



## April & May

It is hard to believe that we are in the final countdown of the 24-25 school year. This will be our final newsletter of the 24-25 school year. There has been great progress, forward learning, and memories created within our school year! Another HS FB state title, academic and attendance achievements, and the upcoming retirement of a long-time staple in our La Moille School District, Mr. Finkle. Traditions continue to fill our schools, halls, and community. We are thankful for the continued support and partnership that make our district a success. We are La Moille. We are proud.

*Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Leffelman*

## National Honor Society



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 NHS Inductees! Pictured left to right: Nick Spangler, Olivia Sadnick, & Jack Heinzeroth.

## Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated at both Allen Grade School and LJSH on Tuesday, April 22. What a great way to welcome our students back from spring break!

Students at Allen cleaned up yard waste, planted perennials, watched Earth themed movies, enjoyed read alouds, did an Earth Day craft and enjoyed an Earth themed snack. Students at LHS planted hostas and worked on the outdoor learning space on the east side of the building. Thanks to everyone who supported this initiative.

### Upcoming Dates to Note

Fine Arts Showcase - 4/28

Grandparent's Day at Allen - 5/9

HS Final Exams - 5/14 - 5/16

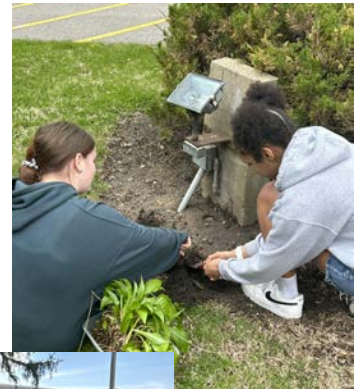
Allen Fun Day - 5/20

8th Grade Graduation - 5/15

HS Graduation - 5/16

Current **LAST** day of school - 5/21

First Day of 25-26 school year: 8/14/25





## Spring Fine Arts Showcase

The Spring Fine Arts Showcase was wonderful! The artwork on display showed great efforts by all our students within Mr. Hitzler's art classes. The return of Performing Arts, by the LHS students, has been a fun, creative, and educational experience for all. The music presented by Ms. Oakes and all the students were great! We are so thankful for the fine arts department and the support from the parents, guardians, and staff! We hope to see you on May 6th at Allen Grade School for the 4th - 6th grade Band Concert. There will be an information meeting on the 2026 Music Trip to the Twin Cities following the concert in the Allen Gym.

## Book Blast

Students at Allen are once again participating in the Book Blast, which is an opportunity for students to earn free books for summer reading. This year marks our third year participating in this great event. Teachers earn money for classroom supplies for student participation, and students earn a minimum of one book and a maximum of 10 books depending upon donations. Daily prizes are also drawn, with the Grand Prize Treasure Chest given out on Day #3 of the event. Hudson Lopez was this year's grand prize winner. 4 more lucky students will win miniature treasure chests filled with cash, candy and other treasure. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this event. We are excitedly awaiting our books before break begins!



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**High School Academic Awards Ceremony - May 7th, 10am, LHS Gymnasium**

*Parents/guardians welcome to attend!*

**Allen Grandparent's Day - May 9th, 12pm, Allen North Lawn.**

Please bring chairs or blankets for sitting. Sack lunch is available through the school if ordered in advance. See previous emails and facebook posts for information.

**Junior High Awards Ceremony - May 15, 2:15pm LJSB Cafeteria**

*Parents/guardians welcome to attend!*

**8th Grade Graduation - May 15th, 7pm - LJSB Gym**

**HS Graduation - May 16th, 7pm - LHS Gym**

**Allen Fun Day - May 20th. More details to follow.**

**Allen end of year Awards Ceremony - May 21st, 8:30am - Allen Gym**

*Parents/guardians welcome to attend!*

**Interview Spotlight**

Ms. Linda Whitmore ~ 7-12 Instructor

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

*I love working with the kids!! One of the benefits of being old and having been here for many years is that I have the privilege of seeing them grow and change and find themselves. Watching them go from unsure, tenuous teens to strong confident young adults is thrilling.*

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

*One of my greatest pleasures working in LaMoille is the variety. I have been given the opportunity to teach many different subjects through the years. I have been given the chance to change and grow as the students' needs change and grow. LaMoille has given me many unique teaching opportunities.*

**Fun Fact:**

*My first educational position was as an aide in a Mendota summer school program working in a Kindergarten classroom with the children of migrant families when I was in the 8th grade. I continued in that position every summer until I earned my degree, at which time I became the Kindergarten teacher of that same program. Counting those, this would be my 51st year in education. I have been teaching for 43 years in 7 different districts working with students in K, and grades 6-12. I have also been an administrator in 4 of the 7 districts. I was lured to LaMoille in 2002 by Mrs. Cynthia Shevokas because the district had a need for my special education services.*





# La Moille Principals' ROAR - K-12 Newsletter APRIL/MAY 2025

## La Moille Junior High Track Schedule

Date	Location/Opponent	Time
4/29	@ LP Complex	4:30
5/1	@ St. Bede (Tonica)	4:30
5/3	County meet @ Spring Valley	9am
5/5	@ Putnam County	4pm
5/8	BVEC Conf. Track Meet @ Spring Valley	4pm
5/10	Sectionals @ Spring Valley	9am
5/16-17	State - East Peoria	TBA

