

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, December 3, 2021 | Newsletter #17

THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 6 - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, December 7 - 70th Day of School - Day 4(Art & Music)

• Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Wednesday, December 8 - 71st Day of School - Day 5(Library & PE)

Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Thursday, December 9 - 72nd Day of School - Day 6(PE & Music)

• Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

Friday, December 10 - 73rd Day of School - Day 1(Library & Music)

Regular Day of School for Preschool through 5th Grades

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 6 - No School - Teacher Professional Development Day

Monday, December 13 - LPC Elementary Concerts at the High School Matt Auditorium

(6:15-6:45 K & 1st) (7:00-7:30 2nd & 3rd) (7:45-8:15 4th & 5th)

Tuesday, December 14 - 5:00-7:00pm Santa's Cottage in the LPC Elementary Gym

Wednesday, December 23 - January 3 - No School - Winter Break

Tuesday, January 4 - School resumes from Winter Break

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, DEC. 6

We will have no school coming up this Monday, December 6 for all Union Community School Buildings. All teachers will be doing Professional Development in collaborative grade level groups. School will resume on Tuesday, December 7.



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LPC 2021-22 WINTER HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

La Porte City Elementary is excited to have a 12 Days of Christmas countdown. Here is a list of our daily activities we will do. The students can dress up on any of the days they want. We embrace the holiday spirit with enthusiasm and excitement along with our students!

- 12 Dec. 7 (Tues.) Deck the Halls Day: Classes will decorate the hallway with some of your holiday cheer!!
- 11 Dec. 8 (Wed.) Jolly Old Saint Nicholas Day: Wear holiday sweaters/shirt/outfits today. Be jolly and kind to your classmates and teacher today!
- 10 Dec. 9 (Thurs.) Oh Christmas Tree Day: Classes will decorate their hallway door as a Christmas tree!
- 9 Dec. 10 (Fri.) Frosty the Snowman Day: Classes will decorate a class snowman to display in the hallway.
- 8 Dec. 13 (Mon.) Elf Day: Be an elf today and be helpful! Elves are helpers!
- 7 Dec. 14 (Tues.) -The Night Before Christmas Day: Mr. Parker will read "The Night Before Christmas" over the Intercom.
- 6 Dec. 15 (Wed.) We Wish You a Merry Christmas Day: Wear green and red today. Enjoy the sounds of the Union Carolers @ 8:30
- 5 Dec. 16 (Thurs.) Reindeer Day: Wear your antlers and deer gear!!!
- 4 Dec. 17 (Fri.) Grinch Day: Wear green for Grinch Day!!
- 3 Dec. 20 (Mon.) Santa Claus is Coming to Town Day: Wear red and your Santa hat!
- 2 Dec. 21 (Tues.) Candy Cane Day: Wear red and white or stripes. Students will be given small candy canes.
- 1 Dec. 22 (Wed.) Polar Express Day: Wear your pajamas to school and enjoy the story Polar Express in your classrooms. Bells will be given to all. Sing-A-Long. Parties in the pm.





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LPC ELEM. WINTER MUSIC CONCERT DEC. 13

Our music programs for the winter music concerts this year will be on the same night: Monday, December 13 at 3 different times. Kindergarten and first grade at 6:15-6:45. Second and third grade at 7:00-7:30. Fourth and fifth grades at 7:45-8:15. All three performances will be held in the Matt High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now to attend the program that your child is in. Our elementary school music teacher, Jennifer Bistline, directs the winter programs.

PTO REMINDERS

Scrip Orders - Due December 2nd

- Ordering Scrip gift cards is an easy way to raise money without selling anything! Buy gift cards for yourself or purchase for upcoming holiday gifts.
- Paper order forms were sent home this week or shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com. There are 700+ cards available to choose from online including several \$5 & \$10 cards. Those make great gifts for teachers and staff, postal carriers, co-workers, and more!
- How Scrip helps our school: Purchase a \$20 Tootsie's certificate through Scrip, you'll receive the full \$20 value while earning a 20% rebate (or \$4) for our school.

Santa's Cottage - December 14th

• The PTO is excited to host our annual Santa's Cottage event on Tuesday December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym. As a health precaution, Santa's Cottage will have a modified "express" version this year.

Children will be able to shop on their own for affordable gifts for their family with prices ranging from \$0.25 - \$5.00 per item. The PTO will have apparel and Scrip gift cards for sale. Watch for more details coming soon.

