

Maroon Messenger



MOLINE
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009

493 Students graduate from MHS

Graduation ceremonies for the 134th Moline High School class were held on Friday, June 5, at Wharton Field House. This year, 493 students received their diploma. Of those, 167 were awarded gold tassels for maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.



In the Spotlight



Moline High School senior Dan Shepherd has been appointed to the United States Military Academy West Point in New York. Photographed with Dan is Lt. Frederick Visel, (Ret.), USAR, from West Point, and Principal Bill Burrus.



District recognizes 18 retirees

Moline School District retiring employees celebrated their years of service at the 43rd Annual Recognition Dinner on May 18 at the i Wireless Center. Photographed are: Front row and left to right, Jean Brown, Valerie Maher, Linda Burns, second row; Jane Leggett, Beth Tagtmeier, Barbara Johnston, third row; Carolyn Grimes, Brenda Tice, Mary Lind, Christine Jagger, and Linda Meier.

See full list of 2009 retired employees below.

Jean Brown - Family/Consumer Science - Wilson Middle School - 19.3 Years
Linda Burns - Counselor Wilson Middle School - 19.9 Years
Anna Duncan - Custodian - Wilson Middle School - 10 Years
Douglas Fisher - Vocational Coordinator Black Hawk Area Education Center - 27 Years
Carolyn Grimes Computer Lab Manager Garfield Elementary School - 14 Years
Carolyn Grosenheider - Senior High/FLS Teacher Black Hawk Area Education Center - 18 Years
Christine Jagger - Cross Categorical - Wilson Middle School - 20 Years
Barbara Johnston - Grade 4 Teacher - Jane Addams Elementary School - 21.2 Years
Jane Leggett - Computer - Wilson Middle School - 19 Years
Mary Lindgren - Grade 2 Teacher - Roosevelt Elementary School - 40 Years
Valerie Maher - Multi-Categorical - Willard Elementary School - 32.5 Years
Linda Meier - Foreign Language/Department Chair Moline High School - 20 Years
Randy Peterson - Grade 4 Teacher - Franklin Elementary School - 30 Years
Mary Smith - Paraprofessional - Butterworth Elementary School - 25 Years
*James Taber - English Moline High School - 33 Years *Late 2007-2008 Retiree
Beth Tagtmeier - Grade 4 Teacher - Roosevelt Elementary School - 21.7 Years
Brenda Tice - Grade 4 Teacher - Garfield Elementary School - 37 Years
Dianne VanVooren - Learning Center Professional - Garfield Elementary School - 18.5 Years



Moline Rotary Club's Literacy Committee donated more than 150 books to students at Ericsson, Washington and Lincoln-Irving Elementary Schools. The donation was made to motivate students to read during the summer.



The Moline High School campus on the Avenue of the Cities celebrated its 50th birthday. Students received birthday cookies donated by Chartwells, the District's food service provider, on May 29. An "Open House" was held for the community on May 30 where the Student Council members answered questions and gave tours.

A New Board moving forward



Connie McElyea
Board President

We would like to welcome Dr. Rafat Padaria and Alan Anderson to the Board of Education. The two were appointed in June to fill the vacancies due to the inadequate number of candidates in the April 2009 election.

In December 2007, the Board of Education adopted a motion to approve the concept of District Restructuring by moving sixth graders to middle schools. We continue to receive questions from the community about the status and progress of this project. At this time, the target date is fall 2011. We are in the process of looking at all options as to how we can pay for the necessary renovations/additions for each of the middle schools without raising property taxes. With the failure of the 1 percent Option Sales Tax this past April, it has slowed our progress, but we are still moving forward with our plans.

This summer, we are inviting stakeholders to participate in our annual Strategic Plan Retreat. We will evaluate and update our plan as we set our priorities for the next few years. The Strategic Plan is a "working document" the District uses in making decisions. For additional information on the Strategic Plan, please visit www.molineschools.org.

We have all heard the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" and this Board can't provide the best education for our students without the involvement of stakeholders. At any time, if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members.

Students raise money to help animal shelter



The Wilson Middle School Authentic Voices Club raised \$433 by selling Heart Grams with suckers for 25 cents. They donated the money to the Moline Animal Aid, a shelter run by volunteers.

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Butterworth student wins art contest

William Muck of Butterworth Elementary is pictured with Mayor Pro Tem Lori Turner and Superintendent Cal Lee. William won the "Only Tap Water Delivers" art contest sponsored by the City of Moline. His work was featured on the cover of the Annual Water Report.



