



# THE PANTHER PRIDE

November 2009

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## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

- Nov. 2
  - Late Start 10:20 am
  - MS BB vs. Osborn 6:30 pm
  - QSP Assembly for K-6
  - NHS Book Fair (2nd - 6th)
- Nov. 4
  - Area FFA Fall Speaking Contest @ Gallatin 4:30 pm
- Nov. 5
  - PAT Advisory Meeting 3:15 pm
- Nov. 7
  - MS BB Tourney @ Norborne TBA
- Nov. 9
  - FFA Fruit Sales Begin
- Nov. 13
  - 2nd Quarter Mid-Term
- Nov. 16
  - American Education Week
- Nov. 17
  - MS BB vs. Braymer 6:00 pm
- Nov. 18
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- Nov. 19
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  - PAT's 25th Birthday Celebration 6:30 pm in Multi
- Nov. 20
  - FFA Fruit Sales End
- Nov. 21
  - Band @ Cameron Holiday Parade 2:00 pm
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  - MS BB vs. Lathrop 6:00 pm
  - Red Wheel Fundraiser Delivered
- Nov. 25
  - Early Out 11:20 am
- Nov. 26
  - Thanksgiving Break No School
- Nov. 27
  - Thanksgiving Break No School
- Nov. 30
  - MS BB vs. Hamilton 5:30 pm

### From the Elementary Principal

As we begin the second quarter, I must say I hope the worst of this flu season is behind us. I missed not having the Parent Teacher Conferences because this is always an opportune time to meet with parents and discuss various topics. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher in regard to any school related issue. On the same note, I would like to thank our local Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) because for the last several years they have provided the meal for the teachers on the day of Parent Teacher Conferences. Just because the conferences were canceled does not mean the efforts of these volunteers were canceled. I know they had the entrees and desserts made prior to hearing about the cancelation and I just want them to know how much I appreciate them and their efforts. The PTO is very supportive of our school and our students, but I want everyone to know they also support all of our teachers.

If you are in the hallways of our school, please take special notice of some of the bulletin boards. Several teachers have been labeling the bulletin boards with Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). These GLEs are objectives that guide what is to be taught at each grade level. Throughout the year, teachers focus on the GLEs as they make their lesson plans. So many times the displays on the bulletin boards also follow the GLEs and some of the teachers have taken time to display those for others to see. The preschool is also doing this with their Project Construct objectives. If you would like more information about the GLEs, they can be found on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website at [www.dese.mo.gov](http://www.dese.mo.gov) or you may contact the school.

Students in grades K-4 have recently experienced more brain activity. Did you know that whenever your arm or leg crosses the midsection of your body, brain activity is increased? Research shows it is! The students in the lower elementary have been learning a variety of dances in their dance unit of PE. During these dances, there are multiple opportunities for students to "cross the midline" and get their brains active! When the brain is active, learning is occurring!

With winter arriving early (or so it seems) be sure to dress your child accordingly for outdoor recess. Coats, gloves, and hats are needed!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thanksgiving Break with school dismissing at 11:20 on November 25 and re-suming on November 30. The K-12 Winter Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 with and early out at 11:20 on Friday, December 18 to begin our Winter Break.

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## Polo BOE PAT on the Back

The Polo R-VII School Board awarded the Varsity Girls' Softball Team with PATs on the Back at their regular monthly meeting in October. The softball girls were District and Sectional Champions for the 2009 season.



Back Row (L to R): Maddy Misel, Ashley Allen, Nikki Junco, Sammie Jo Copeland, Jonna Stottlemire, Courtney Arthur, Kasey Bolling, Avery Snodgrass, and Savannah Cline. Front Row (L to R) Ashliegh Jones, Andra Young, Karlie Schafer, Katelyn Sanders, and Amy McBee. Not pictured: Alishia Bolling and Missy Cawthon.