Amazon Smile

If you're shopping online this holiday season, please consider using the Amazon Smile account for the LPC PTO. If you shop at Amazon using the link https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4666834, the PTO will receive a donation of 0.5% of the total purchase.

To stay up-to-date with PTO events or announcements, please like our page on <u>Facebook!</u> https://www.facebook.com/LPCElementaryPTO/



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HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Each year our elementary building is contacted by different local community organizations and churches that are willing to give assistance to those families that need it for the holiday season. Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the elementary office if you would like to be considered for any holiday assistance programs offered by our local community throughout November and December. For a hard copy of the form, please contact the office.

HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

- LEGO building is the weekly activity Monday through Saturday, December 6-11. Drop in for construction and create a masterpiece from the loads of LEGOs at the library.
- Our Gingerbread House Workshop is the place to do a little holiday building! We have all the goodies to build and decorate a delightful little house between 4 and 7 PM on Wednesday, December 8.
- The Union High School Carolers perform in the library at 4 PM on Friday, December 10. This charming costumed a cappella group will grace patrons with 20 minutes of holiday music.

 Jolene Kronschnabel | Library Director | Hawkins Memorial Library



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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

La Porte City Elementary School

"Education To Meet Tomorrow's Challenges" Todd Parker, Principal

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Thank You, Todd Parker La Porte City Elementary La Porte City Elementary Holiday Assistance Release Form Student Information: Name _____ Grade_ Teacher _____ Name Grade Teacher Teacher Name _____ Grade Grade Teacher Name How many children are in the household? Parent Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____ Address Any Comments on area of need:



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		1 Pancake Choice: Cereal w' muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt	2 Breakfast Pizza Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GP Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt	3 Yogurt w/outmeal bar Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Breakfast Burrito Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	8 French toast Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt	9 Breakfast Pizza Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	10 Yogurt w/oatmeal bar Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese
13 Mini Bagel Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	14 Breakfast bar w/muffin Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	15 Waffle Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	16 Breakfast Pizza Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	17 Mini Cinnis Choice: Cereal w/muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese
20 Fruit Frudel Choice: Cereal w /muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	21 Breakfast bar w/muffin Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Frui: Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese	22 French toast Choice: Cereal w/ muffin 100% fruit Juice Fruit Milk Gluten free option: GF Cereal/ w string cheese or yogurt	NO SCHOOL Winter Break	24 NO SCHOOL
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6 NO SCHOOL	7 Pork rib on bun Chcice: Hamburger on bun Baked Bean Cauliflower/broccoli/carrots w/cheese Vegetable/Fruit Bar Mandarin oranges Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets w/tea roll Choice: Hamburger on bun Mashed potatoes w/gravy Vegetable/Fruit Bar Penches Milk	9 Breakfast for LUNCH Sausage smokies & Waffles Choice: Hamburger on bun Hash brown round Vegetable/Fruit Bar Apple slices Milk	10 Mexican Pasta & garlic breadstick Choice: Hamburger on Bun Green Beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Pears Milk
13 Cheese Pizza Choice: Hamburger on bun Corn & Carrots Vegetable/Fruit Bar Pineapple Milk	14 Walking Taco Choice: Hamburger on bun Refried beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Barana Milk	15 Chicken popcorn w/tea roll Choice: Hamburger on bun Roasted butternut squash Vegetable/Fruit Bar Peaches Milk	16 Mini Corndog Choice: Hamburger on Bun Broccoli w/cheese Vegetable/Fruit Bar Apple Slices Milk	17 Chicken Alfredo & Garlic Breadstick Choice: Hamburger on Bun Peas Vegetable/Fruit Bar Mixed Fruit Milk
20 Bosco Cheese breadstick w/marinara Choice: Hamburger on bun Green beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Applesauce Milk	21 Chicken Nuggets w/tea roll Cheice: Hamburger on bun Cheesy Potatoes Baked Beans Vegetable/Fruit Bar Side Kick Jolly Juice Milk	22 Pizza Crunchers Choice: Hamburger on Bun Corn Vegetable/Fruit Bar Pineapple Milk	23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL
27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL

^{*}Vegetable/Fruit Bar contains: Fresh Romaine lettuce (iceberg shredded on Taco Day), tomato, carrots, cucumber, broccoli, and a 2nd choice of fruit.

May contain other vegetable choices: Celery, peppers, cauliflower. Items subject to change with product availability



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