Board of Education

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Dr. Rafat Padaria	(309) 743-6700
Alan Anderson	(309) 736-4239

Board welcomes new members



Dr. Rafat Padaria

Dr. Rafat Padaria received her undergraduate training at Jai Hind College in Bombay and her medical degree from Topiwala National Medical College in Bombay, India. She has co-authored several papers for publication and is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Nuclear Cardiology. She is licensed in both Iowa and Illinois and practices at Cardiovascular Medicine, PC. She is married to Dr. Mark Kovach and has two children.



Alan Anderson

Alan D. Anderson was born and raised here in Moline and lives in Coal Valley. He has two grown daughters. One lives in San Diego and the other in St. Louis. He is a Business Agent for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.) Local # 145 in Moline. He enjoys golfing, antique cars and keeps busy working on rental properties.

Vice President of Board recognized by Salvation Army



Congratulations to Board of Education Vice President Bob Vogelbaugh, Mr. Thanksgiving, who is the 2009 William Booth Award Recipient given by the Salvation Army of the Quad-Cities. The recognition is earned by those who have dedicated themselves to community service. Mr. Vogelbaugh received the award for his ongoing commitment to serving Thanksgiving dinner to those less fortunate. He has sponsored the event for 37 years. Photographed with Bob is Majors David and Zandra Luft of the Salvation Army.

Upcoming Events

Registration	July 27-31
First Day of School Half Day	August 18
First Full Day of School	August 20
Labor Day	September 7

Strategic Plan

Student Achievement - Moline/Coal Valley School District No.40 makes a commitment to every student that each will reach his/her full potential both academically and socially, thereby creating productive and responsible citizens who are life-long learners.

Facilities/Technology - Moline/Coal Valley School District No.40 will have facilities of the appropriate size and type so that they are equipped to meet the educational, extracurricular, and community needs of all stakeholder groups. Special emphasis is placed on students meeting their full academic potential.

Parent/Community Involvement & Communications

Moline/Coal Valley School District No. 40 will communicate the District's vision, successes and how they are achieved, and other pertinent information to all stakeholders and audiences. Through communications, the District will increase community and parental involvement as stakeholders in our school district.

Continuous Improvement - Moline/Coal Valley School District No.40 will ensure that people, processes, and procedures needed to sustain improvement in the district are in place now and in the future.

Sustainability - Moline/Coal Valley School District No.40 will enhance the knowledge, skills and teamwork of the elected Board members to effectively carry out their responsibilities to implement the strategic planning process while ensuring financial stability for the District.



Boosters win Illinois PR Award

The Moline High School Boosters Club was recently honored by the Illinois Chapter National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) for its outstanding support of the athletic programs in the District. The group received the 2009 Distinguished Service Merit Award in the Team Category. Brad Boyle (pictured) represented the Boosters at the recognition ceremony on May 1 in Bolingbrook, Illinois.

School registration comes early

Families will be getting ready for school earlier this year. Moline School District No. 40 will have registration from July 27-31.

Below are the dates for each level. Additional information on registration can be found online at www.molineschools.org.

Elementary	July 28	Tuesday	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	July 29	Wednesday	1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Middle Schools	July 28	Tuesday	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
	July 29	Wednesday	NOON – 6 p.m.
High School	July 27	Monday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
	July 28	Tuesday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
	July 29	Wednesday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
	July 30	Thursday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
	July 31	Friday	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Superintendent's Message

To say that the 2008-2009 school year was one of the more challenging in recent history would be an understatement. In addition to ensuring that processes and personnel were in place to meet district goals and No Child Left Behind benchmarks, initiating activities to meet Year Three expectations of the Strategic Plan, the renovation and re-opening of Bicentennial Elementary, planning for the move of sixth graders to the middle schools, implementation of Aimsweb/MAP assessments and Compass Learning software, the district faced obstacles brought on by the decline of the economy and uncertainty over if, when and how it would be resolved.



Dr. Cal Lee

I'm pleased to report that during this most difficult time, your teachers; staff; administration and board continued to find ways to ensure academic success and character development for students, in and out of the classroom.

This year, more well deserved national, state and local recognitions were awarded to our schools and staff members for academic excellence. These honors serve as confirmation of what most of you know; we have an exceptional district. As superintendent, I have the opportunity to see the enthusiasm and commitment of our administration and employees on a daily basis. I see the incredible amount of dedication, time, and hard work that they give in order to educate each student to the best of their ability. After each visit, I leave with a ton of pride and admiration for what is going on in our classrooms.

