



# THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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## Important May Dates

- May 3
  - Late Start 10:20 am
  - GRC Varsity Track @ Albany 3 pm
  - CTAMeeting 7:30 am
- May 4
  - Music Banquet 6 pm in HS Gym
  - EOC Testing
  - Senior finals (if attending trip)
- May 5
  - Elementary Field Day 9 am
  - FCCLA Activity Day 1-3 pm in HS Gym
- May 6
  - MS Track GRC Meet @ Worth County 3 pm
  - Senior finals (if attending trip)
- May 7
  - 4th Grade Field Trip
  - MAP/EOC Trip for 2009 8:30 am-2:45 pm
- May 8
  - Varsity Track Districts @ St. Joe Christian
- May 10
  - School Health Advisory Meeting 3:15 pm
  - Korean War Assembly (various times for grades)
  - Senior Trip
- May 11
  - Cub Construction Preschool Program 6:30 pm HS Gym
  - Senior Trip
- May 12
  - Senior Trip
  - Senior finals (if not attending trip)
- May 13
  - Senior Trip
  - Senior finals (if not attending trip)
- May 14
  - Graduation Rehearsal
- May 15
  - Varsity Track Sectionals @ Albany
- May 16
  - Graduation 2 pm in HS Gym
- May 17
  - Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 pm
  - BOE Mtg. 7 pm
  - 8th Grade Graduation 7:30 pm
- May 18
  - Finals
- May 19
  - Finals
- May 20
  - End of Year Elementary Awards 8:45 am in Multi
- May 21
  - Last Day of School (Early Out at 11:20 am)
  - Varsity State Track @ Jefferson City
- May 22
  - Varsity State Track @ Jefferson City

## From the Elementary Principal

by Beverly Deis

Principal

As I write this letter and the regular school year is coming to an end, most students, as well as myself, are wondering about summer school. By the time this edition is published, I hope "we" have heard the final decision about summer school. In the event your child does not attend summer school, I still recommend every child read during the summer. Reading the map when on vacation or reading the recipe for something new on the grill - any reading will benefit any child. If you have not heard about summer school, please feel free to call the school and ask.

May's word of the month is "self-discipline." Everyone can benefit from self-discipline. Strength of mind, self-control, willpower, and restraint are all synonymous with self-discipline. Be sure to ask your child how he/she is learning about self-discipline while at school.

Many great things have happened recently at Polo Elementary. MAP testing and Stanford testing ended a few weeks ago with students now taking the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Assessments and STAR Reading Assessments during the last few weeks of school. Several students recently participated in the Orrick Math Contest. The 5th-6th grade basketball games, elementary basketball and Pee Wee Wrestling are now over with many students already involved in summer activities. Many students have already attended their class field trips with only one field trip left this spring.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer break.

### Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar include:

- May 7 - Fourth Grade Field Trip
- May 10 - Assembly with Korean War Veterans (grades 3-12)
- May 11 - Preschool Concert, 6:30 pm in gym
- May 16 - Graduation
- May 17 - Kindergarten Graduation, 6:30
- May 20 - Awards for grades 2-6 at 8:45 am in MP room
- May 21 - School Dismisses at 11:20.

**Polo Graduation  
Sunday, May 16, 2010  
2:00 pm  
High School Gym**

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## Orrick Math Contest

by Linda Guerriero

Math  
Teacher

Saturday, March 27th twenty two excited mathematics students boarded a bus and headed to Orrick. They were about to participate in the annual Orrick Mathematics contest. The students that attended were Megan Latimer, Matthew Vaughan, Michael Kerste, Chris Willis, Cheyenne Martin, Jake Leonard, Tiffany Pimental, Loren Alden, Garrett Thomas, Shelby Stump, Parker Smith, Brittany Sheppard, Ashley Harris, Jenna Johnson, Emily Fickess, Cheyanne Dye, Mason Misel, Jessica Farmer, Andrew Holland, Tristan Rardon, Matthew Ham, Jessica Willis, Kelsey Gallion, and Megan Henry. The students were from grades 4-8 and they took a battery of tests in the following categories: computation, geometry, and group problem solving. Those attending as well as those who placed are listed below. We are very proud of them in this achievement.

