



La Moille School News - K-12 Newsletter

May 8, 2023



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It is so hard to believe that we are down to the last few weeks of the school year, and we know the days are going to go by very quickly. Preparations for finals, end of the year trips, and graduations are well underway! It is bittersweet to bid the seniors farewell, but we know they are off to bigger and better things! We are excited for our 8th grade students to transition to high school where many new opportunities await them. 6th grade will also be transitioning to the jr. high which will be a huge change for them, although they will recognize many of the same friendly faces. We know that each new transition brings with it opportunity, and for that we are excited!

We feel that this has been a good year overall. We have enjoyed the students and the joy of watching them grow. It will be great to see how much they change over the summer, and we will welcome them all back with open arms in August!

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Leffelman

PTO

May 2023 - Flock your Yard - Flamingo Fundraiser



Upcoming La Moille PTO Meeting Dates:

May 11 @ 3:30

Location: 3:30 La Moille HS/Jr. High

The PTO wants YOUR HELP to spoil the staff!
If you would like to support through donations of items or other, please reach out to Mrs. Leffelman or Mrs. Johnson!



Graduation Information

Junior High Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 18th at 7pm.

High School Graduation will take place on Friday, May 19th at 7pm.

Both graduations will take place at the La Moille High School/La Moille Junior High in the Dean Madsen Gymnasium.

Allen Grade School News

Allen Grade School has been a busy place, and it will certainly continue to be busy throughout what remains of this final month. Students have participated in a fabulous spring concert. 5th grade participated in a Conservation Day field trip to Warneke Woods in Princeton, IL. Kindergarten, 1st grade and 6th grade went on a field trip to Blackberry Farm.

A highlight of the month of April was our Book Blast. Families had the opportunity to sign their children up with the potential of earning prizes and books to take home over the summer. The majority of students/families signed up. Four treasure chests were given to some lucky little pirates: Dane Jandura, Trenton Edwards, Aspen Smith & Ariel Denton. One lucky pirate, Giana Williams, won a brand new IPAD. One student from each grade level was awarded a \$100 shopping spree, and all teachers were awarded a shopping spree due to such great participation.



There are still many things to look forward to with a few more field trips, Grandparents' Day, and Allen Fun Day to name only a few.

We are fortunate to have been able to offer so many wonderful experiences for our students throughout the school year.



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Junior High News

We have 19 student athletes in grades 5-8 participating in track and field this season. Recently they participated in the BVEC Conference meet at Hall HS, and they came home with some very nice hardware. 7th grade girls earned a 2nd place finish, 7th grade boys earned a 3rd place finish, and 8th grade boys earned a 4th place finish. They then competed in the Bureau County Meet, which includes several of our larger area schools in Princeton, Spring Valley and Bureau Valley, at Bureau Valley HS. Our 7th grade girls received a 3rd place finish and our 7th grade boys tied for 4th place. Placement was based on nine area teams.

The sectional track meet was held on Saturday, May 6 at Hall High School. We had many students qualify for the state meet: Alexis Flanagan (4X100), Caidence Hendricks (4X100), Jena Monroe (4X100 & long jump), Olivea Glasper (4 X 100 & shot put), Jhett Cowser (mile), Gage Spangler (Disc), and Aiden Robinson (200 M & long jump). Congratulations to all, and Good Luck at State!!

La Moille Wins Jack & Jill Relays



It is always fun to win a track meet, but it is definitely more fun when you are the host school! Congratulations to our La Moille Junior High athletes and coaches on a great victory!

Handbook Updates

The updated handbook was recently emailed out to students and families. The following areas were included in the updated handbook:

1. ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO STUDENTS
2. USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
3. GENERAL STUDENT GUIDELINES: 13. IPODS, CELLULAR PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Board Recognitions - April

During April's board meeting, the following individuals were recognized for their contributions to "Restore the Roar".

Staff Recognition:

- *Beccah Conley* - Beccah has been a welcome addition to our PE staff. She has continued our district participation in Jump Rope for Heart, roller skating, and other traditional activities, while making the program her own. She is also leading the way for Fun Day for our K-7 students this year.
- *Brent Kalsto* - Brent is a staple here at La Moille Jr./Sr. High School. He continues to be an advocate for the students and lifelong fitness. He is also very valued as the high school Driver's Education instructor, as getting your license is a hot commodity!
- Secretaries/Bookkeepers - We are thankful for the ladies in front and behind the scenes who help to keep our district seamlessly functioning on a day to day basis. They go above and beyond for our students and staff and we are grateful for them!

