



THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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Important December Dates

- 1 - Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 2- V/JV WR vs. N. Platte & S. Harrison 6 pm
- 3 - Scholastic Winter Activity & yearbook group pictures starting at noon
- 6 - Late Start 10:20 am
 - V/JV BB @ Ridgeway 5 pm
 - Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 7 - MS BB vs. Cameron 6 pm
- 8 - Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 9 - MS BB @ E. Buchanan 5:30 pm
- 11- V WR Polo Dual Team Tourney 9:30 am
- 13- V BB @ E. Buchanan 6 pm
 - Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 14- PK - 12 Winter Program 6:30 pm
- 15- JV BB @ Lathrop Tourney 4:30 pm
 - Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 17- V WR @ St. Mary's Christmas Tourney 5:30 pm
- 18- V WR @ St. Mary's Christmas Tourney
- 20- Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi
- 22- Early Out 11:20 am
- 23-1/2 - No School (Christmas Break)

Amazing Performance on MAP Tests

These students scored advanced on all of their MAP tests. Excellent performance!!!



Pictured: Megan Henry, Mason Misel, Jack Pile, and Brandon Latimer.

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From the Elementary Office

by Beverly Deis
Elem. Principal

As we are nearing the end of the first semester, the weather becomes much more unpredictable. Make sure you send proper clothes for recess time including coats, gloves, hats, etc. Also, it seems we have quite a collection of coats and hats in the elementary lost and found, so feel free to check those out! Please remind your child to bring home any "extras" they might have at school to keep the classrooms as clean as possible.

Students in grades K-6 attended the assembly on Peru by Randy Nadler on November 5. Students were able to view many pictures of Peru while listening to Randy discuss his travels there. We would like to thank the Parent - Teacher Organization for sponsoring this assembly.

The December character word of the month is compassion. Synonyms of compassion are caring, concern, and kindness. Ask your child(ren) how they are showing compassion to others at school on a daily basis.

December 6 (our regular late start day) will mark our second parental involvement day. This day will be for the parents of our K- 2 students with a focus on reading. Teachers will be sending out more information about this day at a later date.

Our PreK-12 Winter Program will be Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 in the high school gymnasium. Students are to be here at 6:15 and the Preschool students will start the evening off with some songs. Mr. Dunker and Mrs. Henderson have coordinated the K-12 program this year.

School will dismiss on Wednesday, December 22 at 11:20 for our Winter Break. This will also end our first semester (second quarter). School will resume on January 3 with a late start day. Grade cards will be mailed out after we return to school.

We have had several QSP and School Mall Booklets returned. I would like to thank everyone for their support of these programs and our school.

I hope everyone enjoys their Winter Break with family and friends.

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Another Spooktacular event sponsored by Polo's PWCO

The People Who Care Organization held their 7th annual Halloween Carnival last Saturday night at the Polo Community Building. The PWCO reported a record year. There were over 289 children registered to win one of 4 ten dollar door prizes. This event grows bigger every year. The building was full of children and parents, guests standing elbow to elbow to enjoy 13 game booths, I-Denti-Kid provided by the Caldwell County Sheriff's office, a Haunted House that had 580 guests go through it, a blow up 30 foot slide, a bounce house, cake walks where they took in 893 quarters for a total of \$223.25, a prize booth that held over \$800 in prizes and the PWCO ran out just as the event ended. Winners of the raffles were: Wishing Well - Connie Cook, 20" Bike- Liz Oswald, 16" Bike - Micielo Silkwood, -Toddler Bike - Cristy Hampshire. This was truly a spectacular event in Polo this Halloween season.



