm-3:00pm. More information regarding those selected and other related details will be shared around the April deadline. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Hannah if you have any additional questions!"



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HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- Courtesy of PBS STEAM Education, the Library has special activities out for teaching and challenging kids for the next week. Try building a flower garden, view and identify bones in your body by using X-rays , build a marble run, identify bugs, make patterns with geoboards or pattern blocks, build with gears, try matching eggs... and more. Drop in and try them!
- A tisket, a tasket, come create **May Day baskets**... make your own special baskets for May Day, Monday, April 22 through Wednesday, May 1.
- Migration is the **movie showing** on Wednesday, April 24, at 1:30 PM. Take flight with the Mallard family, whose vacation goes awry in this animated comedy filled with humor and heart. This movie is rated PG, plays 1 hour 22 minutes, and you get popcorn!
- Remember, the library has computers, tablets, and Wi-Fi for use by the public.



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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							
GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH ② CORN 100% JUICE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	SOFT SHELL TACO ③ REFRIED BEANS PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	POPCORN CHICKEN WITH DINNER ROLL ④ BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN WITH RICE ⑤ ORIENTAL VEGGIE BLEND MANDARIN ORANGES FORTUNE COOKIE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHEESE PIZZA ⑥ GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SANDWICH ① PEPPERS & ONIONS SWEET POTATO FRIES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA ② CORN PEARS APPLE FILLED CHURRO FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH DINNER ROLL ③ MASHED POTATOES GRAVY ROSY APPLESAUCE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	BBQ RIB ON BUN ④ COLESLAW BAKED BEANS FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI PIZZA ⑤ GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
SHRIMP POPPERS WITH (1) KNIGHT STICK ⑥ CORN PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	WALKING TACOS ① REFRIED BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN TENDERS WITH DINNER ROLL ② MIXED VEGGIES APPLE OR APPLE SLICES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	LASAGNA CHEESE ROLLUP WITH GARLIC TOAST ③ ASPARAGUS FRUIT CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PEPPERONI FRENCH BREAD ④ GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN ⑤ SEASONED POTATOES PEACHES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CHICKEN FAJITAS ⑥ PEPPERS & ONIONS REFRIED BEANS PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPY OR SPICY CHICKEN ON BUN ① CORN APPLESAUCE CUP FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	GOULASH WITH GARLIC TOAST ② GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	PIZZA CRUNCHERS ③ BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE PEARS FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK			
SEASONED GRILLED CHICKEN ON BUN ④ FRENCH FRIES PINEAPPLE FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	CRISPITO BURRITOS ⑤ CORN MANDARIN ORANGES FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	1:00 DISMISSAL					

*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	
MINI CINNIS 1 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	EGG & CHEESE BAGEL 2 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES 3 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK 4 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	COOKS CHOICE 5 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
DONUTS 8 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 9 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	PANCAKES 10 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 11 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	COOKS CHOICE 12 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI CINNIS 15 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	EGG & CHEESE BAGEL 16 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	FRENCH TOAST 17 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK 18 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	COOKS CHOICE 19 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
DONUTS 22 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST BAR WITH TOAST 23 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	WAFFLES 24 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	BREAKFAST PIZZA 25 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	COOKS CHOICE 26 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	
MINI CINNIS 29 Choice: Cereal with Muffin, Yogurt, or Oatmeal Bar 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Milk	EGG & CHEESE BAGEL 30 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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