### *Polo Results of the Orrick Math Contest*

#### **4th Grade**

##### *Computation*

Matthew Vaughan - Tied for 5th

#### **5th Grade**

##### *Computation*

Garrett Thomas - Tied for 3rd

Loren Alden - Tied for 4th

##### *Geometry & Measurement*

Tiffany Pimental - Tied for 4th

Loren Alden - Tied for 5th

##### *Problem Solving*

Team Polo - 3rd

#### **6th Grade**

##### *Problem Solving*

Team Polo - 4th

#### **7th Grade**

##### *Computation*

Andrew Holland - 3rd

Mason Misel - Tied for 4th

##### *Geometry & Measurement*

Jessica Farmer - Tied for 2nd

Andrew Holland - Tied for 2nd

Mason Misel - Tied for 5th

##### *Problem Solving*

Team Polo - 1st

##### *Overall*

Andrew Holland - 1st

Mason Misel - 4th

Jessica Farmer - Tied for 5th

#### **8th Grade**

##### *Computation*

Kelsey Gallion - Tied for 5th

##### *Geometry & Measurement*

Megan Henry - Tied for 5th

##### *Problem Solving*

Team Polo - 3rd

## Earth Day

Mrs. Esry's 2nd graders celebrated Earth Day by making watering jugs and scoops out of milk jugs which they used to haul rocks to use as mulch in one of the gardens as well as water the plants. They also made basil herb planters and pencil holders out of tin cans.



Mrs. Esry helps Trysten Wolf water the plants as Joel Heil watches.

2nd graders, Katherine Nichols, Trevor Standley, Trysten Wolf, Wyatt Segar, and Saffy Turnbow worked in one of the outdoor classrooms adding rock mulch to the plants on Earth Day.



Ayrika Ross and Cecilia Romero add rocks to the garden.

## Elementary Field Day

by Dillon Hufford

Staff  
Writer

Wednesday May 5th starting at nine am. Grades 1st through 6th will be participating in the elementary field day, which is held at the end of every year. This event is a type of reward for the students doing such a good job during the school year. During this field day, students have competitions to measure speed, endurance, and team work. Yes, this is fun for the elementary kids. Also if they place in the top of an event, they will be given a ribbon for their place. In addition to every student that participates will receive a reward, no matter how they place, just for competing. We invite parents who have a child in an elementary class to come out to support our students and watch them have fun.

## NHS Induction Ceremony

Polo High School's National Honor Society chapter held its Annual Induction ceremony Monday, April 5, in the library. Mr. Ross began the night by welcoming the guests and congratulating the new members. President Lance Snodgrass followed with an introduction and Vice President Dalton Rardon explained the meaning of the NHS emblem and motto. Then members Paige Ahart, Ashliegh Jones, Linda Pilger, and Katelyn Sanders described the four guidelines of the Society, which are scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The new members were then inducted; they are sophomores Dillon James, Jonna Stottlemyre, Emily Templeton, and Sarah Thomas.

NHS sponsor, Mrs. Davies, concluded the ceremony by handing out certificates and insignias, and congratulating the new members. Refreshments and a reception followed.

Students who have completed at least three semesters of high school and have a grade point average of 3.0 or above are eligible to apply. The Faculty Council then reviews the applications and only those who excel in scholarship, leadership, character, and service are admitted.



## A Time to Honor Mom

by Alex Templeton

Staff  
Writer

Mother's Day can be traced all the way back to ancient Greece celebrations in honor of Rhea, the mother of the gods. Over the years, the holiday was spread enough to include all mothers, not just Roman Gods and it gained enough popularity to be celebrated all over the world and be celebrated on May ninth. Mothers will be lavished with gifts or attention from family members. Usually, Mothers receive things such as flowers, cards, or more personal gifts. Polo's own Coach Curtis Floray likes to make his mother personal presents. "Every year, I make my mother a macaroni-picture frame with my picture in it." Floray says. "I've been doing it for a long time now and she loves it every time." Curtis Floray isn't the only one who likes to make hand-made presents. Many kids all around the school make personal cards, or other gifts for their mom. In the elementary, some classes make gifts during class for their moms to show how much they love them.

## STATE FBLA

Members of the Polo Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter recently attended the 2010 Missouri FBLA Leadership Conference held on April 18th, 19th, and 20th in Columbia, Missouri.

FBLA is a career and technical student organization for all high school students participating in business programs. Over 2,750 members and advisers representing 426 chapters throughout the state met to elect state officers, transact business of the state chapter, participate in leadership and career workshops, and compete in the state leadership awards program.