It takes several adults and many Polo High School students to organize and put on this event. The students receive community service for volunteering to work the 4 hour carnival, but reported that it was the most fun they have had doing community service. Sarah Davies, Polo NHS sponsor and Carol Phares, FCCLA sponsor assist the PWCO in recruiting and organizing the high school students. The following are the adults and the high school students who volunteered their time to help make the carnival a success: student volunteers: Maddy Misel, Mason Misel, Kadee Phillips, Jeff King, Travis Allen, David Casey, Dylan Misel, Trevor Misel, Justin Hicks, Kaylie Sorensen, Sarah Thomas, Linda Mynatt, Tonya Wightman, Emma Tormey, Austin Bowley, Kylee Eaglen, Carlie Powers, Ashley Allen, Danielle Allen, Aimee Walker, Abby Walker, Seara Tarwaters, Montana Heil, Landyn Street, Dillon James, Courtney Arthur, Nikki Junco, Haley Harrison, Joely Hicks, Avery Snodgrass, Alex Gaines, Sammie Copeland, Alex Templeton, Brandon Latimer, Emily Templeton, Jonna Stottlemire, & James Taylor. Adult volunteers: Virginia Fry, Pat Misel, Greg Misel, Debby Misel, Julie Phillips, Barb Allen, Danny Allen, Cheryl Misel, Patty Walker, Shelby McKee, Marilyn Clevenger, Judy Baker, Connie Cook, Kara Segal, Pat Whitley, Patsy Whitley, Rodney Clevenger, Carol Clevenger, Jane Shelton, Joe Shelton, Autumn Latimer, Keith Latimer, Greg Baker, & Lesa Stottlemire.



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Preschool has gone to the "DOGS"

If you ever thought preschool was just for play, think again! A few weeks ago, preschool students were making "dog" treats after discussing healthy and unhealthy food for pets. In the usual kitchen setting, students were using measuring cups to measure out flour and cornmeal. They were also predicting how an ingredient would feel and then they would compare it to other items (one student said cornmeal felt like sand). As they were mixing the ingredients, they talked about various colors of the ingredients, they counted how many scoops to put in the mixture, they learned about beginning sounds and letters ("y" for yellow corn meal), and they learned how to work cooperatively, taking turns mixing and stirring. All of this learning just when making dog treats!



1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

5th Grade

Luke Cory, Patrick Covey, Sierra Dye, Amanda Hilburn, Makenzie Jay, Teagan Logan, Cheyenne Martin, Dylan Sales, Zach Smith

6th Grade

Lauren Alden, Haylie Arthur, Decon Brower, Douglas Lindaman, Dakota Martin, Alex Myers, Zack Phillips, Tiffany Pimentel, Kalee Tarwater, Austin VanOster

7th Grade

Shelby Bates, Logan Bowley, Jorgia Cory, Cheyanne Dye, Emily Fickess, Ashley Harris, Brandon Hubbard, Jenna Johnson, Josh Kesler, Michael Leamer, Mikayla Reavis, Jacob Ringer, Brittany Sheppard, Adrianna Staus, Jesse Vaughan, Alex Way, Austin Youtsey

8th Grade

Danielle Allen, Kayla Carr, Mattie Curp, James Endsley, Jessica Farmer, Matthew Ham, Skylar Howe, Brandon Latimer, Holly Leeper, Wiley Martin, Mason Misel, Trevor Misel, Tristan Rardon, Adriana Segar, Aimee Walker, Jed Wilson

9th Grade

Blake Bates, Kylee Eaglen, Tyler James, Alex Johnson, Jack Pile, Tabitha Poje, James Ross, Jonathan Shelton, Daniel Teegarden, Anna Way

10th Grade

Missy Cawthon, Savannah Cline, Sammie Copeland, Monica Fickess, Zach Freeman, Rhea Rardon, Camie Smith, Avery Snodgrass

11th Grade

Travis Allen, Austin Bowley, Benjamin Branstietter, Michael Clark, Dylan Flowers, Katie Garrett, Justin Hazelman, Dillon James, Jordan Kilmer, Harley Martin, Amy McBee, Brady McCaskey, Dylan Misel, Carlie Powers, Ashton Shelton, Jonna Stottlemire, Landyn Street, Emily Templeton, Hailey Thomas, Sarah Thomas

12th Grade

Logan Dixon, Nikki Junco, Jeff King, Maddy Misel, Ryan Phillips, Chris Shelton, James Taylor, Alex Templeton

Counselor's Corner

By: Becky Arway and Alan Meyer

Elementary Counseling News

Citizenship was the Character Word of the Month for November. In grades K-6, we discussed what citizenship means and ways the students can be good citizens at school, home, and in their community. During classroom guidance, the students built a web of citizenship to illustrate how they are connect to one another and how one's words and actions can affect others. We discussed the importance of thinking about our words and actions and the impact they have on others.