Janice Klein - 33 years of service

Lori Fry - 2 months of service

Sharon File - 41 years of service

Cathy Griffin - 10 years of service

Community Recognition:

- *Kari Billhorn* - Kari is an integral part of our community. Just hosted on the Junior/Senior High School property alone, she coordinates the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Buffalo Days 5K. Thank you for your willingness to serve in so many capacities to assist our community.



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High School Updates

The Results from the March 24 Blood Drive, sponsored by LHS Student Council:

- Collected 22 units, 22 presenting donors, 16 whole blood donors, 6 power red donors, 7 Type O donors, & 2 First Time Donors! Great work Mr. Skotzke, Mrs. DeSchepper, & Volunteers.
- Due to the amount of units collected over our two blood drives, an LHS Senior student will be awarded a college scholarship at graduation!

High School Prom

Prom was a huge success! The students had fun, the outdoor Premiere was restored, and it was all thanks to the generous support from the staff, students, parents, & community! This year's Prom King and Queen includes: Jordan Cromwell and Bella Drummer!



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Kimberly Ann Marie Lemier

Child of: Amanda McDonalds and Charles Buster

After high school, I plan to go to IVCC and become a medical assistant.

My favorite memory from high school has to be homecoming and prom.

My Advice is: "High school is about finding who you are, because that's more important than trying to be someone else."

My great aunt Maria Pearson had the biggest impact on my life, because she pushed me to be the best person I could be.



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Michaela Dobson

Child of: Annie Bardell

After high school, I plan to go to work.

Favorite memory from High School: Meeting my best friend.

My advice to future La Moille students: Don't take it too seriously, just try your hardest, and always be kind.

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My dad



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Jordan Nicholas Cromwell

Child of: Melissa Cromwell

After high school, I plan to go to IVCC.

My advice to future La Moille students: It all makes sense once you're done.

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: Ms. Whitmore

What are you most proud of accomplishing in high school: the relationships I have with teachers



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Brooke Elizabeth Lovgren

Child of: Eric and Robin Lovgren

After high school, I plan to attend IVCC and then transfer to a 4-year university

Favorite memory from High School: Homecoming and football games

My advice to future La Moille students: Be nice to everyone!

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My Mom and Dad





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Name: Eli Matthew Keighin

Child of: Amanda and Jason Lafferty, and David Keighin

After high school, I plan to go to Iowa State for Architecture

Favorite memory from High School: Basketball, going to football games, and homecoming.

My advice to future La Moille students: Do everything you can while you are in high school, so you won't regret not doing it later.

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My parents



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Raven Elizabeth McSherry

After high school, I plan to attend Iowa State University and major in Design.

Favorite memory from High School: Making fun of Mr. Shaw every day.

My advice to future La Moille students: Actually get to know the teachers and be respectful to them.

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: Stan Lee

What are you most proud of accomplishing in high school: Pushing through all of my work, even though I didn't want to most of the time.



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Logan Dober

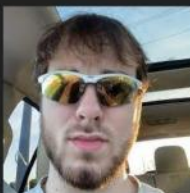
Child of: Heather Dober and Jeff Dober

After high school, I plan to get a job

Favorite memory from High School: Senior class PE

My advice to future La Moille students: Don't take it too seriously

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My mother



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Trinity Jade Wheeler

Child of: Julia and Justin Gunderson

After high school, I plan to attend UIC to study Biochemistry

Favorite memory from High School: Homecoming, sporting events

My advice to future La Moille students: Don't be afraid to challenge yourself or do new things. Participate in as much as you can!

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My mom and older sister



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Bella Drummer

Child of: Nick Drummer and Amanda Drummer

After high school, I plan to attend Illinois State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Favorite memory from High School: Going to football games, volleyball and P.E.

My advice to future La Moille students: Join in on school activities and have fun with it. Attend as much as you can!

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My mom, my dad, noni, Mr. Kalsto, & Mrs. Leffelman



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Harley Lurz

Child of: Jeremy Lurz, Melissa McDaniel

After high school, I plan to further my education in welding.

