

After 34 years of service, Mr. Koeller wishes MHS best of luck

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Since 1994, Principal Gary Koeller has addressed Moline High School students at numerous various ceremonies, including sporting events, academic achievement award events, and even just daily intercom announcements. His final address as Principal to the students of MHS will be June 1st, at Graduation.

Mr. Koeller has been involved with MHS since his debut as a Social Studies teacher in 1973. A teacher of American and World Histories, Government and Law classes, Mr. Koeller moved his way into administrative positions.

In 1987, he became the Dean of Students, while serving as Assistant Principal of Student Services in 1989 and Assistant Principal of Curriculum and instruction in 1990.

The year 1993 brought upon the biggest change as Mr. Koeller was promoted to Principal of MHS.

Mr. Koeller has been involved at MHS in many different activities. He was the sophomore baseball coach for six years in the 1980s.

He has also been seen at a variety of events and ceremonies throughout his 34 years, including sporting events, drama productions, and awards ceremonies.



Mr. Koeller reminisces during his last few days. (Photo by Yada)

Mr. Koeller also serves as a Rotarian. On Mondays, he took groups of accomplished senior students with him to Rotary meetings. Seniors always enjoyed Rotary meetings because it gave them an opportunity to meet and network with the business men and women of our community.

Once he retires Mr. Koeller, plans to travel and visit many places to see new things. He also plans on continuing to work. He isn't sure whether he will work in education, or in a completely different field.

Koeller also plans on maintaining his farm with his

brothers and family.

Mr. Koeller claims to be "very familiar with the parking lot," as he spends a lot of time there after school. Monitoring the parking lot to avoid problems among students is typical of Mr. Koeller.

Mr. Koeller believes that a balanced formula between school and community opportunities leads students to success. He says, "a good school system tries to provide a variety of opportunities and challenges, and we count on students in the community to take advantage and meet the challenges of those opportunities. It needs to be a partnership between schools and community."

Koeller also feels as if his stint as Principal "has been a wonderful opportunity for myself and my family. My wife and I have enjoyed the experience of Moline Schools both as parents and employees. It's a proud school system in a proud community."

Mr. Koeller has the second longest reign as Principal, first place belonging to E.P. Nutting. Even though his career is coming to an end, he says, "I have truly enjoyed relationships with all staff and supportive families.

We here at the LO'T salute Mr. Koeller and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors. His profound leadership and friendly personality will be missed by MHS.

Celiac awareness on the rise

By: Gisela Press
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About 1 in 130 people are affected by celiac disease, yet only 1 in 4,700 people in the U.S. have been accurately diagnosed with the rare disorder.

Celiac disease is an immune system disorder that causes damage to the inner lining of the small intestine. The cause of this damage is from the affected person's inability to process gluten, a form of protein found in wheat, rye, and barley. Because of this intestinal damage, the body has a hard time absorbing necessary nutrients, such as fat, calcium, and iron.

Celiac is often undiagnosed and misdiagnosed. Other conditions with symptoms similar to those of celiac are usually diagnosed first. Celiac is often only diagnosed when the treatments from the original diagnosis are proven to be ineffective.

There is no cure for celiac, but it can be controlled with a 100% gluten free diet.

As a parent of a young child with celiac, math teacher Mrs. Lamphier has started a local support group for other parents whose young children have the disease.

The Quad City chapter of the national group Raising Our Celiac Kids holds meetings where children with the disease meet and play with each other, while enjoying gluten-free snacks. Simultaneously, the parents of these children meet to discuss new information, questions, and concerns.

Mrs. Lamphier is looking for a teenager who has first hand experience with celiac to help talk to children about dealing with the disease. Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every other month in the early evening. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lamphier.

Second Semester Finals Schedule

For Seniors and 6th Semester Junior Graduates


Tuesday, May 29
Periods 1-5: Regular Schedule
Period 6 (or Early Bird Final): 1:15-2:05
Period 7 Finals: 2:10-3:00
Wednesday, May 30
Period 1 Finals: 8:10-9:20
Period 2 Finals: 9:30-10:40
Period 3 Finals: 10:50-noon
Thursday, May 31
Period 4 Finals: 8:10-9:20
Period 5 Finals: 9:30-10:40
Period 6 Finals: 10:50-noon

Friday, June 1
Commencement Practice: 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Wharton Field House
Commencement: 7:00p.m. at Wharton Field House

Finals Schedule for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors

Tuesday, May 29
Early Bird, Periods 1-7: Regular Schedule
Wednesday, May 30
Period 1 Finals: 8:10-9:20
Period 2 Finals: 9:30-10:40
Period 3 Finals: 10:50-noon
Thursday, May 31
Period 4 Finals: 8:10-9:20
Period 5 Finals: 9:30-10:40
Period 6 Finals: 10:50-noon
Friday, June 1
Period 7 Finals: 8:10-9:20
Early Bird Finals: 9:30-10:40
Monday, June 4
Students Dismissed at 10:10


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