



UNION ELEMENTARY @ LA PORTE CITY



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Schedule

Sun., Mar. 8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mon., Mar. 9 - 122nd Day of School - Day 2(A/PE)
- Regular Day of School
Tues., Mar. 10 - 123rd Day of School - Day 3(M/PE)
- Regular Day of School
Wed., Mar. 11 - 124th Day of School - Day 4(A/M)
- Regular Day of school
Thurs., Mar. 12 - 125th Day of School - Day 5(L/PE)
- Regular Day of School
Fri., Mar. 13 - 126th Day of School - Day 6(PE/M)
- Regular Day of School
Mon., Mar. 16-20 - Spring Break for UCSD

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8

A reminder to all parents that daylight savings time is coming up this Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time.



Upcoming March Dates

March 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
March 8 - Daylight Savings Time: Set Clock Ahead
March 16-20 - Spring Break for UCSD Students & Staff
March 25-PTO (STEP IT UP) Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly
March 27 - Water Rocks Science Assembly

Random Act of Kindness

A few weeks ago, students and faculty celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week. The theme this year was "Be the I in KIND". There was a banner displayed inside the school hallway leading towards the gym where anyone is welcome to take their picture and be the "I" in KIND. This was also the topic in Guidance classes with Ms. Arp for grade levels TK-5th. Ask your child about what they learned from this week. We are still emphasizing Random Acts of Kindness this month at school.

Be the "I" in KIND

Art Show Coming Up - April 19

The annual LPC Elementary Art Show is coming up next month on Sunday, April 19 from 1:00-3:00. The Art Show is a celebration of Arts! Mrs. Wilson, our art teacher, is excited to take part once again in this annual tradition. The students have been working very hard and are excited to exhibit their works of art throughout the entire school and gymnasium. All students will receive art merit awards. Come join in on the fun and see the creative minds in our school.

Spring Break at the LPC Library

On the back of today's newsletter is a flyer from the La Porte City Hawkins Memorial Library. They have planned fun filled daily activities for students to do during our spring break. Check out some of the fun things that they have planned.

Spring Break for Union

Just a quick reminder that coming up March 16-20 the Union Community School District will be having no school as we will be having Spring Break. We hope that students and staff will enjoy the time off and reenergize for the last few months of school. The elementary school and elementary office will be closed for the week. School will resume on Monday, March 23.

Iowa School Alerts: School Alert System

The State of Iowa (Iowa School Alerts) notification system that has been in use in the district for many years has been upgraded. In order to receive email or text messages from Union Community School District, you will need to subscribe to the service. Sign up for texts and email notification at

<https://insights.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU6536/subscriber/new>.

Hard Surface Bus Routes

This is just a reminder to bus route parents. Due to the soft gravel roads and the possibility of having to go to hard surface routes, your student's hard surface information can be found on your JMC account. Click on the bus tab on the left of the screen. If we decide to go hard surface, a notice will be sent out as usual. If you have any questions, my contact Mike Timmer at m_timmer@union.k12.ia.us or the Bus Barn at 319-342-3286. The District Office number is 319-342-2674.

Late Starts & Early Outs

This winter season we will try to use all of our possible options to try to have school while working around winter weather conditions that could involve poor driving conditions due to snow, wind, and ice. Just a reminder that inclement weather announcements about the late starts, early dismissals, and no school will be made on the radio and television stations listed below. These changes are always done with the safety of our students and staff in mind.

AM Radio: KXEL-1540, KWLO-1330, WMT-600, KOEL-950

FM Radio: KOKZ-105.7, KFMW-108, WMT-96.5, KKCW-98.5

Television: KWWL-7, KGAN-2, KCRG-9

Lost & Found: Winter Clothing

It is so important to remind your children to keep track of their items throughout the day. Putting your child's name on their winter items would help in returning these to them in case they are dropped. One easy trick is to have your child put their gloves and hat in their sleeve when they take them off. We have a lost and found spot in the hall on the benches near the gym. If you have lost items, have your child check these spots.

Amazon Smile

When your shopping online, 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.

Cold Weather Clothing Alert

The cold weather has moved in and a chill is in the air. Please have your child prepared for the cold weather by having them wear a warm coat, snow pants, mittens, a hat, and boots. Make sure they have these items of clothing with them when the snow hits in the near future. Also don't forget to pack their shoes in their backpacks to change into when they arrive at school. Recesses are held outside whenever possible. The following guidelines will be followed when having outside recess in the winter season.

1. All students must wear a warm coat, mittens, and a hat.
2. All kindergarten and first grade students are required to wear snow pants and boots during recess at all times during the winter season. This is required for both on and off the pavement areas.
3. All second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students are strongly encouraged to bring boots and snow pants. Boots and snow pants are required off the pavement areas, on the snow, and on the playground equipment. Boots may be required on the pavement areas on days of heavy snow and/or ice.
4. Throwing of snowballs and/or ice is not allowed.
5. Sliding on the ice is not allowed.
6. Rough play in the snow or on the snow piles is not allowed.

PTO NEWS

Scrip Orders due by Wednesday March 4th

Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser and an easy way to raise money without selling anything! Buy gift cards for yourself or purchase as gifts. Gift cards purchased earns a rebate percentage for our school. For example, purchasing a \$20 Tootsie's, Rockets, or Pizza Palace certificate through Scrip earns a 20% rebate (or \$4) for our school. Order forms were sent home this week or order online at shopwithscrip.com using code B4L78C7141185. *All orders will be delivered before closing for Spring Break.

Pizza Palace Joins Scrip

We are excited to announce Pizza Palace has joined the Scrip program! Purchase a \$20 Pizza Palace gift certificate earn a 20% rebate for our school. This is a great opportunity to support local businesses while supporting the LPC PTO.

Attention John Deere Employees

Did you know that the PTO is registered in the John Deere Power for Good tool? You can make a donation through the tool or volunteer your time at fundraisers. Just search for "La Porte City Elementary PTO." Thanks for your support!

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