## Polo 7-12th First Quarter "A" Honor Roll

### 7th Grade

Jessica Farmer  
Madison Curp  
Mason Misel  
Sidney Copeland

### 8th Grade

Megan Henry  
Jackson Pile  
Alexander Johnson

### 9th Grade

Sammie Copeland  
Avery Snodgrass  
Duncan Parker  
Dalton Mills  
Daniel Boruch  
Monica Fickess  
Brady McCaskey  
Zachary Freeman

### 10th Grade

Sarah Thomas  
Carlie Powers  
Dillon James  
Katie Garret  
Jennifer Lindaman

### 11th Grade

Nichole Junco  
Madison Misel  
Bobby Thompson  
Alex Templeton

### 12th Grade

Lance Snodgrass  
Haley Hurd  
Katelyn Sanders  
Andrew Wells  
Dalton Rardon  
Karlie Schafer  
Stormy Ross  
Tyler Russell  
Andra Young  
Rita Stottlemire  
Ashliegh Jones  
Joshua Junco  
Paige Ahart  
Brittney McGinley

## Elementary Honor Roll Honors

Students making the honor roll at Polo Middle School for the first quarter are: 5th Grade - A Honor Roll: Lauren Alden, Ryan Henry, Joely Hicks, Jake Leonard, Shelby Stump, Kalee Tarwaters, Gavin Walker. B Honor Roll: Austin Arthur, Haylie Arthur, Natalie Ball, Douglas Lindaman, Gunnar Martin, Alex Myers, Zackary Phillips, Tiffany Pimental, Taylor Rash, Garrett Thomas. 6th Grade - A Honor Roll: Gage Aubrey, Ashley Harris, Erik Johnson. B Honor Roll: Cheyanne Dye, Aerial Eggers, Emily Fickess, Jenna Johnson, Josh Kesler, Leslie McCaulley, Austin McKenzie, Brittany Sheppard, Parker Smith, Jesse Vaughan

## 1st Quarter Elementary Perfect Attendance

Conner Bruce	Andria Richardson
Luke Carr	Ayrika Ross
Alayna Chapman	Wyatt Segar
Kaydence Norton	Trevor Standley
Kenny Oswald	Carson Thomas
Jenee Qualman	Lauren Turnbow
Tyler Roberts	Tristan Alden
Kayla Smith	Alex Arthur
Andrew Stone	Maddy Baughman
Katelin Vaught	Paige Chapman
Jonathan Alden	Mariah Clevenger
Brooke Boydston	Christopher Dick
Kara Claypole	Shaylea Martin
Mallory Clevenger	Nickolas Myers
Ashley Foster	James Payne
Sara Harris	JR Ramirez
Ariel Martin	Jared Robison
Maggie Martin	Luke Cory
Jacob Sales	Dalton Frazier
Skylee Smith	Teresa Harris
Will Vaughan	Julianne Hurd
Amanda Whitt	Megan Latimer
Earl Cory	Teagan Logan
Laney Durbin	Cheyenne Martin
Dylan Frazier	Dylan Sales
Aaron Latimer	Matthew Vaughan
Katherine Nichols	Abby Walker

## FCCLA Turkey Bowl

by Linda Pilger

Staff Writer

The Annual FCCLA Turkey Bowl will be held on November 25 for the upper elementary through twelfth grade. Students attending will need to bring one dollar, which will be donated to Colton Newman, or two canned goods, which will be donated to the food pantry. All students and faculty are excited and prepared for another successful turkey bowl. If any member has not signed up already, please contact Mrs. Phares.

## NHS Book Fair

by Linda Pilger

Staff Writer

The National Honor Society is having the bookfair for grades K-12 again on November ninth through the thirteenth. There is a wide variety of books ranging from children books to cookbooks. All proceeds for this fundraiser go to the NHS for community projects and for field trips for the members and kids get to listen to famous writers on a field trip to UCM. The NHS would like to thank everyone who participated in the book fair.

