



La Moille Principals' ROAR - K-12 Newsletter

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Much to be Thankful for...

As we begin the month of November, it seems appropriate to reflect on the things for which we are thankful. There are so many things! We are thankful for our students, who make our days meaningful! We are thankful for the staff, who help to support the needs of our students! We are thankful for the families and that make up our supportive and caring community!

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Leffelman

Continue to cheer our CLIPPERS on to Victory!!!



Stay up to date!

Please be sure to check your child's teacher's account regularly to view grade updates, behavior logs/discipline logs, and announcements!

We also post regularly on our website & social media pages:

www.lamoilleschools.org

"LaMoille CUSD #303"

"La Moille FFA"

"LaMoille Athletics"



"LaMoille PTO"

"La Moille Music Department"



La Moille Friends of Music Poinsettia Fundraiser

Please click the title above to access the Friends of Music Poinsettia Fundraiser!
Order forms are due Friday, 11/17/23.

Read more on our CLIPPERS here.

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PTO Updates

Due to scheduling conflicts with members of our current PTO, all meetings have been rescheduled. Please see below...

Wednesday, December 13 - 3:30 PM - Allen

Wednesday, February 7 - 3:30 PM - LJHS/LHS

Wednesday, April 10 - 3:30 PM - Allen

Wednesday, May 22 - 3:30 PM - LJHS/LHS

Please watch for Winter Spirit Wear sales - stocking caps, scarves and headbands. These will be available for sale at many school events.

Also, watch for the online 31-party...just in time for the holidays!



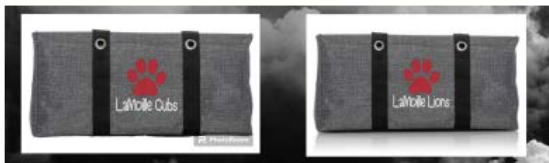
Date Nov 1st - Dec 1st



Over the next month we will have a shopping link open to purchase from Thirty-One. 25% of all sales will go back. All orders will be shipped directly to the purchaser. <https://www.mythirtyone.com/11200311?pd=12495294> Follow the page LaMoille PTO Thirty-One Fundraiser to see all of the deals and specials that are currently going on.



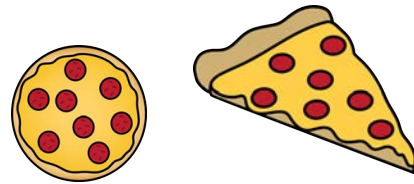
The LaMoille PTO has supported the students and the teachers by Providing food and funding for the fall activities. Fall in winter, spirit wear, PTC meals for teachers, k-12 bowling, Dancing with daughters and K-12 roller skating, Allen Is fun day inflatables, and more!



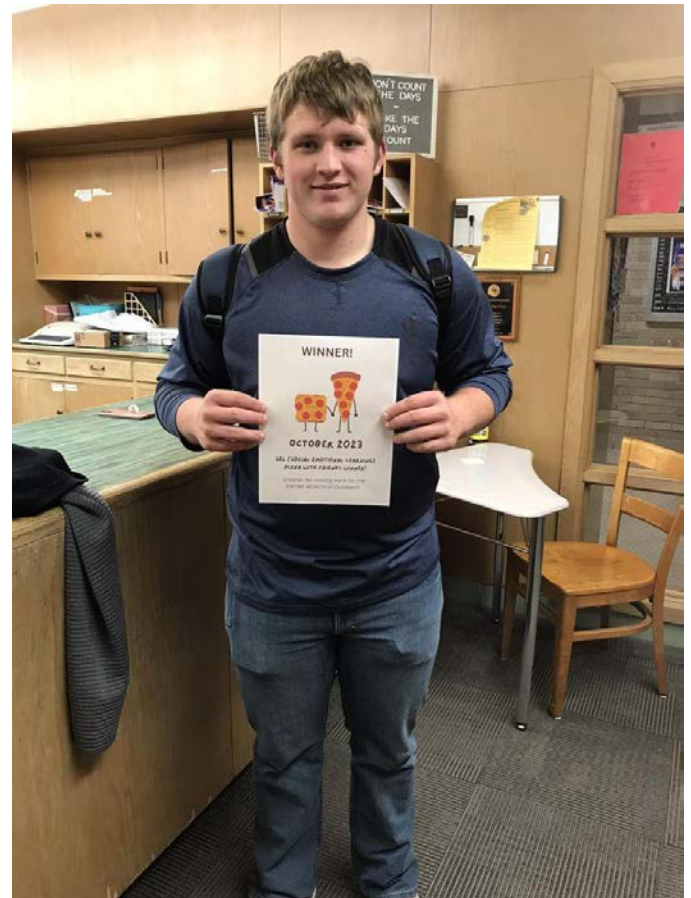
Please email me or message me if your student sells to a friend or family member. Each student that will get entered in a drawing to win a free LaMoille bag! Thanks for participating!