In addition to talking about citizenship, students in grades K-2 learned about their "many faces." The book, *Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods that Make My Day* by Jamie Lee Curtis, helped the students explore the numerous feelings one can experience. They learned that there are more feelings than just happy, sad, mad, and scared. There are feelings like discouraged, angry, excited, silly, and many others that we can experience. The students had an opportunity to draw and share how they were feeling as well as participate in the Feelings game. They learned that no matter what feeling they are experiencing what matters most is how they are feeling on the inside. Learning about different feelings helps the students to appreciate their "many faces."

Some students in 3rd-6th grade had an opportunity to learn about teamwork and cooperation. The students were divided into small groups and given a stack of Styrofoam cups and a rubber band with string. Their mission was to stack the cups into a pyramid using only the rubber band and string. In order to accomplish this mission, the student realized they had to work together to pull the string in order to expand the rubber band to fit around the cup. This activity encouraged the students to focus on cooperation and working together as a team. After the pyramid of cups was built, the students shared with each other what it was like to work together as a team in order to achieve their goal of building a pyramid of cups. Cooperation and team work are important qualities that help students to be successful not only at school, but successful throughout life.

High School Counseling News

The ACT December Test is scheduled for the 11th. Those students who are scheduled to test on that date need to take proper ID which includes a current photo. A driver's license or school ID will work. Students should read the ID requirements on their admission ticket which should be taken to the test center on test day. Students should plan to arrive in plenty of time in case they have trouble locating the test center. Students should also take a couple of number two pencils and their calculators to the test center. Students need to remember to prepare for the test by taking practice tests from either the paper pencil booklet Mr. Meyer has given them or to use Study Island and its ACT Test prep or use ACT's test prep from their website. The next ACT test will be given in February.

Mr. Meyer will give back the Plan Test results to sophomores the week of November 29th.

Mr. Meyer will meet with seniors before Christmas to distribute financial aid and scholarship information. Any senior planning to seek additional schooling beyond high school will need to attend this meeting.

Seniors should continue to make visits to schools they are considering for next year during the month of December and be able to apply to the schools they are considering in December or early January.

Seniors should continue to update their activities list with this school year's awards, honors, and activities. They should also be working on their Career Plans in Missouri Connections and working on their portfolios, resumes, and interviewing skills.

Seniors need to be aware of deadlines for enrollment, scholarships, financial aid, etc. and make sure they meet those deadlines.

Middle School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll		B Honor Roll	
7th	8th	7th	8th
Erik Johnson	Jessica Farmer	Parker Smith	Brittany Sheppard
Emily Fickess	Mason Misel	Austin Youtsey	Josh Kesler
Jesse Vaughan	Mattie Curp	Shelby Bates	Ashley Harris
	Skylar Howe	Austin McKinzie	Cheyenne Dye
	Sidney Copeland	Jenna Johnson	Adrianna Staus
		Aerial Eggers	Derek Faulkner
		Logan Bowley	Gage Aubrey
		Mikayla Reavis	
			Adriana Segar
			Brooke Jones
			Cati Boruch
			Kayla Carr
			Wiley Martin
			Katelyn Eichmeier
			Aimee Walker
			Tristan Rardon
			Jacob Hicks
			Trevor Misel
			Brandon Latimer
			Danielle Allen
			Ariona Robinett

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE NEWS

At the end of November, I had the opportunity to enter some classrooms to work on speech and language skills in preschool through first grade. I brought in gourds and pumpkins and we talked about the many colors, shapes, and textures we encountered as we passed them around in our circle time activity. They were striped, bumpy, curved, ridged, grooved, and spotted. If we turned the gourds different ways they looked like letters for g, c, j, and q. One even looked like a question mark! We also sorted them by color, shape, and size. We made appropriate speech sounds when using words to describe our gourds and pumpkins and we learned that the /g/ sound makes our throats vibrate, but the /k/ sound doesn't. Some classes learned how to use sign language to say orange, green, and yellow.

