



THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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March Activities

- 1 - Preschool & PreK Parental Mtg in Library 7 pm & Dinner served 6:30-6:50 pm
 - Varsity Girls BB Districts @ Albany
- 2 - FFA Judging Day TSA @ Hamilton
 - Varsity Boys BB District Championship @ Albany 6:30 pm
- 3 - Varsity Girls BB District Championships @ Albany 6:30 pm
- 5 - Late Start 10:20 am
 - Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Academic Team @ Gallatin 4 pm
- 7 - Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Varsity Girls Sectionals @ Staley HS @ 6 pm TBD
 - Varsity Boys Sectionals @ Staley HS @ 7:45 pm TBD
- 8 - K-6 Mother/Son "Sundae-t" Night 6:30-7:30 pm
 - Band clinic sponsored by Palen Music 8-10 am
- 9 - 3rd Quarter Ends
- 10- After Prom Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 pm @ Prairie Ridge Church
 - Varsity Girls Quarterfinals @ Independence Event Ctr 6 pm
 - Varsity Girls Quarterfinals @ Independence Event Ctr 7:45 pm
- 12- Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Academic Team @ Hamilton 4 pm
 - 5th/6th Grade BB @ Stet Tourney Girls 5:30 & Boys 6:30
- 13- Spring Concert for 7-12th Grades @ 6:30 pm
 - 5/6 Grade BB @ Stet Tourney Girls 7:30 & Boys 8:30 pm
 - Elementary Group Picture Day
 - Visitation for students interested in V-T 8:30-10:45 am
- 14- FFA Area Contest @ Gallatin 4:30 pm
 - Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - 5/6 Grade BB @ Stet Tourney Girls 7:30 & Boys 8:30 pm
- 15- Varsity Girls BB Final Four @ Mizzou Arena @ 1:40 pm
 - Varsity Boys BB Final Four @ Mizzou Arena @ 5 pm
- 19- BOE Mtg 7 pm
 - Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Academic Team @ Home 4 pm
- 20- Children's Literature Festival Trip
- 21- Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
- 22- FFA NCMC TSA @ Trenton
 - FBLA Blood Drive in Multi 1-6 pm
- 23- MAP Parental Involvement Day Grades 3-6 @ 2 pm
- 24- District Solo Contest
- 26- FFA @ Lathrop TBA
 - Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Academic Team @ S. Harrison 4 pm
- 28- Youth Wrestling 5:30-8:30 pm
- 30- Large Group Contest
- 31- Senior Citizens Prom 5-10 pm in Multi

From the Elementary Office

by Beverly Deis
Elem. Principal

We have been so busy in the elementary with various activities. The Polo Spelling Bee was held on February 1 with the following winners: first place, Jorgia Cory, eighth grade; second place, Brandon Hubbard, eighth grade and Amanda Hilburn, sixth grade; third place, Julianne Hurd, and alternates Teagan Logan, sixth grade and Steven Knotts, fifth grade.

The Caldwell County Spelling Bee was also held at Polo on February 9 with Braymer, Hamilton, and Polo participating. The County winners were: Kylie Bonham of Braymer, first place; Mallory Hughson of Braymer, second place; and Kenna Schmidt of Hamilton, alternate. The winners will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in St. Joseph on March 10.

Parental involvement activities are currently underway! On February 16, the fathers and daughters met for a night of fun with math activities, reading activities, and dancing. Family night at the PTO Book Fair was held on Thursday, February 23. On March 8, the mothers and sons will have their night of fun with math activities, reading activities, and making sundaes! Then on Friday, March 23 at 2:00, grades 3-6 will have their annual MAP Parental Involvement Day to inform parents about the upcoming MAP assessments.

The MAP tests will begin April 11, 2012 for grade 5 and will begin the next week for grades 3, 4, and 6. Stanford Tests for Grades K-2 will begin on or near Monday, April 16. All tests begin promptly at 8:30 am, so please have your children to school on time. Please see the testing schedule on the Polo Website under "upcoming dates" in the Elementary School section.

The character education word for March is "cooperation." Cooperation means to help or support. If a student is cooperative, he/she is a team player and collaborates well with others. Teachers and the counselor, Mrs. Arway, will be focusing on cooperation in the classroom and we ask for your assistance in teaching the students the importance of the character education words. I have no doubt; students who cooperate with each other and with the teachers will be more productive and successful in school.

Thanks to all parents and students for a fun filled night with Jump Rope for Heart. Thanks also to Coach Zabel for coordinating this activity every year. Look for Coach Zabel's article in this edition with more details about Jump Rope for Heart.

The PTO book fair was a huge success. The "luau" theme caused excitement in the elementary as students and teachers wore their sunglasses and hats! Family Night was a busy night and I would like to thank all PTO members (and staff members) who helped make the book fair a huge success for our school.

It is that time of year when we are rounding up all of the 2012-2013 Kindergarten students. If you have a child who will be five before August 1, 2012 please call the school so we have his/her information. Kindergarten screening will be conducted on March 28 - 29, 2012.

As mentioned earlier, the Spring Tests are just around the corner. Mark your calendar now! Be sure to talk with individual teachers on the specifics of testing. These tests are just one way our students show "Panther Pride in Excellence and Performance."