Jayne Reed

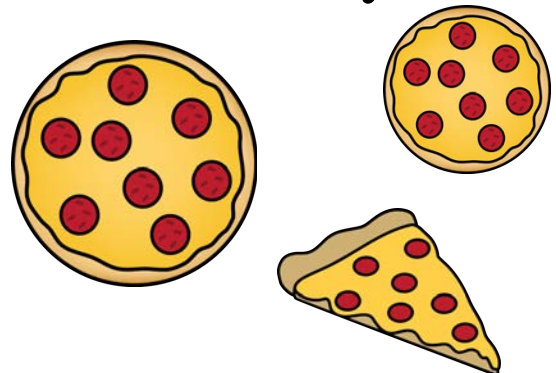
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La Moille Jr./Sr. High SEC October Winner!



Ian Sundberg



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Academics Update

Please enjoy the highlights below, as to what is currently unfolding in the classrooms within our school district:

Allen Grade School

- Students in 6th grade are working on a cross-curricular research project for ELA and Social Studies, where they are researching two countries and comparing/contrasting them in a particular area, such as agriculture, tourism, etc. Students are creating slideshows that they will be presenting to the class.
- Third grade students are diving into their Rooted in Reading books. There is a lot of hands-on learning as students work on ELA activities, such as vocabulary and grammar. Mr. Finkle is enjoying this new curriculum with his class!
- Fifth grade students are reading a classic, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, while working on comprehension, vocabulary, and other ELA concepts.
- Music students have just completed their preparation for the Fall Arts Showcase and are beginning preparation for the Holiday Concert which will be here before we know it! Mr. Kazin provides a multitude of musical opportunities for his students.

La Moille Jr./Sr. High School

- enCORE classes for grades 7th and 8th have made a switch at the quarter mark. Students have transitioned to their next educational course. Students rotate between: STEM, Music, Art, and Ag! enCORE Music started off working on ukuleles. If you haven't checked out the video shared on our Facebook social media page, please go check it out!
- Mr. Biederstedt shared that students in Anatomy and Physiology "just completed a case study on hunger satiety as an example of homeostasis.

Specifically, a defect in an individual's leptin hormone resulted in a severe case of childhood obesity. That was an example of a genetic problem. We are now looking at environmental problems, such as how BPA in plastic can mimic estrogen. Students will research the effect of parabens on the body, and decide whether or not their use in household products is a cause for concern." Mr. Biederstedt incorporates higher level thinking skills and creativity in the classroom.

