



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, May 27 - NO SCHOOL

- MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 28 - 168th Day of School - Day 6 (MUSIC & PE)

- Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, May 29 - 169th Day of School - Day 1 (MUSIC & LIBRARY)

- Regular Day of School for TK through 5th Grades (No Preschool)
- Red Union Knight Shirt Day - Wear your red PTO Union shirt for Track & Field and Fun & Fitness Day
- Last day of Preschool - Picnic in the Shelter House - Graduation at 6:00pm in the gym
- **Track & Field Day Grades 3-5 at HS Track AM**
- **Fun & Fitness Grades K-2 at LPC Elementary Playground PM**

Thursday, May 30 - 170th Day of School - Day 2 (ART & PE)

- Last day of School TK through 5th Grades (No Preschool)
- Breakfast will be served - but no lunch will be served
- 11:10 Dismissal Walkers/Town Students - 11:20 Bus Students

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- 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



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3 DAYS LEFT OF SCHOOL: 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end soon! The children have worked hard all year and we feel that they deserve some fun! During the last days we will have Union Knight Spirit Days. We encourage students to wear Union Knight or red and black shirts.

- Tuesday, May 28 - Regular Day of School.
- Wednesday, May 29 - Red Union Knight Shirt Day - Wear your red PTO Union shirt for Track & Field and Fun & Fitness Day.
- Thursday, May 30 - Last Day of School - Wear any Union Knight or red and black shirt. Last day of school!!!!!!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The LPC elementary building office will be open all summer long from 8:00 – 3:00 pm. Caren, our secretary, will be in the office for one/two weeks after school is out. I will be in the office for June, then in July 1, Mrs. Peterson will take over, with a few days off for vacation. The front doors will be open for deliveries, and signs will be posted, if no one is in the office during parts of the day. The superintendent's central office at the high school will be open all summer long as well. Please call the LPC Elementary office if you need anything at 342-3033 and we will return your call.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Elementary summer school will be offered for TWO weeks throughout the summer in the mornings from July 8-19. Those students who qualified for summer school, will be notified by letter. If you have any questions please contact the office.

MOVING

If you will be moving out of our district over the summer or know of families moving into the district, please let the office know. This will help us with our planning for next year.



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REPORT CARDS

The elementary teachers will be working on report cards during inservice days May 30 and 31. Report cards will be emailed out to parents on June 3, barring any technical difficulties. Make sure you have a current email on file with the office. Special Education, Title 1 reading, and Band report cards will be mailed. Contact the elementary office if you have questions.

NEXT YEAR'S ELEMENTARY CLASS LISTS

Class lists for next year will be released on the last day of school with students to take home. Each class will spend some time with their new teacher for next school year during the last day of school. 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, FAST, and Resource students. **Parents had 4 weeks up until May 3 to turn in any educational requests. Just a reminder that we may not be able to meet all requests turned in due to the factors listed above. Our main priority is to keep a balance of student academics in each classroom. Class lists will NOT BE modified or changed unless a significant disparity comes about as a result of move in and/or out of students over the summer.**

YEAR 19 - THE UNION KNIGHT WAY!!!

As I reflect on my 19th and final year here in the Union Community School District and the La Porte City Elementary, I think of the many wonderful opportunities that I have had. I have watched my own 2 children go through the elementary, middle school, and graduate from the high school. It has been a great joy to watch them along with their classmates grow each step of the way. These past nineteen years have given me great experiences in learning the past traditions and rituals of our school district and community and also making new ones. I have continually looked for ways to make our building better to meet the individual needs of all of our students. This was done with the input of our teachers, parents, students, and community members. It has been an honor and pleasure to build strong working relationships with all of you. As I pass on the torch to our new LPC Elementary Principal, Mary Peterson, the future is bright for our students, elementary building, school district, and community. For nineteen years I have been so proud to be a Union Knight! I will always be a KNIGHT!!! Have a great summer!!!



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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 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.

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.



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HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

- The library is **closed for Memorial Day** on Monday, May 27. Remember to check out books, movies, magazines, games, and puzzles for the long holiday weekend.
- Friday, May 24 through Saturday, June 1 the library is having a book sale. Take a look at the wide variety of books for all ages we are selling. Grab a bag of books for only \$5.00, or purchase books and DVDs individually for \$.50 each.
- Did you know the library has public Wi-Fi, computers, and tablets available for use? We also copy, print and Fax for a small fee.
- Hawkins Memorial Library has great **Summer Reading Programs** all summer long for the kids. Stop in for a schedule, find it online at www.laportecity.lib.ia.us (Calendar or Featured Events), on our Facebook page (Events), watch for fliers posted around town, and check school bags for a copy. Take advantage of these free, fun, and educational activities.
- The library has great programs all summer long. Stop in for a schedule, check your child's backpack, find it online at www.laportecity.lib.ia.us (Calendar), or on our Facebook page (Events). Take advantage of these free, fun, and educational activities.
- It's time to register for the **summer reading program**, READ, RENEW, REPEAT. Children are encouraged to fill out reading logs to earn prizes, and attend our library programs and special events throughout the summer.