We worked on listening skills and helped our bodies prepare to listen to our classroom teacher by providing sensory input by reaching, stretching, and bouncing prior to instruction. We made predictions about what designs some of the gourds would make if we used them to paint on paper, and then tested our predictions! A little messy, but GREAT FUN! Thank you classroom teachers for allowing me to come in and work with your Panthers!

In December we will begin our SNOWFLAKE activity for same/different. This will carry through into January. We will be cutting pictures from magazines we are interested in and discussing how these things are the same and how they are different. Parents, if you have pictures you would like to send from home to help with the activity we will gladly use them. Just remember, they will be glued on our projects so make sure you have copies at home! We could also use old magazines that we can cut apart to use in the activity if you have any to spare.

The Holiday Season is upon us and that means there will be many speech and language opportunities for you to share with your child! There will be many family traditions that you and your family carry out as a part of this special time. Be sure to talk to your child about your family traditions. Children are very interested in their family history and what holidays were like for their parents and grandparents many years ago. If you are traveling, talk about what you see along the way. At the end of the day, have your child "memory walk" through the day and see how much they can remember! There are many things to see, smell, touch, and hear during this time of year. Talk about these things with your children, respond to their questions, and most of all enjoy your time together!

Until next time...Keep Talking!

Kathy J. Hutchinson, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
Polo R-VII School District

A Visit from the Veterans

On Thursday, November 11, the students in Polo Elementary were honored to have four Polo Veterans visit with them. The Veterans began their day at school with breakfast. Then they talked with groups of students, kindergarten through sixth grade, in the multi-purpose room. Each session began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Veterans discussed their experiences, the importance of Armistice Day, the flag, being good citizens, as well as many other topics. The Veterans also ate lunch at the school and then visited some High School classrooms in the afternoon. The Polo Veterans visiting the school were John Allen, Jeff Fowler, George Acree, and Jack Critchfield.



High School 1st Quarter

Honor Roll

9th Grade

A	B
Alex Johnson	Kylee Eaglen
Megan Henry	Megan Standley
Tyler James	Houston Stone
Jack Pile	Ashley Adams
Kelsey Gallion	Jonathan Shelton
Loren Wagner	Blake Bates

10th Grade

A	B
Sammie Copeland	Tony Utt
Monica Fickess	Daniel Boruch
Avery Snodgrass	Brady McCaskey
Missy Cawthon	Jacob Rasmussen
Dalton Mills	Doug Jenkins
Zach Freeman	Camie Smith
Duncan Parker	Rhea Rardon
	Corinne Attebery
	Savannah Cline

11th Grade

A	B
Carlie Powers	Ashley Ross
Sarah Thomas	Jonna Stottlemire
Dillon James	Jordan Kilmer
Katie Garrett	Kadee Phillips
Ashton Shelton	Emily Templeton
Alex Gaines	Megan LaMarr
	Malorie Rood
	Dina Uehling
	Michael Dobbins
	Harley Martin
	Ben Branstietter
	Justin Hazelman
	Michael Clark
	Hailey Thomas
	Jennifer Lindaman
	Dylan Misel

12th Grade

A	B
Nikki Junco	Jason Tarwaters
Alex Templeton	Logan Dixon
Kaylie Sorensen	Tyler Hendricks
Maddy Misel	Travis Allen
Bobby Thompson	Jeff King
	Kaleb Hicks

Red Ribbon Week

by Kasey Bolling

Staff Writer

November first through fifth was Red Ribbon Week. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to teach younger kids about the importance of being drug free. Monday, the students were encouraged to wear red; Tuesday was color war day, each grade was supposed to wear the color given to them; Wednesday was Panther Pride day; Thursday was wacky tacky day; and Friday was red, white, and blue day.

The SADD members put together the Red Ribbon Week for the elementary students grades K-6th. The members came up with what to wear every day. Also the kids that participated received a drug free sticker each day. These activities are to teach the students that drugs are bad for them and they shouldn't give in to peer pressure and to resist drugs.