- Students in ART have been working on watercolor silhouettes using warm and cool colors. The silhouettes were hanging on display on the windows at the entrance of the building during the month of October and were also visible at the 10/25/23 Autumn K-12 Fine Arts Showcase. Mr. Roemer has a way with students, bringing out artistic talents, passions, and true development of art skills amongst the students of La Moille.
- A new class offered at the HS level this year is Sports History with Mr. Shaw. Mr. Shaw stated, "We started off the year talking about the Passion of Sports. This unit covered why we should care about sports history and how sports history is connected to American history. We also talk about things like Sports Curses, Scapegoats, Sports heroes vs. villains, and gambling/corruption and how these all make us care about sports. We then discussed the Olympics both Ancient and Modern, looking at the similarities and differences between the two games. Students also did a reach project where they did a deep dive into one of the more iconic moments of the Modern Olympic games, ex. The Atlanta Bombing, or the Munich Massacre. We are now starting the American Big 5 (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and NASCAR). In this section we are looking at the history of these sports leagues, how they have changed over time, and the



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current issues they are facing. We just finished the MLB and we talked about the pace of play and the implementation of the pitch clock. Students also looked at the youth movement in the game of baseball and the league trying to make the game more exciting for younger audiences.” This class has had a high interest level and a great foundation to the history of sports.

- In Mr. Kastorff’s 7th and 8th grade Science class, students are currently working on a unit dealing with heredity with time spent on punnett squares. The students just finished the unit on the parts of a cell, the cell cycle, and mitosis. The next unit will deal with classification of plants and animals with time spent on identifying the trees and leaves of Illinois. The student will be using the learning box from the Illinois DNR to get a hands-on experience with plant classification. Mr. Kastorff brings a great amount of passion and engagement into his educational lessons, these ones included!

La Moille Jr./Sr. High Awards Assemblies

The 7th and 8th graders will have awards assemblies at the semester mark.

The 1st Semester Awards Assembly will occur on 12/21/23 from 1:25 pm - 1:55pm. All are welcome to attend.

(This is a 2pm dismissal day).

High School students will have their annual awards ceremony in the spring.

The 2nd Semester 7th and 8th graders awards assemblies will take place in May.

Dates to be announced in advance.

Allen Fall Fest

Allen Fall Fest was held on Friday, October 27. Students had a great day full of activities. They decorated pumpkins, played games, had a scavenger hunt, did a craft project, played Halloween trivia, engaged in creative building, and put together a snack. They also were able to enjoy storytelling with Miss Jeanne! This tradition carries over from Van Orin, and we love giving the students this great opportunity!



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Allen Grade School 1st Quarter Honor Roll - Grades 3-6

Allen Grade School 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

High Honors

Natalia Bejarano, Ryker Brickley, Abel Buchanan, Claire Drummer, Alyssa Durdan, Mason Flanagan, Raelynn Foster, Jeremy Fry, Alexis Harden, Bentley Jandura, Landon Jandura, Noah Kennicott-Klomp, Sadie Klein, Hadley Leffelman, Jolee Leffelman, Holden Lopez, Alivia Lovgren, Gabriella Martin, Addysin Maule, Maddox McCandless, Sophia Michael, Evelyn Morrison, Lily Petersen, Raegan Petersen, Liam Robinson, Kenzi Shrimplin, Aliza Smith, Bradley Steele, Emma Sterling, Tinley Sterling, Olivia Ultch, Dakota Wendelken, Giana Williams

Honors

Caylee Durdan, Jayden Durdan, Rowen Eden, Alli Ellis, Zeb Felton, Riley Hendricks, AnnaBella Rudolph-Nodine, Dax Smith, Matthew Steele, Zane Sundberg, Dean Taylor, Jason Taylor



Regular school attendance is so important to academic growth, and we are so fortunate to have a really strong attendance rate at Allen Grade School. At our end of quarter honors assembly, we recognized our students with 90% attendance and our students with 100% attendance...the latter which is hard to do! We had 50 students with Outstanding (90% - 99% Attendance) which is 57% of our population. We had 27 students with Perfect (100% Attendance) which is 31%. This means that roughly 88% of our students are exhibiting great attendance habits! Thanks to our families for their support!!

Students with **perfect attendance** to date are...