## Polo 7-12th First Quarter "B" Honor Roll

### 7th Grade

Catherine Boruch  
Andrew Holland  
Adriana Segar  
Jacob Hicks  
Tristan Rardon  
Skylar Howe  
Alisha Ross  
Brandon Latimer  
Wiley Martin  
Trystan Sunby  
Kayla Carr  
Brooke Jones  
Katelyn Eichmeier

### 8th Grade

Megan Standley  
Loren Wagner  
Kelsey Gallion  
Ashley Adams  
Tyler James  
Jessica Willis  
Megan Rood  
Anna Way  
Amber Adams  
Andrew Williams  
Houston Stone  
Kylee Eaglen  
Kolton Roark  
Logan Stump

### 9th Grade

Rhea Rardon  
Anthony Utt  
Melissa Cawthon  
Savannah Cline  
Justin Hicks  
Corrine Attebery  
Jacob Rasmussen  
Derrek Tate  
Jordyn Phillips  
Taylor Stanley  
Camillia Smith  
Kasey Bolling

### 10th Grade

Ashton Shelton  
Emily Templeton  
Jordan Kilmer  
Alexandra Gaines  
Malorie Rood  
Jonna Stottlemyre  
Dylan Flowers  
Jennifer Brown  
Ashley Ross  
Harley Martin  
Kadee Phillips  
Hailey Thomas  
Toby Poje  
Jordin Langdon

### 11th Grade

Kaylie Sorenson  
Christian Clark  
Logan Dixon  
Jason Tarwaters  
Chelsea McGaugh  
Dillon Hufford  
Conagher Glasgow

### 12th Grade

Justin Garrett  
Michelle Templeton  
Dakota Christopher  
Linda Pilger  
Jeffery Damron  
Ashley Okorn  
Casey Braton  
Skye Robinson  
Rachel Utt  
Alishia Bolling  
Michael Fultz  
Zachary Tormey  
Kody VanBebber  
Alex Holland  
Jessica Vassmer

## FFA Fruit Sales

by Alex Templeton  
|Staff Writer

It's that time of year again, time for the Annual Polo FFA Chapter fruit sales. Starting November 9 and running through November 23, you will be able to purchase food from any local FFA member. This years' chosen provider of the food will be Harmison's Hometown Fund Raising, which is the same company used last year.

This year, cookie dough, sausage, cheese, candies, and fruits including apples, oranges, clementines, pears, grapefruit and others will be available for purchase. Once having ordered the food, it should be delivered the first full week of December. Also, you are not obligated to pay for your order until you receive your purchases.

Selling fruit and other goods is a great way for the Polo FFA Chapter to raise both money and chapter awareness. The funds that are collected help pay for conventions and chapter activities. All proceeds are greatly appreciated.

## Halloween Carnival

by Kaylie Sorenson  
|Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 24th, the People Who Care Organization threw the Community Halloween Carnival. It took place in the Community Center at Stagecoach Park. At the carnival, there were plenty of fun games, a haunted house, an inflatable bouncy house, an inflatable slide, Madame Brandy's tent, and much more.

Many NHS and FCCLA members turned out to help run the carnival. Other volunteers from the community came to help as well. In attendance, there were at least a hundred, give or take, volunteers.

I caught up with Andra Young, NHS member, between classes to ask her a few questions about the carnival. When asked if she liked it, Andra nods nonchalantly. "Yeah, it was fun to watch the kids." Her favorite part was: "Taking a break from my booth and jumping around in the bouncy house." Her advice for kids in the community that think about working it is: "Definitely work it. It's a lot of fun. Stick around until the end, it's the best part. You get to eat and goof around."

Hopefully next year there will be another Halloween Carnival just as fun and beneficial as this year's.



Students stop for a camera moment while helping with the haunted carnival  
Above: Mason Misel, Emma Tormey, Sarah Thomas, Haley Hurd, and Ashleigh Jones. Below: Courtney Arthur, Kadee Phillips, Maddy Misel, and Brittany Flow-

Seniors Andra Young and Paige Ahart assist the ghosts and goblins at basketball and skeetball.