What have the members of FFA been up to?

by Alex Templeton

Staff Writer

Lately, a lot has been happening in the Polo FFA Chapter. The chapters Grasslands team competed at the state competition in Columbia. After a week of studying hard, Carlie Powers, Ashton Shelton, Brady McCaskey, and Hailey Thomas placed fourth at state. The chapter advisor Darren Farmer was very proud of his team and "I was really impressed with how hard all the team members worked to place at state."

On Friday, November fifth, Barnwarming was held from 8-11pm. The FFA members along with other students played games, including a hay bale toss, cider-chug flip cup, and a relay race. There was even a freshman-or green hand- initiation. All the freshman FFA members had to race against each other in pairs bobbing for apples; with a twist. There were also onions mixed in with the apples. Also, the water was saturated with salt. The king and queen were voted upon by every person who walked through the door. Jeff King and Alex Templeton were crowned the evening's royalty. Barnwarming is always a success that raises a lot of money for the Polo FFA Chapter.

As of November eighth, fruit sales began. This is the chapter's main fundraiser. All FFA members have several packets full of good things to buy, such as cookie dough, beef sticks, and gummy bears. Also, clementines, California and Texas oranges, apples, and many other items were available for purchase. The chapter raised approximately \$11,000 on the fruit sales. To encourage the members to sell more items, if they sold at least 15 items, they would receive free pizza at the next meeting. If not, they have to option to buy their pizza for a few dollars. Thanks to those of you who supported our chapter and purchased.

Thanksgiving our way

The students in Mrs. Pfanmiller's class spent an entire week learning about the history of Thanksgiving, as well as discussing the importance of family and friendship. Our life skills group made homemade applesauce and on Tuesday, they shared it with the rest of the class. We ate breakfast together and wore our Pilgrims hats that we made at the end of our Thanksgiving unit. They had fun and our breakfast was quite tasty.



NHS Happenings

by Jonna Stottlemire

Staff Writer

The National Honor Society members completed their first service project last month. NHS members helped the People Who Care Organization at their annual Halloween Carnival. On Saturday October, 30th, at 5 pm, the NHS members arrived in costumes at the community building at Stagecoach Park. Each member was assigned a different job. Sarah Thomas worked at the prize booth and said, "It was fun to see all the little kids dressed up in their awesome costumes!" The Halloween Carnival once again was a great success!

National Honor Society members once again held the annual book fair in the library during November eighth through the twelve. The purpose of the book fair is to raise money for the chapter. The chapter raised over \$700. All members were encouraged to help. Members also put out flags for Veteran's Day on the morning of November eleventh. Next spring, qualified sophomores, juniors, and seniors will receive applications for the National Honor Society and we encourage everyone through these grades to apply!

2010 Polo Football Awards

All Grand River Conference

1st team:
Justin Hicks - Linebacker
Logan Dixon - Running back

2nd team:
Ashton Shelton - Linebacker
Daniel Boruch - Nose Guard
Harley Martin - Offensive Guard
Nick Allen - Running back

Honorable Mention:
Harley Martin - Linebacker
David Casey - Defensive End
Jeff King - Center
Travis Allen - Offensive Tackle

All District

Nick Allen - Running back
Logan Dixon - Running back
Jeff King - Center
Harley Martin - Offensive Guard
Ashton Shelton - Tight End & Linebacker
Daniel Boruch - Nose Guard
Austin Bowley - Defensive End
Justin Hicks - Linebacker
Zach Freeman - Defensive back
Dalton Mills - Defensive back

Academic All Conference

Ashton Shelton
Zach Freeman
Dalton Mills
Daniel Boruch
Brady McCaskey

KAAN Team

Nick Allen - Running back
Harley Martin - Offensive Line

Associated Press

Ashton Shelton
Justin Hicks
Nick Allen
Harley Martin

Offensive MVP / Defensive MVP

Nick Allen Harley Martin

Most Improved

James Taylor

Panther Award

Daniel Boruch

Hit Man Award

David Casey

Captain Awards

Jeff King
Logan Dixon
Nick Allen
Ashton Shelton



2010 Polo Softball Awards

All Grand River Conference

2nd team:
Maddy Misel - 3rd base

All District

1st team:
Nikki Junco - 1st base
Maddy Misel - 3rd base
Courtney Arthur - Catcher