Vincent Beattie, Matteo Blackburn, Lyla Miller, Ava Ultch, Trenton Edwards, Skylar Hendricks, Kacey Leffelman, Rachel Wendel, Ariel Denton, Aubree Fischer, Giovanni Gallardo, Addison Nave, Jonathan Ryan, Benjamin Wendel, Maddox McCandless, Aliza Smith, Matthew Steele, Giana Williams, Noah Kennicott-Klomp, Jolee Leffelman, Caylee Durdan, Jeremy Fry, Addysin Maule, Lily Peterson, Kenzi Shrimplin, Olivia Ultch & Jayden Durdan.



Attendance & Early Pick-Up

Attendance is one of the most important indicators of student success. Please do all you can to get your child here every day possible...barring illness, of course!

We understand that there is sometimes a need to pick your child(ren) up early from school, particularly given the availability of appointments for doctors, dentists, and the like, but we ask that whenever possible you contact the school in advance of early pick-up. Doing so will not only help us to get your child(ren) ready, but also make it so you do not have to stand around waiting as long. If you can, please call (815)638-2233 (Allen) or (815)638-2144 (LJHS) to give us a heads-up!

Upcoming Dates to Note

November 8th, Community Chill Night

- Incoming Freshman Night
- Chili Dinner - open to all - no cost!
- Alumni Basketball and Shoot Out
- Community Resources

November 10th, Veterans Day Assembly

- 9:15 - 10 Breakfast for Veterans
- 10:15 am Assembly in LJHS Gym

November 10th, Blood Drive - Sponsored by LHS Student Council, LHS 1-6PM

November 10-17 - Scholastic Book Fair at Allen

Visit the website at

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/allengradeschool>

November 15th, Allen Grade School Family Reading Night & Book Fair, 6-7:30 PM

November 15th, Board Meeting, 7pm - **note date change**

K-3 Visit Boggio's

The Allen K-3 students visited Boggio's Orchard on Tuesday, October 17. You never know what the weather might be like in October, but the students had a beautiful day. They went on a wagon ride, visited a pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin, played in the play area and had a nice picnic lunch!

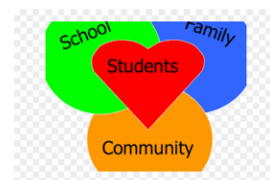


Allen Pick Up:

Continue to pull in one-way, facing south, at Allen for pick up. Do not pull into parking spots, along E. High Street, or Washington Street).

Staff will continue to assist students into cars with their drivers and who may pull out of line as students are put into cars.

From the Counselor's Desk



Mrs. Shevokas will be working for the district on a part-time basis this year. She will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8 AM - 3:25 PM. Students are encouraged to reach out to her during these hours and/or through email at shevokas@lamoilleschools.org.



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The Lady Lions wrapped up their 2023 season! Take a look at a few photo highlights!



Pictured to the right includes Senior, Nataleigh Wamhoff, her parents, and teammates.



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La Moille High School Athletics

La Moille Lions Basketball 2023-2024 Schedule (revised 10/27/2023)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location/Opponent</i>	<i>Game Time</i>
11/20	@ AFC La Moille vs West Carrol	6:00
11/21	@ AFC La Moille vs AFC	7:30
11/24	@ AFC La Moille vs Leland	6:00
11/25	@ AFC Thanksgiving Tourn.	TBA
11/27	@ Alden Hebron	5:30
12/1	@ Depue	5:30
12/2	vs Amboy	1:00
12/4	vs Henry	5:30
12/5	@ HBR	5:30
12/8	@ Leland	5:30
12/13	vs Woodland	5:30
12/15	vs Somonauk	5:30
12/22	@ Galva	5:30
12/27	LaMoille Holiday Classic	TBA
12/28	LaMoille Holiday Classic	TBA
12/29	LaMoille Holiday Classic	TBA
1/5	@ Serena	5:30