## FCCLA trip to the Tan-Tar-a Resort

by Rita Stottlemyre  
Staff Writer

On October 25th FCCLA members, Katelyn Sanders, Carlie Powers, Landon Street, AJ Wells, Josh Junco, Rita Stottlemyre and Jessica Vassmer loaded the school bus for their three and a half hour ride to Osage Beach. The members were on their way to the Tan-Tar-A Resort to attend the Access FCCLA conferences.

After spending the ride sleeping, talking, and texting the members arrived early to the resort and decided to check out the indoor water park, Timber Falls. There were huge slides, a lazy river, and a massive relaxing whirlpool. After going to the water park, the members had to go back to their hotel rooms to get ready for their first meeting. Josh Junco said, "The hotel rooms were amazing." The rooms were big and each had their own balcony. AJ Wells spent his free time on the balcony. "I thought the lake view was nice," he commented.

Over 1,500 FCCLA members attended conferences at Tan-Tar-A. Katelyn, Carlie, and Landon attended the "Leadership Unlimited" conference. This conference focused on public speaking, team building, communication and conflict resolution, and personal qualities of effective leaders. The members participated in many games at the conference. Katelyn Sanders said, "I can't wait to show the games we played to our chapter." Rita, Jessica, Josh, and AJ attended the "Chapters in Action" conference. This conference focused on three national programs; community service, family first, and FACTS (Family, Action for Community Traffic Safety). Vice-President Jessica Vassmer said, "It was cool to see how other chapters volunteered in their community." The members who attended this conference developed four new projects for their FCCLA chapter. President Rita Stottlemyre said, "I'm excited to show the chapter what we learned and start to plan our new projects." While members were attending the conferences, Advisor Carol Phares was learning new community service ideas and attending networking meetings with other FCCLA advisors.

The members returned to Polo on October 26th. Overall, the trip to Tan-Tar-A to attend the Access FCCLA conference was a success. The Polo FCCLA Chapter has brought back new activities and community service ideas. The members had fun and will hopefully encourage other members to attend the Access conference next year.



## New Faculty Spotlight

by Brittney McGinley  
Staff Writer

Since Polo High School lost our choir teacher, Mr. McKinney, we replaced him with Andrea Henderson. Mrs. Henderson is married without any kids or pets. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese and her favorite drink is diet coke. Mrs. Henderson grew up in Liberty and attended Liberty High school. She was involved in concert choir, chamber choir, musicals, and youth group. I asked Mrs. Henderson if she liked Polo so far and she replied "Yes!"

Becky Ross is our new Social Studies teacher, taking the place of Kevin Webster. Mrs. Ross is also the head coach for the Varsity Softball team and the head coach for the Middle School Girls Basketball team. Mrs. Ross is married to Kyle Ross, our principal, and has one child name Tommy Lee. Mrs. Ross's role model is her mom and Michael Jordan. Her hobbies are golf and coaching, and her favorite sport is softball. Mrs. Ross went to Atchison High School and she went to college at Morningside College, Benedictine College, and William Woods University. Her favorite drink is unsweetened iced tea and her favorite food is tacos.



Mrs. Henderson accompanies the choir with the piano while practicing during 7th hour.



Mrs. Ross instructs her American History class during 7th hour.



Students Jose Vasquez and Paige Chapman in Mrs. Dixon's class attentively listen to her teach.

## Spotlight on the 3rd Grade

by Paige Ahart

Staff Writer

What projects are the students working on? Patty Dixon says her 3rd grade class is learning how to write a five paragraph paper with a subject and supporting details. They are writing about Halloween and Thanksgiving now. This is to help them get ready for the Communication Arts part of the MAP test. Another fun thing Mrs. Dixon's class is working on is multiplication; they listen to a Math rap song to help them remember. Lea Stauble's class is working on addition and subtraction, how to use money, and how to tell time. They are also learning expository text and reading for facts and to answer questions. Her class is learning about plants and how they adapt in different environments.