All Regional

1st team:
Maddy Misel - 3rd base

All State

2nd team:
Maddy Misel - 3rd base

Academic All Conference

Nikki Junco
Maddy Misel
Jonna Stottlemyre
Missy Cawthon
Sammie Jo Copeland
Avery Snodgrass
Kelsey Gallion
Ashley Adams

Silver Slugger

Courtney Arthur

Golden Glove

Maddy Misel

Cy Young Award

Sammie Jo Copeland

Most Improved

Megan LaMarr

MVP

Courtney Arthur
Maddy Misel

Panther Award

Kelsey Gallion

Rookie of the Year

Ashley Adams

Captain Awards

Maddy Misel
Nikki Junco
Courtney Arthur
Jonna Stottlemyre

Football Wrap-Up

by Dillon Hufford

Staff Writer

The 2010 Polo Football Team has improved this year compared to previous years. Thursday, October 28, the Panthers faced the Braymer Bobcats for the last district game. In this game, the winner would advance to the playoffs. Both teams were ready to give it their all for a hard physical head-to-head rivalry game. In the beginning, the game was mutual. The ball was going back and forth until the Panthers running back Zach Freeman scored the first touchdown of the night. He ended the night with five carries for fifty eight yards. Two other Panthers, who ended the evening on a positive note, were Senior Logan Dixon had fourteen carries for one hundred yards and Senior Nick Allen had sixteen carries for seventy two yards. The Bobcats tried to answer the Panthers points but came up short. The Panthers came out on top 28-0 to end the rivalry district game and moved on to play November 3rd against the Wellington Tigers.

The Panthers traveled to Wellington Napoleon to face the tigers. Everyone seemed to overlook the 6-4 Panthers and believed that the Tigers were going to roll them. The Panthers and their fans highly disagreed. The Tigers came out strong against the Panthers by receiving and starting with the first score of the game. The Panthers answered back and the two teams would head into half time with the game tied at 22. The Panthers answered back to the Tigers scoring but got down by a touchdown. The Tigers pulled ahead by two touchdowns. Starting quarterback, Austin Bowley, opened up to throw and completed 7 of 14 passes for 138 yards, one touchdown and two two-point conversions, one of which he ran in. Nick Allen ended the night with 19 carries for 132 yards and Logan Dixon broke his best personal record of 1000 yards for the season. The Panthers still gave the Tigers the best overall game

Are you ready to wrestle?

by Conagher Glasgow

Staff Writer

In early November, the Panther wrestlers kicked off their season. We have a full line up this year. The wrestlers from Polo include Travis Allen, Daniel Boruch, David Casey, Michael Clark, Conagher Glasgow, Justin Hicks, Alex Johnson, Megan LaMarr, Harley Martin, Brady McCaskey, Jacob Rasmussen, James Taylor, and Emily Templeton. This year the Polo wrestling team formed a cooperative with Braymer. There are three Braymer wrestlers; Michael Houck, Eric Hughes, and James Kromeich. We are looking forward to continuing this cooperative in the future. Coach Ross said, "This year, we are going to be really hard to beat". Practice is everyday up in the gym mezzanine from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. In just this short time, there has been a lot of hard work going on. If you are ever in the halls after school, you might hear the Panthers chanting, "We are the Panthers, Mighty Mighty Panthers." The first wrestling dual is on December 2, where Polo will be hosting North Platte and South Harrison at 6:00pm. The Panthers have been working hard every day to get in shape and to be ready to grapple on the mats. We hope you come support the wrestlers!

Introducing the Middle School Basketball players!!

by Jonna Stottlemire

Staff Writer

The 2010 Jr. High Basketball season is on the roll! Both the girls and boys team have been working hard putting their blood, sweat, and tears into practices as well as games. Returnees for the girls are eighth graders Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar, Brooke Jones, Sidney Copeland, Jessica Farmer, Madison Curp, and Danielle Allen. New members to the team are seventh graders, Mikayla Reavis, Jenna Johnson, Aerial Eggers, Adrianna Staus, Shelby Bates, Emily Fickess, Brittany Sheppard, Jorgia Cory and manager Cheyanne Dye. They are coached by Becky Ross. Player Cati Boruch says, "We go into every game believing that we can win! We play until the whistle blows. We work hard every practice, every game and every play!"

