



La Moille Principals' ROAR - K-12 Newsletter December 5, 2023

The Holidays are Near!

When the school year starts, you feel like the end of the first semester is so far out of reach. The next thing you know, you are there! We guess time flies when you're having fun!!! There has been much fun to have this semester! At the Jr./Sr. High School, the students are counting down the days with a "10 Days of Giveaways", acknowledging students with no tardies, good attendance, and a focus on academics. At Allen the students will be concluding the semester with holiday themed events, as well! We are wishing all a peaceful holiday season and healthy students and families in the new year!

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Leffelman

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



If you participated in the Friends of Music Poinsettia Fundraiser, you may pick them up following the 12/6/23 K-12 Holiday Fine Arts Showcase in the La Moille High School Gymnasium.

***La Moille Jr./Sr. High SEL
November Winner - Tate Sundberg!***



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CLIPPERS WIN STATE!!!

We are extremely proud of our Clippers and their State Championship WIN!

"The 2023 football season came to an exciting end with the Clippers winning the I8FA state championship. It was a goal of ours since the end of the season last year when we took home the 2nd place plaque. The kids worked so hard throughout the summer and during the season to get what they wanted, the big trophy. The boys have made history in LaMoille bringing home the schools first ever state championship. I am so proud of these boys and the history they got to make with each other this season. The boys made it a perfect year going 13-0 on the varsity level and at the fresh-soph level we went 5-0!! It was an amazing season that no one can ever take away from these boys. Sail on!!" Coach Kenny Shrimplin



Pictured above from L-R are our La Moille Clipper Athletes: Ed Fry, Tate Sundberg, Ian Sundberg, Gio Gatza, Cody Winn, Evan Flanagan, & Brayden Klein.

Pictured below to R includes Coach Kenny Shrimplin, Ball Boy Zane Sundberg, & Waterboy Jeremy Fry

Enjoy some newsworthy clips:

<https://www.kwqc.com/2023/11/18/amboy-finishes-undefeated-season-with-first-state-championship-since-1984/>

<https://www.wifr.com/2023/11/18/amboy-is-undefeated-i8fa-state-champions/>

<https://www.shawlocal.com/friday-night-drive/2023/11/18/amboy-routs-ridgewood-wins-i8fa-state-championship/>

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PTO Updates

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Thank you to those who supported the 31 Fundraiser!

Current PTO fundraisers:

La Moille Spirit Wear Winter Gear : Hats and headbands are \$15 and the scarf is \$20.

Please let your child's school know if you are interested in anything.



Interview Spotlight

Lori Miller, 7-12 Math Teacher

What do you love most about your job?

The best part of my job is working with the students. I have loved getting to know each and every one of them. All of the students have the ability to succeed. Learning what steps each student needs to take to find success, is my most important job as an educator. Although this can be challenging, This is the part of the job I love!

What are you looking forward to this school year?

I look forward to working on three goals for myself. First, I hope to close the gaps for the students that were lost during Covid. Second, to write a curriculum for each course that can work as a working document and can be improved with every year. Third, help write a Math Tier Two program that consists of hands-on activities, computer programs, and group work.

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

The LaMoille Staff has made it so easy to come to work. The Paraprofessionals are always there to help when asked. The teachers and office staff are willing to answer questions when I am not sure about teacher expectations. Mrs. Leffelman and Mrs. Gifford are always here to listen, offer advice, and they work hard to make sure the entire staff feels confident in working with the students. What's not love working in La Moille CUSD #303?



Academics Update

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

Allen Grade School

Kindergarten -Mrs. Fischer has been awarded a grant from Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom for this school year. This grant request, titled The Needs of a Farm, will bring resources and/or books into our school to help increase agricultural literacy of our students while also addressing important content area learning standards.

First Grade - Mrs. Robinson's students are soon to be learning all about reindeer, which is something first grade does annually. Students will integrate reading, science and social studies during this learning experience.

Fourth Grade - Hermie the Elf has been wreaking havoc in Mrs. Troyan's classroom. He trashed the classroom before the students arrived on Monday, December 4. Students anxiously await his daily activities! In addition to dealing with Hermie, the students are finishing writing a paper and beginning to study the beloved classic Christmas poem entitled "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Sixth Grade - Mr. Kastorff and Mrs. Hart are collaborating and having the students do research on holidays in South America. Mr. Kastorff covers the social studies side, and Mrs. Hart covers the ELA side. This is the second collaborative project the students have engaged in this year. Students are enjoying it and learning at the same time!!

