



# THE PANTHER PRIDE

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### Important January Dates

- Jan 11 Varsity Basketball @ Lathrop Tournament (thru 16th) TBA  
PAO Cheer Practice 5:00-8:00 pm in Multi
- Jan 12 Varsity/JV Wrestling @ Maysville 5:30 pm  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi
- Jan 13 5th/6th Boys Basketbal 5:30-7:30 pm in Multi  
PAO Cheer Practice 6:00-8:00 pm in Mezzanine
- Jan 14 Varsity/JV Wrestling vs. Tarkio/St. Mary's 6:00 pm  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi  
Study Island Open House 6:00-8:00 pm
- Jan 15 PAO Cheer Practice 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi
- Jan 16 Varsity Wrestling @ Plattsburg Tournament 9:30 am  
CRBC games 9:30 am-3:00 pm in HS Gym
- Jan 18 BOE Mtg 7:00 pm  
MS Sports Reception 6:00 pm (Bring 1-2 dozen cookies)
- Jan 19 Varsity/JV vs. Hogan Prep/WMA 6:00 pm  
Varsity Basketball @ Gallatin 6:00 pm  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi  
8th Grade EXPLORE Test 11:30-12:30
- Jan 20 FFA State Degree Pre-Screening  
5th/6th Boys Basketball 5:30-7:30 pm in Multi
- Jan 21 Varsity/JV Wrestling vs. KC St. Pius/Prembroke Hill  
6:00 pm - Senior/Parent Night
- Jan 22 Varsity/JV Basketball @ Braymer 5:30 pm  
Financial Aid Mtg for Seniors 1st Hour
- Jan 23 Varsity Wrestling @ Lathrop Tournament 9:30 am  
JV Girls Basketball 9:00 am  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi
- Jan 25 Spirit Week
- Jan 26 Varsity Basketball @ Albany 6:00 pm  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi  
MS Quiz Bowl vs. Hamilton
- Jan 27 FFA State Degree Selection @ NCMC in Trenton  
5th/6th Boys Basketball 5:30-7:30 pm in Multi
- Jan 28 Varsity/JV Wrestling @ Carrollton 6:00 pm  
Pee-Wee Wrestling 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi  
MS Quiz Bowl in Cameron
- Jan 29 Varsity Basketball vs. Princeton 6:00 pm  
Court/Matwarming
- Jan 30 Varsity Wrestling @ Albany GRC Tournament 10:00 am  
CRBC games 9:30 am-3:00 pm in HS Gym  
Court/Matwarming Dance 8:00-11:00 pm

## Study Island Open House

Thursday, January 14, 2010  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend!!  
Students/Staff/Community Members

## POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The Polo R-VII School District will accept declarations of candidacy from any person interested in running for a position on the School Board in the April 6, 2010, election. Persons interested may file at the superintendent's office located at 300 W. School Street, Polo, Missouri 64671.

Filing will begin on December 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Filing will not occur on days that the school district's offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur during the holidays when the school district's offices are closed: Friday, December 18, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010. Filing will end on January 19, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

There are 2 positions available with three-year terms and 1 position available with a one-year term.

### CORRECTION:

Hamilton Bank of Hamilton, MO donated the book to the kindergarten class instead of previously stated in the December issue of the Panther Pride.

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## NFL Hall of Famer Visits Polo

On December 18th, the Polo Athletic Organization hosted a luncheon at the Red Rooster Inn. Special guests at the luncheon included George Toma, who is the head groundskeeper for the NFL. George's extensive resume includes working in two Olympic Games, one World Cup soccer tournament, baseball's All-Star Game and World Series and every Super Bowl game ever played. He has maintained fields from Tokyo to Mexico City to Barcelona. George was inducted into the Professional Football Hall Of Fame in 2001. Despite receiving numerous offers over the years, Toma still calls Kansas City home. He was accompanied to the luncheon by friends Dr. Dan Kahler, Jim Gill and Mike Ward, who arranged the meeting. Following the luncheon, Toma reviewed the Polo baseball fields and made some suggestions to further improve drainage and playability. George was presented a Polo baseball jersey appropriately bearing TOMA and the #1 on the back. Everyone attending enjoyed hearing the stories, which were related mostly to sports and life in general. An autographed baseball signed by MLB Hall of Famer Paul Molitor was donated to the PAO by Toma, who suggested auctioning it to raise funds for field improvements. Also attending the luncheon were Roscoe Walker, Polo Athletic Organization President; Patty Walker, PAO Secretary; Debby Misel, PAO Treasurer; Bob Green, Willie Cook, Mayor; Becky Ross, Varsity Girls Softball Head Coach; Kyle Ross, High School Principal; Chris Johnson, Athletic Director and Robert Newhart, Superintendent.

## Randy Nadler Assembly

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, students at Polo R-VII Elementary School attended an assembly funded by the local Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Randy Nadler conducted the assembly on Australia as part of his educational efforts to inform students of one of the oldest and most fascinating continents on earth. Mr. Nadler has visited Australia four times in the last twenty-five years, photographing and studying the people and unique marsupials for his educational program.

Some of the students were able to comment on the program. Jordan R. said, "I liked the pictures of the animals," while Katelyn V. commented on the discussion on the beach. Gavin F. said, "I liked learning about the desert," and Mikayla R. said, "I learned Australia has six states and two territories."