Individuals representing the Polo Chapter in the state competitive leadership awards program were: Katelyn Sanders in Business Communications and Client Service, Dalton Rardon in Sports Management, Rita Stottlemyre as a voting delegate, and Brittney McGinley as a voting delegate. Winning recognition at the state conference was: Katelyn Sanders received 7th in Client Service and Dalton Rardon received 10th in Sports Management. Ashley Arth is the local chapter adviser and accompanied the students to the conference.

by Rita Stottlemyre

Staff  
Writer

On April 18th, FBLA members Brittney McGinley, Rita Stottlemyre, Dalton Rardon, Katelyn Sanders and Advisor Ashley Arth attended State FBLA Convention in Columbia. Sunday night the members went to the Holiday Inn, where the conference was held. Katelyn performed in the preliminary event of Client Services competition. Following the preliminary event, they posted the top 8 to perform in the finals on Monday afternoon. On Monday morning, the members attended a leadership workshop. Brittney and Rita went to one about resumes. They learned about how to properly make a great resume. They were taught how to impress an employer and the dos and don'ts of the hiring process. Dalton went to the workshop called Cyber Bullying/ Cyber Stalking. Katelyn and Mrs. Arth were preparing for Katelyn's next performance. Brittney and Rita were the voting delegates so they went to the election room to vote for the 2010-2011 state officers. "It was a long process, but it was exciting that we got to help decide the state officers," said FBLA member, Rita Stottlemyre. After elections, the group went out for a nice meal that night then went back to the hotel to rest for the next morning. Tuesday morning was the awards ceremony. The members waited anxiously to see if Katelyn or Dalton would qualify to compete at Nationals in July in Nashville, TN. Katelyn received 7th in Client Services, and Dalton received 10th in Sports Management. Though neither qualified for nationals, all the members and Mrs. Arth were very proud of both Katelyn and Dalton for their accomplishments.

## Graduation

by Kaylie Sorensen

Staff  
Writer

The time has come when invitations must be mailed out, senior trip permission slips must be turned in, and caps and gowns are carried home in plastic bags. Another class of Polo R-7 students will be gracing the makeshift stage and accepting their diplomas, in what seems like a few short weeks. Graduation is something that almost every high school student looks forward to, and these kids are no exception.

Graduation will be held, as always, in the high school gym on May 16, 2010 starting at 2:00 in the afternoon. The school choir is even singing a song during graduation, "Old Irish Blessing". Cars will be parked, before graduation, in the student lot behind the school and you will enter into the commons right off of the gym. Ushers will seat you in the rows or bleacher area assigned to the senior student graduating. As always there will be speeches, flowers given to loved ones, and the infamous giving of the diplomas. When asked about graduation, Senior Andra Young was jubilant. "It's a relief and is exciting. I'm looking forward to senior trip, but the summer after too. I plan on hanging out with as many people as possible as much as possible this summer. I'm very excited about college and getting out there." Another senior, Linda Pilger, was just as excited. "I'm excited as well as scared. I'm ready to get to the college stage and get on with my career. After graduation, I'm planning on attending Maple Woods Community College and transferring to a 4 year college for photography."

Soon our school gym will be transformed into a graduation hall and the senior class will be hurrying across the stage to grab their diplomas. It would be greatly appreciated if you come and enjoy in the festivities.

## Seniors, Seniors, Seniors!

by Brittney McGinley

Staff  
Writer

This is the last high school year for the class of 2010! With senior trip and graduation approaching, there are many things to complete, dues, points, graduation outfit, invitations sent out, food for graduation party, I think you get the hint. Senior year is by far the most expensive year of high school, but it was all worth the memories we made. Many seniors look forward to senior trip, a week of nothing but seniors and fun. I asked Stormy Ross "What are you looking forward to the most on senior trip?" Stormy said, "Getting to hang out with everyone for the last time." For some of us seniors, it is going to be the last time we ever see each other, with some of the seniors going to different colleges, it will be difficult to all get back together again except for class reunions.

After senior trip is graduation. With graduation comes emotions, sad and happy, as well as scared and confident. I asked Andra Young, "How are your emotions about graduation?" Andra's response was, "Excitement, happy and ready." Aren't we all?

## Literature Festival

### Reflection

by Paige Ahart

Staff  
Writer

On Monday, March 15, 2010, the Polo National Honor Society Chapter took a trip to the Literature Festival in Warrensburg. A variety of students grades 3 through 8 went. The teachers selected the students based on academic performance and behavior. The chaperones included Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Minnis, and Rosemary Henry.

The students sat in on presentations by authors Michael Graf, who wrote Danger in the Narrows; Dandy Daley Mackall, who was born and raised in Hamilton; Terry Trueman, which a lot of kids had read his book Cruise Control; and Roderick Townley, who wrote The Blue Shoe.

