



## Happy New Year!

*Happy 2025! It is so hard to believe that another new year is upon us and that our first semester is over. We had a great first semester with a lot of learning and a lot of fun, and we hope for the same this second semester. It is a wonderful thing to see the growth in our students physically, educationally and socially. They change so much, particularly when you reflect back to the beginning of the year! Welcome to a new year of new experiences and opportunities!!*

*Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Leffelman*

February 17th - No School

Upcoming 11:30 Dismissals

February 19

March 19

April 11 - 2pm Dismissal

No School - Spring Break

From April 14 - 21

Students Return - 4/22

## Marquis Mentoring - ME3 Program

On Monday, January 13, students and staff who participated in the Marquis Mentoring, ME3 Program for first semester were treated to a luncheon and check distribution by Mr. Dennis Thompson and Mr. Daniel Murray. This program helps students set goals for themselves and work to reach these goals. One goal must be measurable, and evidence must be provided that shows the goal has been met. We had 9 students participate in the first semester with 5 different mentors. This has been a great partnership with Marquis Energy and LCUSD #303 is appreciative of the opportunity. The second semester program has begun, as well.



(2 students not pictured due to Work-Based Learning)



## Community "Chill" Night

For the third year in a row, we have offered an opportunity for our community to come to LJSH for a resource night, cooks' chili cook-off and alumni basketball. The chili cook-off was a success, with Miss Rose taking home the trophy for the best chili from Miss Jan who took it home last year! That just shows we have two good cooks!! We had many resource tables available for community reference. Then we had alumni basketball, which had a pretty good showing for a cold, January night. Thanks to all who came out and participated in the event. We are a community with a lot to offer and in which to be proud!

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## K-12 Art Initiative

*This semester Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Leffelman have been pushing in and coteaching Art with Mr. Hitzler, preparing for our K-12 student's artwork display at the Prairie Arts Center in Princeton, this spring! There will be an opening reception the first Friday in April ~ more details to come!*





## Jr. High Girls' Basketball

The season is underway ~ come on out and support our 5th - 8th grade girls! The Lady Cubs are coached this year by Cassidy Geiger, assisted by Alyssa Martin.

Date	Location	Time
1/23	Home vs. Malden	5 PM
1/27	@ Bradford	4:30PM
1/28	Home	5:00 PM
1/30	Home vs. PCA (8th Grade Night)	5 PM
2/3	@ Ladd	5 PM
2/6	@ DePue	5 PM
2/11	@ Malden	5 PM
2/15-2/20	BVEC @ La Moille	TBA

Use the QR Code Below to get the Box Tops App, and help Allen earn money for our students and school!



## *Interview Spotlight*

*Jeanne Struna, Paraprofessional*

### **What do you like best about working in the education field?**

*The best thing about working in the education field? There is not just 1 best thing. Each day brings a new "best" thing. Whether it is reaching a child who struggles, touching the heart of another or giving support to one who needs it. These are just a few of the "best" things.*

*Then there are the little joys, laughs or raised eyebrow times that are the "best". From off the cuff remarks, definitions or mis-definitions, amazing imaginations and skills, these too make for one of the "best" experiences of being in education.*

### **Why do you enjoy working in La Moille?**

*Working in LaMoille is working with family. There is a feeling of trust and friendship among the group. The word group includes every person from the Superintendent, Board Members, the Principals, entire staff, maintenance and volunteers. One is welcomed on the first day and every day thereafter. A bond of loyalty holds us up in times of need and is ever present. Each day there is a laugh shared. Comradery.*

### **Fun Fact About Me:**

*I am lucky to have two job titles. Paraprofessional and LIBRARIAN.*

*Fun Fact about me...I have met many authors and illustrators, but the one author that touched my heart was Tomi DePaola. I was blessed to be able to work alongside him as he created a booklet for new parents, Babies and Books: A Joyous Beginning.*



**Upcoming Events:**

**Next PTO Meeting is**

**1/30/25**

**6:30 PM**

**JoJo's in Cherry**

**Congratulations to TYLER BILLHORN, who has scored 1,000 points (and counting) within his basketball career! He was recognized at the January board meeting and a home game earlier this month.**

*Pictured below: Tyler Billhorn and Athletic Director, Kenny Shrimplin.*



La Moille High School

## Incoming Freshman Night & Senior FAFSA Night

School Counselors will be on-site!

**Tuesday, FEBRUARY 4TH**

Students - bring district provided chromebook

Parents completing FAFSA will need 2023 or 2024 Income & Tax Information

- \* Incoming Freshman - Register for 25-26 classes
- \* Learn about what LHS has to offer!
- \* Graduating Seniors - FAFSA Support

Join us in the LHS Library from 4:30 - 5:45pm!

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