Mrs. Deis would like to thank the PTO for sponsoring this educational assembly for all of the students.



## Jump Rope for Heart

by Bridget Zabel  
Teacher

Elementary physical education is "jumping" off to a great start for 2010! February is rapidly approaching, which means it will be "American Heart Month" soon. Your students will be learning about heart awareness and ways to prevent heart disease. This is a growing concern, at any age, in our country, which makes it the leading cause of death for Americans. "Jump Rope for Heart" is a fun way to get kids active in learning and fighting against diseases such as stroke, heart attack, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Polo Elementary (grades K-4) are going to help raise money for the "American Heart Association" for new medicines and treatments to be discovered by participating this year.

During the next few weeks, your students will be learning different techniques and games dealing with jump roping. They will also be bringing home more information about our upcoming event. Mark your calendars for February 10th, 2010! For more information about the "American Heart Association" and "Jump Rope for Heart," please visit their webpage: <http://www.americanheart.org>. Thank you for all your continued support, and be watching for more information as our event date gets closer!

## Citizenship Awards

On Thursday, December 17, 2009, Mrs. Deis surprised the students with a drawing from the Panther Pride Citizenship Board. During the first semester, student names were added to the Panther Pride Bulletin Board for acts of citizenship (picking up trash, helping another student, holding the door open, etc.) or for just trying their very best on something in the classroom. The winners of the drawing were Micheal Kerste, Luke Cory, and Matthew Vaughan (fourth grade), Madison Rechterman (Kindergarten), Joely Hicks (fifth grade) and Mitchell Berndt (third grade). Winners received various prizes. The Panther Pride Citizenship Bulletin Board will resume on January 4, 2010. I would like to thank all of the students who were represented on the Panther Pride Bulletin Board and I would like to encourage all students to demonstrate appropriate citizenship skills.

### January 2010 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 *CRBC Practice 1-5 in Multi	4 *Late Start 10:20 am *PAO Cheer Practice 5-8 in Multi	5 *FFA Greenhand Conference @ St. Joseph 11:30 am *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi	6 *5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB 5:30-7:30 in Multi *PAO Cheer Practice 6-8 in Mezzanine	7 *V BB @ Osborn 6 pm *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi *8 <sup>th</sup> Grade EXPLORE test 11:30-12:30 *V WR vs. Plattsburg/Van Horn 6 pm *CRBC practice 3:30-4:30 HS Gym	8 *PAO Cheer Practice 5:30-8:30 in Multi *CRBC practice 3:15-5 in Multi	9 *V WR @ Rock Port Tourney 9 am *CRBC games 9:30 am-3:00 pm in HS Gym
10	11 *V BB @ Lathrop Tourney(thru 16 <sup>th</sup> ) TBA *PAO Cheer Practice 5-8 in Multi *Financial Aid Mtg in Library 1 <sup>st</sup> hour for Seniors	12 *V/JV WR @ Maysville @ 5:30 *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi	13 *5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB 5:30-7:30 in Multi *PAO Cheer Practice 6-8 in Mezzanine	14 *V/JV WR vs Tarkio/St. Mary's 6 pm *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi *Study Island Open House 6-8 pm	15 *PAO Cheer Practice 5:30-8:00 in Multi	16 *V WR @ Plattsburg Tourney 9:30 am *CRBC games 9:30 am-3:00 pm in HS Gym
17	18 *BOE Mtg 7 pm *MS Sports Reception 6 pm (Bring 1-2 dz cookies)	19 *V/JV WR vs Hogan Prep/WMA 6 pm *V BB @ Gallatin 6 pm *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi	20 *FFA State Degree prescreening *5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB 5:30-7:30 in Multi	21 *V/JV WR vs KC St. Pius/Pembroke Hill 6pm - Senior/Parent Night	22 *V/JV BB @ Braymer 5:30 pm	23 *V WR @ Lathrop Tourney 9:30 am *JV Girls BB @ Maysville 9 am *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi
24	25 *SPIRIT WEEK	26 *V BB @ Albany 6 pm *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 in Multi *MS Quiz Bowl vs Hamilton	27 *FFA State Degree Selection @ NCMC in Trenton *5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB 5:30-7:30 in Multi	28 *V/JV WR @ Carrollton 6 pm *Pee-Wee WR 5:30-8:00 pm in Multi *MS Quiz Bowl @ Cameron	29 *V BB vs. Princeton 6 pm *Court/Mat Warming	30 *V WR @ Albany GRC Tourney 10 am *HS Dance 8-11 pm *CRBC games 9:30 am-3:00 pm in HS Gym
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### January 2010 Menu

Menu is subject to change.  
Each meal includes one milk.  
Lemonade and orange juice are available for 30¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 No Breakfast-Late Start Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	5 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	6 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	7 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Tater Tots, Fruit	8 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit
11 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Taco Stack, Spanish Rice, Fruit	12 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Sweet & Sour Chicken, Broccoli, Fruit	13 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	14 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	15 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Tuna or Bologna, Peas, Fruit
18 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	19 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Pasta with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit	20 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	21 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Wrapped Weiner, Baked Beans, Fruit	22 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
25 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	26 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chili, Carrot Sticks, Fruit	27 Hashbrown, Sausage, Toast, Fruit Beefy Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	28 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	29 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit

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