La Moille Jr./Sr. High School

La Moille Jr. High Students have been through two of their four enCORE courses. They will finish the final two second semester. These courses include:

1. enCORE AG
2. enCORE Art
3. enCORE Music
4. enCORE STEM

EnCORE Stem, with Ms. Whitmore, is entering in the Rube Goldberg Contest on Thursday,

December 7th at the Area Career Center at LP High School. The student's Rube Goldberg Machine will be on display at the Winter Fine Arts Showcase at La Moille Jr./Sr. High School on Wednesday, December 6th.

La Moille High School Students are in full FINALS swing, studying, preparing, and working to close out the first semester.

Explore courses at the Jr./Sr. High School have continued to be a success, with student's focusing on positive academics for more choice courses. In December students are participating in the following:

- Fabric Wreath Making
- Goal Setting
- Music
- Roaring Lions Math
- Crocheting, Knitting, and Felt Ornaments
- Open Gym
- Culinary and Health Eating Habits
- Reading Holiday Mad Libs
- Table Decor
- Trivia
- Silent Reading
- Weight Lifting
- Treasure Hunt (Cryptology and Ciphers)
- Walking Club

These Explore classes couldn't happen without the wonderful 7-12 staff who support the student's interests! Thank you, staff!

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.

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Allen SEL Day

On November 20th, Allen School dedicated a day to learning about Mental Health. Students began their day with rotations. In the music room, Mr. Kazin introduced the difference between the word fine (as in "I'm fine, I'm good.") and F.I.N.E., which is an acronym for Fighting Internal Negative Emotions and discussed how a person's load can be lightened by speaking to those we love and trust. Students created make and take fidgets with Mrs. Deerey using beads and pipecleaners that they can wear as a bracelet or put on a zipper. Mrs. Hansen led students in deep breathing and guided relaxation techniques. Students learned about journaling and received a journal and fun pencil to write about stressors as well as celebrations. The concept of self affirmations was introduced as a means to stop negative thoughts such as "I can't do this" or "I give up". We also worked on team building and communication skills by completing some challenges in the gym with Mrs. Wendel. Ali Holmbeck from Equine Empowerment Center brought a dog, rabbit, and a pony to visit us for the morning to speak about animal assisted therapy and how pets can positively impact our emotional well being. After lunch, students relaxed in the gym to watch a movie and wind down after a busy day!



Interview Spotlight

Lou Finkle - 3rd Grade Teacher

What do you love most about your job?

I really love when my students share things with me that are important to them. I also love when I see that they have learned what I am teaching to them. It is also wonderful to see past students as adults and learn about what is going on in their lives.

What are you looking forward to this school year?

As with years past, I enjoy seeing the students grow and change from the beginning to the end of the year. Also I love Nancy's cookies that I will get again this year as I have her granddaughter.

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

I love the small town atmosphere that is here in LaMoille. You get to know the students better as well as their family. There are wonderful people who work in the LaMoille district which makes everyone's job easier and great to work with.



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

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



Schedules have started for the 2024 school 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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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
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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location/Opponent</i>	<i>Game Time</i>
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

Clipper CO-OP Wrestling 2023-2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
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

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Jr. High Athletics Jr. High Boys Basketball 2023 Schedule

Date	Location/Opponent	Game Time
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

Athletic Acknowledgements!



Jr. High Girls' Basketball - 2024

Date	Location/Opponent	Game Time
1/9	@ Bradford	5:00
1/11	Neponset	4:30
1/15	PCA	4:30
1/16	@ Ladd	5:00
1/18	Depue	4:30
1/25	@ Malden	5:00
1/29	Bradford	4:30
1/30	@ Neponset	5:00
2/1	@ PCA	5:00
2/5	Ladd	4:30
2/8	@ Depue	5:00
2/10	Amboy Tournament	TBA
2/13	vs Malden (8th Grade Night)	4:30
2/17,20,22	BVEC Tournament @ LaMoille	TBA

Congratulations to
Tyler Billhorn on being named
Shaw Media Athlete of the
Week!!!!!!

To start the season off, "LaMoille's Tyler Billhorn led the Lions to a 2-2 record and a fifth-place finish at the AFC Thanksgiving Tournament, averaging 21.3 points, with a high of 29 points, and 11.0 rebounds a game." (BCR, 11/28/23 FB post).

Coach Blumhorst stated online "Kid truly deserves the recognition! Worked his tail off this off-season and it paid off. Congrats Tyler!"

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