



La Moille Principals' ROAR

October 2026

Due to a late August newsletter, we skipped the month of September. It is so hard to believe it is already October, and we are already past the midpoint of the first quarter. Deficiency reports and attendance letters have been sent out. It will not be long until Parent/Teacher Conferences. We look forward to this opportunity to meet with families to discuss your children. If, however, you have concerns or questions...don't wait for conferences! We are here to help in whatever way we are able.

Who To Contact When You Have Questions

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Meet Mrs. Sobin

Betsy Sobin is a retired educator with 30 years of teaching experience and is excited to be teaching at LaMoille School District. She hopes her students have fun while learning and enjoy coming to class each day. Betsy is the proud mother of three sons, Chance, Grant, and Mac, and Bronny the dog.

Upcoming Dates to Note

October 2 - Blood Drive at LJSH, 12-5p

October 7 - Partner Pathway Series/Mendota HS, 6-7p

October 8 - Early Dismissal, 2p

October 9 - No School, Teacher Institute

October 12 - No School, Columbus Day

October 13 - PTO Meeting at Allen, 6:30p

October 14 - Partner Pathway Series/Hall HS, 6-7p

October 15 - LCUSD 303 Board Meeting @ LJSH, 6p

October 16 - End of Q1

October 21 - Partner Pathway Series/Amboy HS, 6-7p

October 27 - K-3 Field Trip to Boggio's Orchard

October 28 & 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-7p

October 30 - 11:30 Dismissal, SIP Day

PTO

Our PTO meets monthly, and all families, regardless of grade level, to join! Our PTO plans fun events, such as a recent movie night and the upcoming Halloween Party. They fundraise so our students get to enjoy special opportunities. Please consider coming out and helping a great organization.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 13 - 6:30 PM - Allen Grade School



What's Happening at Allen?

Allen is abuzz with activity! We start each day with an assembly in the gym where we say the Pledge of Allegiance, listen to morning announcements and updates and sing Happy Birthday if there is a birthday in the house! Students then get about their day. Every day is loaded with reading and math activities, science and social studies lessons, and of course physical education where they are working hard on getting physically fit! Our students also get lessons at least twice weekly in music and/or band, with our 4th grade students recently selecting instruments. Art is offered once a week. On top of all this, we have students that receive specialized services in intervention, special education, speech, social emotional learning, etc. We also have an active library, taking up real estate in our cafeteria. Our school is a flurry of activity with lots of bodies moving in many directions to many locations every single day. We are thankful for a wonderful staff that makes the magic happen and loves our students!

What's Happening at LJSH?

September was a great month at LJSH, highlighted by a successful Homecoming Week(9/21-9/26). It truly was a community celebration. Thank you to the students, staff, families, alumni, and community members who helped make homecoming such a memorable celebration of school spirit! As we move into October, we are wrapping up our 8th grade girls' basketball season and celebrating the hard work of these young ladies and their coaches. Also, we have Jr. High School Boys' Basketball and Cheerleading tryouts taking place throughout the month. We are excited to see our students get involved for the next season.

Organization Highlight: Currently we have 17 high school FFA members and the majority of our junior high students have expressed interest or participated in our FFA organization. FFA has already been on 2 field trips! Please follow our FFA Facebook page at [FFA Facebook](#)

Music Update

Hello! We have lots of exciting things happening in the music classroom currently. We have kicked off band at Allen with 4th graders picking their instruments and 5th/6th graders working on a new warm-up skill on their instruments. Our LJSH Band has had the exciting opportunity to do a co-op with the Amboy Bands at the Homecoming Football Game. They were able to play with a larger group of students which is a great experience for our small band. In general music, our K-6 students and the LJSH choir have begun preparing music for Veterans Day coming up in November and will soon start winter concert music later this month. On October 20th, our 6th graders and 3 7th graders will head to Bureau Valley to participate in the BVEC Jr. High Music Festival. The music teachers in the BVEC conference look forward to this festival every year as it gives our students the opportunity to work with students from other schools and participate in an ensemble with 60+ other musicians and guest directors. Stay tuned for more information on all of our performances this semester!

~ Miss Oakes



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Elks Teens of the Month - September

Aubrey Sadnick and Evan Flanagan were selected by the faculty and staff of LaMoille Junior Senior High School to represent our school as the Elks Teens of the Month for September.

The Elks Teen of the Month award recognizes students based on their achievements in multiple areas, including character, leadership, academics, curricular activities, extracurricular activities, athletics, and community service. No single achievement is significant enough to earn this honor on its own. Rather, recipients are recognized for being well-rounded individuals who consistently demonstrate excellence and positive character in many aspects of their lives.

Aubrey and Evan exemplify these qualities. They are outstanding representatives of our school and truly deserving of this recognition. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments and the positive contributions they make to our school and community.



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CLIPPER FOOTBALL

Game Schedule

DAY	TIME	OPPONENT
August 21	7:00	Alden Hebron
August 28	7:00	at South Beloit
Sept 4	7:00	at West Carroll
Sept 11		BYE
Sept 18	7:00	at Polo
Sept 25	*HOMECOMING* 7:00	River Ridge
Oct 2	7:00	at Milledgeville
Oct 9	7:00	Orangeville
Oct 16	7:00	West Prairie
Oct 24	3:00	at Macon Meridian

ALO CLIPPERS

LJSH Girls' Basketball

We have 10 girls out for basketball this year, and we only have a few games left. We are hoping for a good seed in the tournament to be held at Bradford on 10/3/26 and 10/6/26. GO CUBS!

Date	Location/Opponent	Time	
10/1	Malden (A)	5:00 PM	
10/3 & 10/6	BVEC Tourney @ Bradford	TBA	

We Are a Box Tops School!