The returnees for the boys are eighth graders, Wiley Martin, Tristan Rardon, and Mason Misel. New members are eighth graders Jimmy Endsley and Brandon Richardson the seventh graders Logan Bowley, Brandon Hubbard, Parker Smith, Gage Aubrey, Joshua Kessler, Jesse Vaughn, and manager Amie Walker. They are coached by Kelly Green. Player Wiley Martin says, "We play hard! We go out there and give it our all because we just want to win!" The Jr. High Polo Basketball teams would love to have you in the stands cheering them on! So come out and support them!

Panthers vs. Bobcats Recap

by Kasey Bolling

Staff Writer

On November 16, 2010 the Middle School basketball team played the Braymer Bobcats. When interviewed, Coach Ross felt "the game went really good. They lost, but it was a huge improvement. The first time they played Braymer, they lost by 30 points. This time however, they only lost by 6." Coach Ross said, "They missed too many full court layups, and that really is the difference in the game. The girls played very hard. They did a much better job of hustling and it showed. The best part was they broke their press so often they called it off. The first time we played we couldn't get the ball past half court." Coach Ross said, "if we could go back and change the game we would change the stupid fouls at wrong times and to have better clock management at the end of the game." "I had a lot of fun playing hard and getting after it" said Danielle Allen. "it was a good display of competition on how we played" said Brooke Jones.

Middle School Football Revisited

by Alex Templeton

Staff Writer

The Polo Middle School Football team faced many challenges during the season. With two wins, three losses, and one tie, the Panthers had a close season. "We continued to improve with each week, and developed fundamental skills for future play. These young men developed toughness, conditioning and unity. We also focused on becoming better future students and holding ourselves to a team standard of expectations," said head coach Kelly Green. He also said: "my proudest moment as a coach was our tie and Cameron. We were facing some injuries late in the game and they were about to score, but we held them at the goal line, sending the game into overtime. As a new coach in Polo, I was proud of every game and every player this year, and I'm looking forward to the 2011 football season already!"

CALENDARS

December 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
		1 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Turkey on Bun, Carrot Sticks, Fruit	2 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	3 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
6 Late Start – NO BREAKFAST Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	7 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	8 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	9 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	10 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit
13 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	14 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	15 Hashbrown, Sausage, Toast, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	16 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit	17 Donuts, Sausage, Fruit Christmas Dinner
20 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	21 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	22 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Early Out – NO LUNCH	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK	24 CHRISTMAS BREAK
27 CHRISTMAS BREAK	28 CHRISTMAS BREAK	29 CHRISTMAS BREAK	30 CHRISTMAS BREAK	31 CHRISTMAS BREAK

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December 2010 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Pee Wee WR Practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	2 *V/JV WR vs. N. Platte/S. Harrison 6 pm	3 *Scholastic Winter Activity & yearbook group pictures start at noon	4
5	6 *Late Start 10:20 am *V/JV BB @ Ridgeway 5 pm *Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	7 *MS BB vs. Cameron 6 pm	8 *Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	9 *MS BB @ E. Buchanan 5:30 pm	10	11 *V WR Polo Dual Team Tourney 9:30 am
12	13 *V BB @ E. Buchanan 6 pm *Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	14 *PK-12 Winter Program 6:30 pm	15 *JV BB @ Lathrop Tourney 4:30 pm *Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	16	17 *V WR @ St. Mary's Christmas Tourney 5:30 pm	18 *V WR @ St. Mary's Christmas Tourney
19	20 *Pee Wee WR practice 5:30-8 pm in Multi	21	22 *Early Out 11:20 am	23 *No School- Christmas Break	24 *No School-Christmas Break	25
26	27 *No School – Christmas Break	28 *No School – Christmas Break	29 *No School – Christmas Break	30 *No School – Christmas Break	31 *No School – Christmas Break	