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Summer at Hawkins Memorial Library

308 Main Street, La Porte City 319-342-3025 <https://www.laportecity.lib.ia.us/>

READ, RENEW, REPEAT Library Summer Learning Programs

*All programs are FREE **Programs are presented in the library unless otherwise noted



READ TO EARN PRIZES ALL SUMMER LONG! Register children ages preschool - 5th grade for the summer reading program, **READ, RENEW, REPEAT**, and earn prizes by completing reading logs. Stop at the library to sign up.

Weekly Activities in the Library – Drop in and enjoy these week-long activities anytime the library is open!

- May 24-June 1: Book Sale
- June 3-8: LEGO Building
- June 10-13: Father's Day Cards
- June 17-22: Magformers
- June 24-29: Perler Beads
- July 1-6: Brainflakes
- July 8-13: LEGO Building
- July 15-20: Pony Beads
- July 22-27: Pot Holders & Sewing Cards
- July 29-August 3: Coloring
- August 5-10: Magformers
- August 12-17: PBS STEAM Activities
- August 19-24: LEGO Building



More on Mondays Programs! Everything begins at 1 PM in the library.

- **BINGO** - June 3, July 1 & Aug. 5: Play a variety of BINGO games for fun and small prizes.
- **Ramps & Pathways** - June 10: Use wooden blocks and ramps to build amazing marble runs with Iowa PBS.
- **Bec's Exotic Animals** – June 17: Exciting "real-life" animal engagement and learning with Wartburg's Dr. Bechtel.
- **Summer Celebrations** – June 24: Delve into fractions through pie-making, unleash creativity with fireworks-themed art, and apply the engineering design process to construct boats with Black Hawk County Extension & Outreach.
- **STEM Learning** - July 8: Using Bee BOTS and books, kids will have fun programming little robots.
- **Whooo Wants to Know about Owls** – July 15: Learn amazing facts about habitats and types of owls, and dissect an owl pellet in this program presented by the Prairie Rapids Audubon Society.
- **Mistake to Masterpiece** – July 22: Young artists explore accidental inventions and the beauty of imperfection, learning to embrace the creative process with Black Hawk County Extension & Outreach.
- **Farm Bureau** – July 29: Make seed biscuits for planting, while learning about prairielands, native plants and pollinators.
- **Lots of Layers** – August 12: Explore the art of collage by crafting your own paper pizzas. Select and arrange colorful toppings to create mouthwatering masterpieces with Black Hawk County Extension & Outreach.
- **Ice Cream Social** – August 19: We'll eat ice cream with toppings while reading lots of stories.

Family Movies – Movies begin at 1:30 PM on Thursdays, June 6 & 20, July 18, and Aug. 1 & 15. And popcorn is provided!

Mini Golf – Thurs.-Sat, June 27-29, July 25-27, & August 15-17. Play miniature golf between the stacks in the library.

Lunch with the Library - from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14 & 21

** Held at the La Porte City, City Park. Have "Lunch with the Library" on Wednesdays. Listen to themed stories and finish with an activity. Bring a blanket to sit on. Free sack lunches are provided for children by the LPC Police Association, LPC Women's Club, LPC Lion's Club, LPC Specialty Care, LPC Chamber of Commerce, & Hawkins Memorial Library.

Mississippi River Museum – Ocean Odyssey Mobile Shark Touch Tank - Saturday, June 15, 1:30 PM Program

This traveling touch tank brings live sharks to you! We'll highlight the unique adaptations to survive, explore the important roles sharks play in the ecosystem, learn how the actions of people impact sharks that live thousands of miles away, and discover how people can help protect them. Afterward, participants may get their hands wet and touch these animals until 3:30 PM.

Magic Show - Friday, August 9, at 4 PM

Enjoy a Magic Show at the library (prior to the Friday Brick Street Market). Comedy Magician Rick Eugene provides comical entertainment and magic that is fun for the whole family.

STEAM Activities - Monday, August 12 through Saturday August 17.

We'll have lots of interactive, hands-on STEAM-based activities available for children to explore from Iowa PBS Education.



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH		LEL - COOK'S CHOICE DAYS				MAY 2024
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
BREADED PORK CHOP WITH MUFFIN	BEEF & CHEESE NACHOS	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE		
ROASTED POTATOES	REFRIED BEANS	CHICKEN TENDERS WITH GARLIC BREAD OR DINNER ROLL	BREAKFAST: SAUSAGE WITH PANCAKES OR WAFFLES	PIZZA DAY		
PEACHES	MANDARIN ORANGES	MIXED VEGGIES	HASHBROWNS	CHEESY BROCCOLI		
FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT CUPS	FRUIT CUP	VARIETY OF FRUITS		
		FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK		
	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE	NO LUNCH SERVED			
	GRILLED CHEESE	TRACK & FIELD DAY - SACK LUNCH				
NO SCHOOL	CORN	UNCRUSTABLE PB& J	11:00 AM DISMISSAL	ENJOY YOUR SUMMER		
MEMORIAL DAY	VARIETY OF FRUITS	FRESH VEGGIES & STRING CHEESE	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL			
	FRUIT / VEGGIE BAR MILK	GOLDFISH CRACKERS & COOKIE				
		100% JUICE 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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