What do you like about teaching the 3rd grade? Mrs. Dixon says she loves how the students are anxious to learn and willing to prove themselves. "There is never a dull moment", she says, "everyday is a new day". Mrs. Dixon has "turned her obstacles into opportunities." Mrs. Stauble says "I just love the kids; they are fun". This year has been a good year in her class. "They make fun of me when I make a mistake, which shows they have personality."

What is the class's favorite subject? What do they have the most fun learning? Mrs. Dixon's class enjoys I.P.I. structures in Reading and Math. She makes learning into a game with partners and groups. Mrs. Stauble's class enjoys Math a lot. They also like Science and Social Studies.

I asked each 3rd grader a certain question to get to know them individually a little bit. Some took a little bit of persuading to get a good answer out of them, but we had a lot of laughs in the process.

Jose Vasquez said his favorite subject is Math. Alex Arthur also said his favorite subject is Math. Paige Chapman said her favorite subject is science. Jared Robison's favorite subject is Math. Shelby Pitman said her favorite subject is handwriting. Zach Kelley's favorite subject is Math.

Taylor Wagner wants to be a surgeon when she grows up. Payton Tate wants to be a teacher. Maddy Baughman wants to be a vet. Chance Carr wants to be a video game designer. Joseph Hilburn wants to be a security guard, like his father.

When I asked if they like 3rd grade, they all said yes. Tristan Alden said it was because he has a nice teacher. James Bowman said because it was fun. Mariah Clevenger said it was because she made new friends. Shaylea Martin said it was because she had a nice teacher. Summer said she liked 3rd grade because of her wonderful teacher.

It was really great getting to know these students and spending time in the classroom with Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Stauble. Keep up the good work, 3rd graders!



## Thanksgiving

by Paige Ahart

Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is the United States' harvest festival. It is a time to give thanks to the harvest and express gratitude. It is based on an autumn harvest feast held by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people in 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. This celebration was one of the first by Europeans in North America. However, the earliest known Thanksgiving celebration was September 8, 1565 in Saint Augustine, Florida.

Presently, Thanksgiving is held on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. This day is used for the gathering of family members and close friends to give thanks for everything they have been blessed with throughout the year. The celebration is fashioned after the Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims in 1621, where people celebrate with a large feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, casserole, ham, sweet potatoes, and an assortment of pies, such as pumpkin, pecan, and apple. It is arguably the best holiday of the year. Senior Britney McGinley says, "I love Thanksgiving. I love eating green bean casserole with the crunchy onion things on top. But my all time favorite is sweet potatoes covered in marshmallows. I can't wait to eat them at my grandma's house and lie on the couch and take a nap after I eat five plates of delicious food."

Thanksgiving may have originated in North America, but its festivities have crossed the world. It is celebrated in Canada on the second Monday of October and originates back to an explorer, Martin Frobisher; Croatia has Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving day on August 5, which commemorates the War of Independence; Grenada holds a national holiday on October 25 to mark the anniversary of the United States-led invasion of the island in 1983; Liberia holds their version of Thanksgiving on the first Monday in November; Norfolk Island celebrates on the last Wednesday in November; Solomon Islands celebrate on December 26.

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, happy eating and remember the real reason for Thanksgiving is to give thanks for your blessings from the year.

## American Education Week

by Katelyn Sanders

Staff Writer

The 88th Annual American Education week will take place November 15th - November 21st. It is a week focused on the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education. The Annual tagline, Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility, is set to reflect how America's public schools allow students to grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century. There are specific tasks for each day of the week throughout the nation including: Open House Day, Parents Day, Education Support Day, Educator for a Day, and Substitute Educators Day. These days allow for the parents and students to understand what efforts the teachers put forth to make education here at Polo number one.

## Middle School Basketball

by Alex Templeton  
Staff Writer

Recently, the boys' and girls' 7th and 8th grade basketball teams have begun their season. With the season underway, both teams are hopeful for many victories. This year's coaches for the girls' team are Head Coach Becky Ross, Assistant Coach Bridget Zabel and Assistant Student Coach Nikki Junco. For the boys' team, Curtis Flory is the Head Coach.