Favorite memory from High School: Hearing Mr. Shaw yell from across the hallway at random times during the day.

My advice to future La Moille students: In order to get what you want in life, it requires a lot of discipline and courage.

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My grandpa and girl friend



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Ella Rose Cherry

Child of: Sam and Stacey Harper

After high school, I plan to attend IVCC then transfer to a 4-year university to study animal science

Favorite memory from High School: Football games, homecoming, and volleyball

My advice to future La Moille students: Participate in school activities!

Adult who has had the greatest impact on my life: My Mom and Sister



La Moille 2023 Senior Spotlight

Name: Bailey Ellis

Child of: Jackie and Jeremy Ellis

After high school, I plan to attend Heartland College to study business.

Favorite memory from High School: Running Cross country and creating close friendships.

The adults who has had the greatest impact on my life are my mom and my grandparents.

What are you most proud of accomplishing in high school: Passing all my classes and graduating





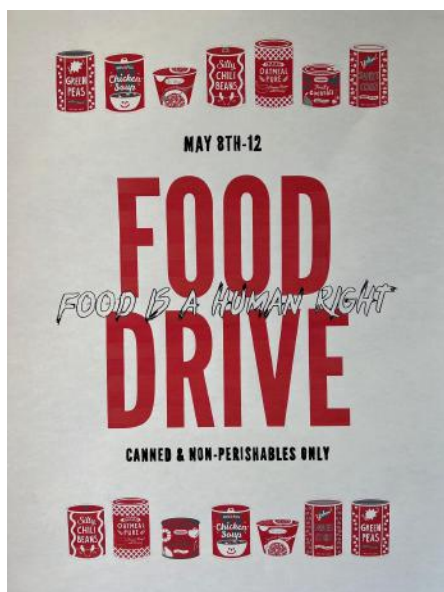
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Upcoming Dates to Note

- 5/9 - 2-3 Field Trip to Putnam Museum
- 5/9 - 9-12th Academic Awards Ceremony, 2:20pm
- 5/9 - 6pm 9-12 Athletic Awards Banquet, LHS Gym
- 5/10 - 6:30 LHS Cafeteria Ag Boosters - all welcome!
- 5/11 - Grandparent's Day @ Allen, 11:30am
- 5/11 - PTO Meeting @ LHS, 3:30pm
- 5/12 - Senior Class Trip
- 5/16 - 8th Grade Class Trip - Main Event, Warrenville, IL
- 5/18 - Junior High Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 18th at 7pm, Dean Madsen Gymnasium. **Last day of attendance for 8th grade.**
- High School Graduation will take place on Friday, May 19th at 7pm, Dean Madsen Gymnasium. **Last day of Sr. attendance**
- HS Finals 5/18, 5/19, 5/22 - see email sent on 3/6/23 from Mrs. Leffelman
- 5/22 - Allen Fun Day - Info to come from Mrs. Conley
- 5/23 - Final student day of attendance. 2pm Dismissal. Food Trucks will be coming and available from 11-3pm this day in the LHS/LJHS Parking Lot! **We welcome the community to come and enjoy as well!**



Breakfast & Lunch Pricing

Please contact your child's school to check your balance if you are uncertain. Payments for the year need to be made as soon as possible.

Milk - \$.50 w/sack lunch

Allen Morning Milk - \$43.50/semester

Student Breakfast - \$2.00 (milk included)

Student Lunch - \$3.00

Adult Lunch - \$4.00

If needing assistance paying, applications are available for free/reduced lunch. Contact the district office at (815) 638-2018.

Attendance Guidance

1. If your child has an appointment, please bring a doctor's note within 3 days of the appointment in order to be marked excused.
2. If you are going on a trip, please get a **planned absence form** and return to the office. Up to 5 days can be marked excused if this form is filled out.
3. Notify the office if your child is ill as soon as possible.
4. Review handbook attendance policies for more detailed information.

21st Century Program - Summer 2023 - K-3 Only

We are happy to announce that the 21st Century Program will be available this summer for our K-3 students. A form was recently sent home with all students in these grades, and it needs to be returned ASAP. The program will run Tuesdays - Fridays, 9-12, at Allen starting May 30 and ending June 30. There will be a week off during Vacation Bible School, the week of June 12.