The Moline/Coal Valley School District continues to be a leader in education as its staff influence the future of education every day in many ways. The Illinois State Board of Education has identified our schools as examples to others seeking to improve their quality of education. Many teachers and administrators serve on local and state committees to address factors that impact student achievement.

As we close 2008-2009, I want to recognize and thank the 18 staff members that retired and 493 students who graduated. Best wishes to the retirees as they move on to the next phase of their lives and thank you for the 426 combined years of dedicated service. To the Class of 2009, we wish you happiness, success and good health. Please know that as Maroon alumni, you have a lifetime invitation to visit, share experiences and help us better prepare future generations. Have a safe and restful summer.

MHS opera singer competed in nationals



Stephanie Gibb Clark, a graduating senior, recently performed in the Young Singer Vocal Competition, a national program that rewards young solo singers in three age divisions for excellence in vocal performance. She competed in the Regional Competition held in Indiana and was chosen to advance to the National level along with 200 other outstanding singers from the United States. On May 30, she participated in the national finals in Chicago. Congratulations go to Stephanie for representing MHS on the national arts scene. Photographed with her is Ron May, MHS Director of Choirs.

MHS students raise most money two years in a row

The Moline High School Key Club students raised the most dollars in the 2009 United Way Student fundraising campaign. Photographed are front; Alisher Bakhridinov, Jose Reynoso, 2nd row: Monica Hill, Jeanika Green, 3rd row: Teacher Melissa Davila, Madison Logan, Principal Bill Burrus Last row: Paige Pukajlo, Kelly Rogers, Courtney Green, and Teacher Lindsay Meeker.



Volunteer Corner

Angie DeWilfond is the president of the Roosevelt PTA. She grew up in Galena, Illinois, and now loves living in Moline. She and her husband Todd moved to the Quad-Cities in 1995. They had a daughter Madeline in 1998 and another addition to the family in 2001, a son Logan.



Angie DeWilfond

When Maddie was in kindergarten, Debi Harris, then PTA President, asked Angie to chair the Roosevelt Hoe Down. She accepted the offer and that is when all her volunteer work began. She helped with other committees such as carnival, book fair, and enjoyed meeting new friends through PTA. Angie has also served as a homeroom mom for several years.

In the spring of 2007, Angie accepted the nomination for PTA President for the 2007-2008 school year. During this time she became ill and was diagnosed with stage 3C Ovarian Cancer. Throughout this ordeal, Angie never let Roosevelt students down. With the help of a very supportive PTA family, we made it through the year. She was asked to be president for the 2008-2009 school year and accepted. Throughout these two years, she has been the chairperson for several committees, held monthly PTA meetings, and organized events.

When asked about her experience at Roosevelt Elementary School as PTA President, Angie states, "I have truly enjoyed my experience as PTA President at Roosevelt. It gives me great joy to see what a difference we make in the children's lives with our programs and activities. I have the Roosevelt family and PTA to thank for getting me through some very hard times in my life!"

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2009-2010 School Calendar

Local Institute Day Monday, August 17, 2009

First Day of School Half Day Tuesday, August 18, 2009

First Wednesday Early Out Day Wednesday, August 19, 2009

First Full Day of School Thursday, August 20, 2009

Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2009

Half-Day Inservice Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Columbus Day No School Monday, October 12, 2009

First Quarter Ends Friday, October 16, 2009 (42 days)

Parent/Teacher Conferences K-6 Thursday, October 22, 2009

Parent/Teacher Conferences Friday, October 23, 2009

Veteran's Day Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Half-Day School Improvement Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Thanksgiving Vacation Thursday-Friday, November 26-27, 2009

First Semester Ends Friday, December 18, 2009 (41 days)

Winter Break Monday, December 21, 2009 through Friday,
January 1, 2010 (Return to School Monday, January 4, 2010)

Second Semester Begins Monday, January 4, 2010

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 18, 2010

Local Institute Day Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Presidents' Day No School Monday, February 15, 2010

Third Quarter Ends Friday, March 12, 2010 (47 days)

Parent/Teacher Conferences K-6 Thursday, March 18, 2010

Parent/Teacher Conferences Friday, March 19, 2010

Spring Break Friday, April 2, 2010 through Friday, April 9, 2010
(Return to School Monday, April 12, 2010)

Half-Day School Improvement Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Close of School Half Day Wednesday, May 26, 2010 (46 days)

MHS Senior Convocation May 17, 2009

Commencement TBD

Emergency Days if necessary Thursday, May 27, 2010 through
Wednesday, June 3, 2010

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