Head boys coach Curtis Flory hopes the kids will understand the fundamentals of basketball, improve skills, and have a fun season. Some of their strengths include working hard, and hustling. With 12 kids out, Coach Flory hopes "we will have a successful season; I hope that kids who went out will grasp all the fundamentals and have fun. Hopefully we get some wins along the way."

The assistant girls' coach Bridget Zabel also hopes for a successful season. They hope to accomplish preparing the seventh graders for a good season next year, and preparing the eighth graders for high school basketball. Their strengths include quickness, the ability to press the offense, leadership, and team cohesion. Coach Zabel is "really glad I helped Coach Ross this year, and I feel the girls are learning a lot and having lots of fun." Both teams are sure to be successful, so be sure to come out and support the Polo Panthers!

### PARENTS AS TEACHERS THROWS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, November 19th  
6:30 to 7:30 pm

Polo R-VII Multi-Purpose Room

*All families in the Polo R-VII district are invited to join in on the fun!*

Parents As Teachers is having their 25th birthday, and to celebrate, they are throwing a birthday party for families in the area. The party will be held Thursday, November 19th, from 6:30 to 7:30, in the multi-purpose room. The party is open to families with children, ages birth to 5 years, not just those enrolled in Parents as Teachers programs. We would also like to invite families who have participated in Parents As Teachers in the past and anyone who wishes to show their support of the Parents As Teachers program.

Parents As Teachers is an organization dedicated to serving families. With this in mind the birthday party will be an event full of fun and games for families with children. Additionally, trained staff will be on hand to discuss development and other questions parents may have. Come help us celebrate 25 years of Parents as Teachers helping parents to become their child's first and best teacher!

## Undefeated Middle School Panthers

by Brittney McGinley  
Staff Writer

The Polo Middle School football team was on fire all year long, with all wins and one tie; they were unbeatable. The seventh and eighth grade boys and the community are very proud of how the season ended when asked, "What made the football team so good?", Houston Stone said, "we had good leadership, blocking and running ability, and most of all, teamwork. The coaches were also a big part of our wins they pushed us to be the best and to be the best you got to beat the best." Starting with the Braymer Bobcats, the game was a knock out, followed by Excelsior Springs then Lawson, with both of those games a complete victory. The Panther's next game would be more challenging against the Cameron Dragons. With the game ending in a tie, I asked Dakota McGinley, "What could have helped you boys win the football game against Cameron?" he replied, "if we wouldn't have fumbled the ball and if the coaches would of put the punt team in instead of trying to go for a first down on their thirty yard line. We turned the ball over and they scored to tie the game up. We should have worked harder in the second half, and they had a lot more people than us." After the hardest game of the season, the Hamilton Hornets were next on the schedule. With hardly any effort, the Panthers won that game also. The last and final game was the Braymer Bobcats again. I was talking to Jonathan Shelton and asked him "What got your football team fired up for the two Braymer games?" He said, "They are our biggest rivals. The captains' were screaming and getting us fired up; as the captains were standing there and the other players were running by we were hitting their shoulders and head butting." The Panthers were so excited that the season ended up to be the best that Polo has had so far. I asked Jack Pile, "What did you think about the overall football season?" he replied, "I thought we did amazing, we worked hard all season to be the best and at the end we ended up on top. We could have beat Cameron but we had mental errors that let Cameron get into the end zone. The overall season was amazing; I had the time of my life, now I am ready for basketball to get started up." Congratulations to the Middle School Football team for being undefeated all year. They worked very hard to be as good as they were.



