

Dear La Porte Family, today is a great day to be a Bulldog!

We just completed the sixth week of school and I must say that I am happy to see so many smiling faces each day. Our teachers are teaching and inspiring our students toward academic excellence, and our students are working hard at learning, innovation, and having fun while doing so.

September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month and we in La Porte ISD proudly celebrate the outstanding contributions that the Hispanic community has added to the fabric of American life. Keep an eye on our social media channels to see how some of our schools are participating in this annual event.

La Porte ISD also celebrated National Literacy Month during September. We are strong advocates of literacy because literacy is the foundation of all academic learning. We ask that you encourage all students that you come into contact with to read— reading provides a daily opportunity for travel and adventure to other worlds, other times, and the ability to deepen their vocabulary, language and critical thinking skills.

We encourage our parents and community to stay connected to the schools by checking our website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages. Information and updates flow regularly through these channels, as do the great things that are truly happening in La Porte ISD.

A couple of *great* happenings coming soon include our La Porte High School Homecoming celebration and the induction of our 2021 La Porte ISD Distinguished Alumni and Citizen honorees. We look forward to honoring this year's class of honorees at an October 15 luncheon at the Bulldog Centre. A limited number of tickets are available to the event. More information is at [lpisd.org](http://lpisd.org).

Finally, on behalf of everyone in La Porte ISD past and present, I want to offer my profound gratitude to Charlcya Wheeler for her many years of selfless service to our district and community. Charlcya, earlier this month, stepped down from the Board of Trustees after 17½ years because of health reasons. Her staunch support of our schools and countless hours of volunteerism have helped make La Porte a better place to live and raise a family.

In your service,

Walter Jackson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
La Porte ISD