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location/Opponent</i>	<i>Game Time</i>
1/9	vs Hiawatha	5:30
1/10	@ Lowpoint Washburn	5:30
1/13	@ Midland	10:00
1/17	@ Indian Creek	5:30
1/18	vs Depue	5:30
1/20	vs Orangeville	3:00
1/24	vs Alden Hebron	5:30
1/26	vs Earlville	5:30
1/27	LTC Tournament @ Somonauk	TBA
2/9	vs IMSA (Sr. Night)	5:30
2/10	vs Dakota	1:00
2/13	vs Newark	5:30
2/17	Regionals @ TBA	TBA

**La Moille BASKETBALL
Spiritwear closes this
Sunday, 11/5/23!**

BASKETBALL SPIRITWEAR

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Clipper CO-OP Wrestling 2023-2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
11/21	Home	5:30
11/28	Durand-Pecatonica	5:30
11/29	Putnam County	5:30
12/2	Tournament @ Seneca	TBA
12/7	Lena Winslow	5:30
12/8	Tournament @ Plano	TBA
12/9	Tournament @ Plano	TBA
12/14	Home	5:30
12/16	Tournament @ Stillman Valley	TBA
12/19	Byron	5:30
12/20	Riverdale	5:30
1/2	Sandwich	5:30
1/6	Home JV Tournament	9:00
1/12	Oregon	5:30
1/18	Polo	5:30
1/19	Tournament @ Orion	TBA
1/20	Tournament @ Orion	TBA
1/24	Dakota	5:30
1/25	Home	5:30
1/27	FS Tournament @ Oregon	TBA
2/3	IHSA Regionals - TBA	TBA

Jr. High Athletics Jr. High Boys Basketball 2023 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location/Opponent</i>	<i>Game Time</i>
10/24	@ Bradford	5:00
10/26	Neponset	4:30
10/30	@ PCA	5:00
11/2	@ Ladd	5:00
11/6	Depue	4:30
11/7	Ohio	4:30
11/9	@ Malden	5:00
11/10	@ Ladd 7th Grade Tournament	TBA
11/11	@ Ladd 7th Grade Tournament	TBA
11/14	Bradford	4:30
11/16	@ Neponset	5:00
11/21	PCA	4:30
11/27	Ladd	4:30
11/28	@ Depue	5:00
12/4	@ Ohio	4:00
12/5	Malden (8th Grade Night)	4:30
12/ 9,12,14	BVEC Tourney @ Bradford	TBA
12/16	@ Tonica 8th Only	TBA



Interview Spotlight

Tori Sadnick, Allen Secretary

What do you love most about your job?

I love working alongside the teachers, admin., and being with the littles every day. Even though I'm in the office, I'm able to get out and about and help. It's always nice to get hugs and see their excitement when they see me in their class or at recess. Sometimes I even get visits in the office when they want to show me something.

What are you looking forward to this school year?

I'm excited to see all the changes that have happened or are coming to our district.

Can you share with us why you love working for La Moille CUSD #303?

I enjoy working with the kids and seeing how excited they get about things. The staff is also great, we are always having fun. My commute doesn't hurt either, Lol!

Interview Spotlight

Cathy Griffin La Moille Jr./Sr. High Secretary

What do you love most about your job?

I love the variety that I have in it and the different responsibilities that I have. I also really enjoy the kids and getting to talk to them.

What are you looking forward to this school year?

Prom; I am looking forward to the second semester and when the Prom planning is truly underway and seeing the event take place, come to life, and come together.

Can you share with us why you love working for La Moille CUSD #303?

Being a small community, it really translates well into the school. With new people coming in, they are accepted and can find a place. The fact that we are a small town and small school is a good feeling in the building.

Allen Kitchen SPOTLIGHT

Rose Gallardo, Allen Head Cook

Miss Rose recently made a delicious Halloween inspired lunch at Allen Grade School!



The Thanksgiving meal is also one to be looked forward to as well!