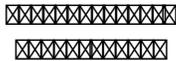
## And the Award Goes To...

by Katelyn Sanders  
|Staff Writer

Softball has come to an end and the Lady Panthers finished with an awarding season, literally. When district play had come to an end, the selection process began to decide which players would make first and second team all district. These girls are chosen during a meeting in which coaches nominate and vote specific players they feel deserve the award. The Panthers made a stunning appearance with six Varsity starters making the list. Nikki Junco, Andra Young, Courtney Arthur, Katelyn Sanders, Alishia Bolling, and Maddy Misel were the players to claim First Team All District status. The awards continued as Alishia Bolling made second team All Conference and Maddy Misel making All Regional and second team All State. These girls played a hard and tough season, with their efforts being rewarded. Congratulations, Lady Panthers!



Juniors Maddy Misel, Courtney Arthur, and Nikki Junco. Seniors Katelyn Sanders and Andra Young. Not pictured: Senior Alishia Bolling.



Junior Maddy Misel



Senior Alishia Bolling



Coming together as a team to pray before a big game.

## Softball Wrap Up

by Kaylie Sorensen  
|Staff Writer

Whew, what a roller coaster of a year for our Lady Panther Softball players. After a long rough patch of a season, the girls turned it on for the district, sectionals, and the quarter finals games.

On October 7th, the softball girls rode into Jamesport with heads held high and determined looks in their eyes. They won all three of the district games held in Jamesport. The first, against Tri-County Jamesport, went well for the Panthers. We slid past them, leaving a cloud of dust and the ringing sound of our victory screams. The second game was on the 9th, postponed after bad weather. It was against Southwest, which again ended in a Polo victory. The last game of Districts was held on the day after, the 10th, and resulted in yet another Panther victory. The Ladies made it through Sectionals, still in Jamesport, defeating Newtown-Harris. With all of these victories under their belts, the Lady Panthers had a reason to have broad smiles on their faces. They prepared themselves for Quarterfinals in Chillicothe.

The Quarterfinal game was held on October 17th in Chillicothe, MO. Our Lady Panthers were up against a good team, but they didn't let this faze them. Jefferson came out victorious, winning 13 points to zero.

Even though they didn't make it as far as we were all hoping, our Lady Panthers have shown great skill and sportsmanship. They made it through difficult games, scraped and bruised, but happy all the same. In the long run, that's all that matters. They went out, had fun, and won some games to top it all off. Now that is why one should love the game of softball.

## History of Veterans Day

by Rita Stottlemire  
|Staff Writer

November 11th, 1918 is observed as the last date of World War I. The war officially ended on June 28th, 1919 when the Treaty of Versailles was signed. The reason why Veterans Day is on November 11th is because the fighting ceased seven months earlier when the settlement went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. An act was approved on May 13, 1983 making November 11th a legal holiday. It was known as Armistice Day and it was to honor veterans of World War I. After World War II, the Act of 1983 was amended by replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans". November 11th became a day to honor all veterans from all wars on June 1, 1954.

### Veterans Day Facts

- \*There are 23.6 million veterans as of the year 2007.
- \*90 percent of veterans as of 2007 have a high school diploma; only 25 percent have a bachelor's degree.
- \*As of 2007 there are 1.8 million female veterans.
- \*5.7 percent of veterans are living in poverty as of 2007.
- \*There are six million veterans with a disability.
- \*As of 2006, 2.7 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- \*In 2007, there were 9.3 million veterans older than 65.
- \*In the 2006 congressional election, 61 percent of veterans cast a vote. Only 46 percent of nonveterans voted.
- \*In 2007, there were 10.7 million veterans ages 18 to 64 in the labor force.

### November 2009 Activities Calendar

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### November 2009 Menu

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 No Breakfast-Late Start Taco Stack, Pinto Beans, Fruit	3 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	4 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	5 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	6 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
9 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	10 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	11 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Wrapped Weiner, Soup, Fruit	12 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	13 Donut, Ham, Fruit THANKSGIVING DINNER
16 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chili, Carrot Sticks, Fruit	17 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit	18 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	19 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Fruit	20 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit
23 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Broccoli, Fruit	24 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit BBQ Riblet, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	25 Donut, Sausage, Fruit No Lunch-Early Out	26 NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING BREAK
30 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit				

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