Here's what the students had to say about the literature festival:

Alex Johnson wrote, "On the literature festival, we saw several authors that all taught some tips to be good authors. Terry Trueman said, "If you set a time limit to write you are not a good author, but if you lose track of time when you write that means you're doing something right". Michael Graf taught us your stories need to be exciting and dangerous, to not have your characters be boring. He also said one character needs a special disability so a character doesn't become boring. All in all, I thought that we all had a good time there."

Kelsey Gallion said, "On Monday, March 15, a group of students, grades 4 through 8, went on the literature festival in Warrensburg. The money was raised by the high school Honor Society, who also went along to Warrensburg and helped supervise. At the literature festival, the Polo students were able to see 5 authors: Dandy Daley Mackall, Terry Trueman, Suzanne Williams, Roderick Townley, and Michael Graf. The students that went had a good time. They were able to meet the authors, hear them talk about their books, and get their books signed."

Logan Stump wrote, "Monday, March 15, a group of 344 Polo students went to the Warrensburg literature festival. The bus set out at 7:00 a.m. and did not return until 5:00 p.m. During the day, the students saw several authors such as Terry Trueman, Roderick Townley, Michael Graf, and Dandy Daley Mackall. Dandy Daley Mackall was raised in Hamilton MO, thirteen miles North on Highway 13. Many students liked listening to the authors we saw."



(Continued from previous column)

I asked Lance Snodgrass, "How many times did you change what you wanted to be though your high school career? And what is it now? Lance said, "I changed my mind three or four times but now I want to be a plant breeder." Lastly, I asked Destiney Freeman, "Looking back did your senior year go like you planned and why? She said, "No... I planned to hang out with my friends all the time and have fun, and participate in more school activities, instead I found out I was pregnant and had a beautiful baby girl in December." With our lives going separate ways, I wish the class of 2010 the best of luck for the future!

# Senior 2010 Salute



*Michael Fultz*



*Rachel Utt*



*Stormy Ross*



*Michelle Templeton*



*Rita Stottlemyre*



*Tyler Russell*



*Paige Ahart*



*Skye Robinson*



*Zachary Tormey*

# Senior 2010 Salute



*Alex Holland*



*Brandon Tindle*



*Ashliegh Jones*



*Destiney Freeman*



*Alishia Bolling*



*Brittney McGinley*



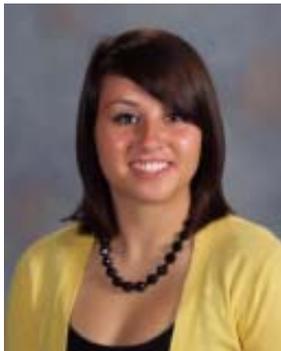
*Dalton Rardon*



*Ashley Okorn*



*Casey Braton*



*Andra Young*



*Andrew (AJ) Wells*



*Dakota (DC) Christopher*

# Senior 2010 Salute



*Haley Hurd*



*Karlie Schafer*



*Justin Garrett*



*Linda Pilger*



*Jeffrey Damron*



*Katelyn Sanders*



*Joshua Junco*



*Lance Snodgrass*



*Jessica Vassmer*



*Keith Hill*



*Jessilyn Williams*



*Kody VanBebber*

### May 2010 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *Music Booster Pancake Breakfast 6:30 – 11:00 am
2	3 *Late Start 10:20 am *GRC V Track @ Albany 3 pm *CTA Mtg 7:30 am	4 *Music Banquet 6 pm in HS Gym *EOC Testing *Senior finals (if attending trip)	5 *Elementary Field Day 8 am *FCCLA Activity 1-3 pm in HS Gym	6 *MS Track GRC Meet @ Worth County 3 pm *Senior finals (if attending trip)	7 *4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip *MAP/EOC Trip for 2009 8:30-2:45	8 *V Track Districts @ St. Joe Christian
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16 *HS Graduation 2 pm	17 *BOE Mtg 7 pm *8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:30 pm *Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 pm	18 *Finals	19 *Finals	20 *End of Yr Elementary Awards Assembly 8:45 am in Multi	21 *Last Day of School-Early Out 11:20 am *V State Track @ Jefferson City	22 *V State Track @ Jefferson City

### May 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
3 Late Start – NO BREAKFAST Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Hashbrown, Fruit	4 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, California Mix with Cheese, Fruit	5 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Beefy Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit (K-6 Sack Lunch)	6 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	7 Donuts, Ham, Fruit Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit
10 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog or Burrito, Baked Beans, Fruit	11 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit	12 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Riblet, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	13 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	14 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit
17 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	18 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	19 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	20 Waffle, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	21 Donut, Ham, Fruit Early Out – NO LUNCH

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