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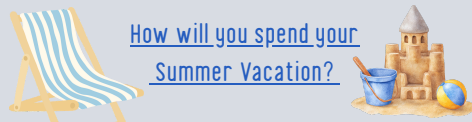
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2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR



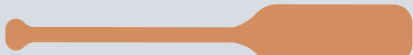
How will you spend your Summer Vacation?



Brynlee R. - "This summer I'm doing a lot of volleyball camps. Training at Millikin University, with the University of Illinois volleyball team, & working out in general with the school team. I am going to Richland for about a week to do culinary camp. I also plan on going to church camp with my friends. My vacation is in Michigan this year and my mom is going to let me do paper filing at her work to make some money. Finally, I am going to stay home, relax, and eat everything in my kitchen."



Payton L. - "playing softball, camping at Shelbyville, & spending rainy days with my 2 dogs and cat. Summer will be filled with pool time and ice cream."



Nadia Y. - "going to Tennessee and South Carolina, to see a ton of wildlife, nature and some Native American villages"

Aurora J. - "I'm going on a cruise and to my sister's wedding."

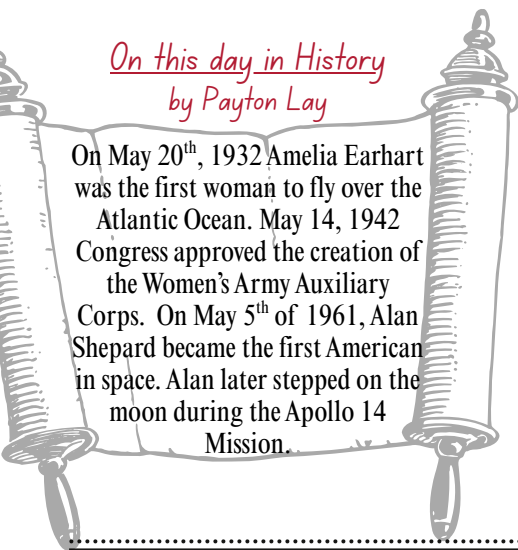


Lilly H. "...very big plans. This summer I plan to move in with my Step-Mom and Dad. This will be a very big change because I've gone to CAM since 2nd grade. I will be going to Vandalia Jr. High. I'll miss everyone sincerely."

Mrs. Gaither - "I'll be visiting my daughter who lives in Colorado as well as camping and boating with my family and friends at Lake Shelbyville."

On this day in History by Payton Lay

On May 20th, 1932 Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly over the Atlantic Ocean. May 14, 1942 Congress approved the creation of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. On May 5th of 1961, Alan Shepard became the first American in space. Alan later stepped on the moon during the Apollo 14 Mission.



Upcoming Events:

- May 4th - Scholastic Bowl IESA Sectionals
- May 5th - Cinco de Mayo
- May 9th - IESA Track & Field Sectionals
- May 10th - Mother's Day
- May 14th - Mr. Ludwig's Birthday
- May 15-16th - IESA Track & Field State Tournament in Peoria, IL
- May 19th & 20th - 1:45 pm dismissal
- May 20th - Last Day of School
- May 21st - Teacher's Institute Day & 8th grade party at the Taylorville YMCA 10:30a-1:30p
- May 21st - Mr. Keaton Garner's Birthday



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

The votes are in...

Mr. Elam is the May Middle School Teacher of the month. He splits his time between the Moweaqua and Assumption campus.



Mr. Elam has been leading the choir at A&M for 21 years! He is also the Scholastic Bowl Coach. Mr. Elam is always quick with a joke and a master at trivial!

BOND TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Mrs. Ashley Falk. She teaches Pre-K and has taken the program and made it into something special.



Staff Member of the Year



Mr. Michael Garner

Mom

by Arlo Lawrence

December showed its face frigidly as I was slogging away doing my homework. My mom was in the basement, and my dad was in the attic. I needed some help with my work, so I trudged to the basement, only to find it covered in snow like the blizzard outside.

Suddenly, I realized I couldn't find my mom, so I ran in panic to the attic to grab my dad. The normal basement appeared before us, but something was wrong. Mom was just standing there, cold and empty, with a blank expression, and I realized that that thing was not my mom.



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I asked my teacher what his favorite part of being a teacher is?

He said "June, July & August"
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belongs to Cooper W.