## 2024/2025 Spring HS Sports

### 2025 HS TRACK

3/13 - Westwood - 5:00  
 3/15 - Byron Indoor - 9:00  
 3/22 - IWU Shirk Center - 9:00  
 3/28 - FS Westwood - 4:30  
 4/1 - Boys Westwood - 4:30  
 4/2 - Girls Westwood - 4:30  
 4/8 - Boys Home 4:00  
 4/10 - Girls @ Forresteron - 4:00  
 4/12 - @ Mendota 9:30  
 4/14 - Girls @ BV 4:00  
 4/17 - Home - 4:00  
 4/19 - @ Spring Valley - 9:00  
 4/21 - Boys @ Forresteron 4:00  
 4/22 - Girls @ Fulton 4:15  
 4/25 - Girls @ Oregon 4:00  
 4/28 - @ Bureau Valley - 4:30  
 5/1 - Girls @ pecatonica - 4:00  
 5/2 - Boys @ Oregon 4:00  
 5/6 - Boys @ Pecatonica 4:00  
 5/8 - Girls @ Dakota - 4:00  
 5/14-16 - Girls Sectionals TBA  
 5/19 - Girls f/s @ Lena Winslow 4:00  
 5/21-23 - Boys Sectional TBA

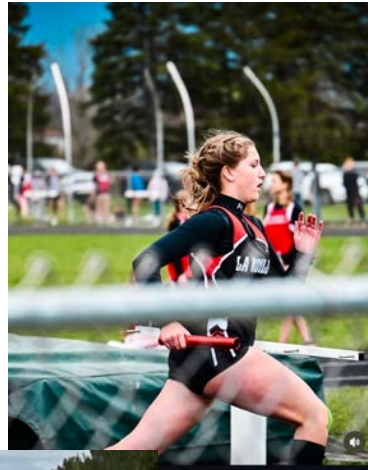
### 2025 SOFTBALL

3/17 - Home - 4:30  
 3/18 - @Oregon - 4:30  
 3/19 - Home - 4:30  
 3/21 - @ Bureau Valley - 4:30  
 3/24 - Home - 4:30  
 3/27 - @ Ottawa Marquette - 4:30  
 4/2 - Home - 4:30  
 4/4 - Home - 4:30  
 4/5 - @Dakota DH - 10:00  
 4/8 - @AFC - 4:30  
 4/10 - Home - 4:30  
 4/12 - Home DH - 10:00  
 4/15 - Home - 4:30  
 4/19 - @ Lena Winslow - 4:30  
 4/22 - @ Polo - 4:30  
 4/24 - Home - 4:30  
 4/26 - @Serena DH 10:00  
 4/28 - Home - 4:30  
 4/29 - Home - 4:30  
 5/1 - @Eastland - 4:30  
 5/6 - @Milledgeville - 4:30  
 5/8 - Home - 4:30  
 5/12 - Home - 4:30

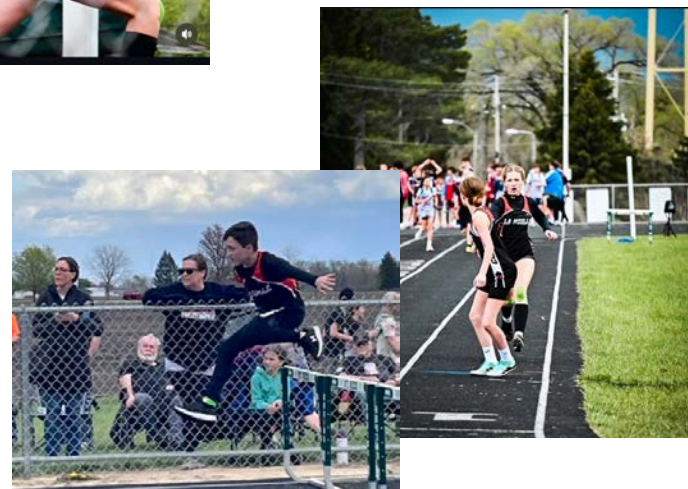
Pictured below: Coach Boyles, Brayden Ahlstrom, & Tate Sundberg. 2nd place at Bass Fishing Tournament!



Pictured below: La Moille Jr High Track and Field



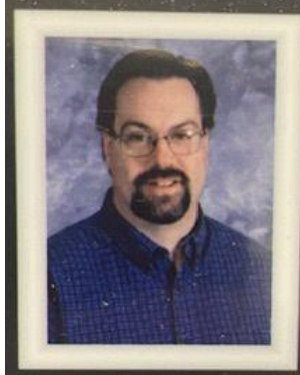
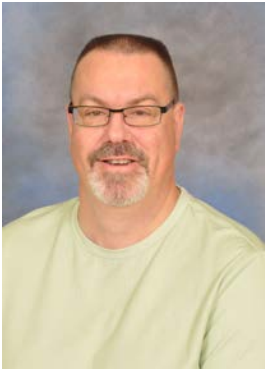
Pictured to the right: Taylor Wamhoff Amboy co-op softball player!







## *Mr. Finkle's Final Farewell "Yearbook"*



*After 31 years of service to the LCUSD #303, Mr. Finkle is retiring. He has made a significant difference in the lives of many students, staff, and community members. We thank him for his decades of dedication to our schools!*

