



LA PORTE CITY ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6 - 153rd Day of School - Day 3 (M & PE)

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

Tuesday, May 7 - 154th Day of School - Day 4 (A & M)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, May 8 - 155th Day of School - Day 5 (L & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, May 9 - 156th Day of School - Day 6 (M & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, May 10 - 157th Day of School - Day 1 (M & L)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- May 9 - 4th Gr to Living History Farms
 - May 9 - 2nd Gr to Bloomsbury Farms in CR (9-2)
 - May 9 - LPC Elementary Staff Retirement Party 3:30-5:00
 - May 10 - 2nd Grade to LPC Nursing Home Ice Cream Social
 - May 10 - 3rd Grade to Mrs. Arhart's house 12:30-2:30 pm
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- May 13 - 6:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LPC Elementary Library
 - May 13 - Kindergarten to Ride Fire Trucks - Makeup from the fall
 - May 13 & 14 - Mile Day for PE students
 - May 14 - Mr. Slack (UMS) to visit LPC 5th Grade Students
 - May 15 - Library Books are due
 - May 15 - 5th Gr Band to DG 12:30-2:30
 - May 15 - Grad Walk for UHS Seniors (arrive at school approximately 8:45)
 - May 16 - Mr. Parker Retirement Party 3:30-5:30
 - May 17 - Career Day for LPC Elementary AM (TK-2nd) and PM Sessions (3rd-5th)
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- May 22 - 4 Year Old Preschool to Benton County Nature Center am and pm
 - May 22 - 5th Gr to Big Woods - Cedar Falls
 - May 23 - LPC Library Visit K-2 8:30-11:30 3-5 12:00-3:00
(K-8:30-9:30, 1st-9:30-10:30, 3rd-10:30-11:30) - 3-5 12:00-3:00
(2nd-12:00-1:00, 4th 1:00-2:00, 5th 2:00-3:00)
 - May 24 - 3rd Grade Pen Pal Picnic @Hickory Hills 11:45-2:30
 - May 24 - LPC/DG Mixer 11-3
 - May 24 - Last day for AR points to count toward end of the year certificates
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- May 27 - Memorial Day - No School
- May 29 - Last day for 4 year old preschool. Picnic in the shelterhouse.
- May 29 - 6:00 Preschool Graduation in the gym
- May 29 - Track & Field Day(Grs 3-5 AM) Playground-(Grs K-2 PM) Playground
- May 30 - Last day of school for students - 11:10 Dismissal

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.

HURTS DONUT FUNDRAISER

Last week notes were sent home about our PTO Hurts Donut Fundraiser. Order forms are due Wednesday, May 1. Parents need to pick up your orders on Friday, May 10 between 3:15-5:30 at the LPC Elementary gym. Please enter on the playground side.

TRACK & FIELD DAY - FUN & FITNESS DAY

On Wednesday, May 29, we will have our Track & Field Day for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students in the morning @ Union High School Track. In the afternoon we will then have our Fun & Fitness Day for K, 1st, and 2nd grade students @ LPC Elementary Playground from 12:45-3:00. As always, you are welcome to come and watch your child participate in this fun day.

LPC ELEMENTARY YEARBOOKS

If you ordered a yearbook they will be coming home with your son/daughter today. We have a few extra 2023-2024 LPC Elementary Yearbooks for sale. They are \$15 a piece, check or cash. They will be first come, first serve. Thank you for supporting the school and purchasing your son/daughter a memory keepsake.



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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.

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



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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:

- Design special **Mother's Day cards** for your dear mom, grandmother, or other special lady during Mother's Day cards week, Monday, May 6 through Saturday, May 11. Choose decorations, stamps, and embellishments to create a keepsake card. We also have Mother's Day card kits that are ready to pick up to assemble at home for a beloved lady.
- **National Children's Book Week, May 6-12**, was established in 1919 and is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person. This is a great week to bring a child to the library to check out books!
- Children's **Story Time** is on Monday mornings at 10 AM for our youngest readers. Kids five years of age and younger can participate in our fun learning program which includes stories, songs, activities, and crafts about Mother's Day, squirrels, and summer in May. Our final Story Time for the school year will be on May 20.



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH					LPC ELEMENTARY					MAY 2024									
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
CHOICES OFFERED DAILY WITH A FRUIT / VEGETABLE BAR & FRUIT / VEGETABLE OF THE DAY																			
<small>COOK'S CHOICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE WE CLOSER TO THE END OF THE MONTH email c_gleong@ucsdn.k12.ia.us with questions</small>					HAMBURGER ON BUN														
SEASONED GRILLED CHICKEN ON BUN		CRISPITO BURRITOS		POPCORN CHICKEN WITH GARLIC BREAD		MACARONI & CHEESE WITH CINNAMON ROLL		CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICKS (OLD STYLE)											
4/29		4/30		1		2		3											
FRENCH FRIES PINEAPPLE		CORN MANDARIN ORANGES		BAKED BEANS PEACHES		PEAS 100% JUICE		GREEN BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP											
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK											
COD NUGGETS WITH CHEESE STICKS		WALKING TACOS		CHICKEN DRUMSTICK WITH DINNER ROLL		CRISPY CHICKEN ON BUN		PIZZA CRUNCHERS											
6		7		8		9		10											
CORN PEARS		REFRIED BEANS PINEAPPLE		MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROSY APPLESauce		SWEET POTATO FRIES FRESH FRUIT		MIXED VEGGIES MANDARIN ORANGES											
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK											
PRETZEL DOG		SENIOR MEAL		BBQ RIB ON BUN		CHEESEBURGER ON BUN		PIZZA (PEPPERONI & CHEESE)											
13		14		15		16		17											
CORN PEACHES		CRISPITOS & QUESADILLAS CHEESY POTATOES STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS DESSERT		BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE CUP		FRENCH FRIES FRUIT CUP		GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE											
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK											
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN		BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS																	
20		21		22		23		24											
ROASTED POTATOES PEACHES		REFRIED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES		COOK'S CHOICE		COOK'S CHOICE		COOK'S CHOICE											
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK											
27		28		29		30		31											
NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY		COOK'S CHOICE		COOK'S CHOICE		11:00 AM DISMISSAL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		ENJOY YOUR SUMMER											
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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