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Caldwell County Spelling Bee winner, Kylie Bohman of Braymer

The Caldwell County Spelling Bee was held at the Polo High School last Thursday evening, Feb 9. Judges for the County Spelling bee were Tricia Curp, Middle school and High school Science teacher at Braymer, Karla Nelson, CCABA Vice President from Hamilton, Robert Collins, Middle school teacher at Polo and Jill Rardon, Middle school teacher at Polo. The grievance judge was Rebecca Arway, counselor at Polo, the pronouncer was Carol Sterner, a retired Middle school Language Arts teacher, and assisting with the contestants prior to the Spelling Bee was Linda Pugh, Special Education Coordinator at Polo. The winner of the Caldwell County Spelling Bee with 1st place was Kylie Bohman (Braymer), 2nd place was Mallory Hughson (Braymer) and the alternate was Kenna Schmidt (Hamilton). The first and second place winners will attend the Regional Spelling bee held in St. Joseph on Saturday, March 10.



Photo: Left to right Mallory Hughson, Kylie Bohman and Kenna Schmidt.



All participants in the County Spelling Bee

Dalton Mills named to the All State Academic Football team

Junior Dalton Mills was named to the Academic All State Football team recently. Student athletes must be nominated by their head football coach, must be a starter on offense or defense, must be a sophomore, junior or senior. Nominations must also meet two of the following three criteria: Score a 25 or higher on the ACT or 1740 on the SAT, have a 3.5 GPA or higher, or must rank in the top 10 % of his/her class.



Middle School Band Students Place at Festival

Congratulations to the following students for doing so well on their solos at the Richmond Music Festival

I Rating-Superior

- Teresa Harris, Snare Drum-6th Grade
- Michael Knotts, Snare Drum-6th Grade
- Kallie Heil, Snare Drum-5th Grade
- Garion Hall, Trombone-5th Grade
- Sommer Gurwell, Trumpet-5th Grade
- Clay Garton, Trumpet-5th Grade
- Sierra Dye, Baritone-6th Grade
- Matt Vaughan, Baritone-6th Grade
- Josh Kesler, Alto Saxophone-8th Grade
- Teagan Logan, Clarinet-6th Grade
- Steven Knotts, Oboe-5th Grade

II Rating-Excellent

- Daniel Adams, Alto Saxophone-5th Grade
- Julianne Hurd, Clarinet-6th Grade
- Hailey Boyle, Clarinet-6th Grade
- Katelynn Minnis, Clarinet-6th Grade
- Makenzie Jay, Clarinet-6th Grade
- Taylor Wagner, Flute-6th Grade
- Billie Thompson, Alto Saxophone-7th Grade



Larkins Represents Polo at the State Level



Kayla Larkins, a second grader in Mrs. Esry's class, competed in the 2011-2012 Elk's Lodge Hoop Shoot. This is a free throw competition, and Kayla competed in the 8-9 year old girls division. In November, Kayla, along with two other girls from Polo in her age division advanced from our school competition to the regional level at Cameron Middle School. In December, Kayla won the regional Hoop Shoot and advanced to the District level at Cameron High School in January.

At the district shoot, Kayla made 13 out of 25 free throws and received 1st place in her age category.

The Cameron Elk's Lodge sent Kayla, and her family, to St. Louis, MO the weekend of February 4th. They graciously paid for Kayla's hotel room and some travel expenses. On Saturday, Kayla competed against seven other girls her age from around the state. Kayla was tied for 3rd place, and finished in 4th after a shoot off for the tie breaker. Kayla made 15 out of 25 free throws.

When I asked Kayla about her experience, she said she liked practicing at the Polo Community Building. Kayla also mentioned she liked the challenge and met a new friend along the way. When asked what she would tell others to encourage them to participate in the Elk's Lodge Hoop Shoot next year, she replied, "you get to meet new people, and it is fun."

I Have A DREAM...

After studying Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream," Mrs. Rardon's Sixth Grade Reading students were asked to create their own dream speech. Most students selected a challenge or problem in the world to tackle, but Matt Vaughan had a completely different approach. Read an interesting perspective from a citizen in training, or is it the rest of us who need the training?

My Dream

By: Matt Vaughan

I know you've heard a lot of opinions on changing the world, but I have a different approach. When I got the assignment I said, "Everything's hunky-dory, what should I change?" When you think of America, what do you think? The words that come to my mind are "Land of the Free, Home of the brave," and so I thought to myself "Why change."

When you think about it, there's not much to change. In America we have all we need to survive, we have more than enough comforts, and we live in a just government. Not counting freedom of religion and speech, we can express ourselves freely and have charities for poor people. Now you might say, "Well you told us the pros, but what are the cons?" The truth of the matter is we can't stop bad things from happening. If bad things do happen we do what we can to help. But it's not like we have a universal remote to rewind time. Nothings perfect.

To summarize, I think we should be thankful and content for what we have. We have too many blessings to count in this nation. Compared to other nations we should be quite thankful. This is my opinion on America. I would like to leave you with this thought, In a nation abounding with



Jump Rope For <3

by Jonna Stottlemyre
Staff Writer

On February 15, Jump Rope for Heart activity took place in the high school gym. Varsity girls' basketball assistant coach Bridget Zabel once again took charge of this charity event and made sure it was a success. From 5:30 - 7:00 p.m, everyone in the school was invited to come join the fun while raising money and awareness for the American Cancer Association. There were about 40 students that attended. About every fifteen minutes, Coach Zabel drew names for prizes that were donated by the Athletic Boosters, Basketball teams, PTO, and the Yearbook staffers. There was also a 100 jump competition for the kids to participate in and fourth grader, Dominick Hoplin won the \$20 gift card to Dollar General.

Teachers donated money that week and were allowed to dress like a PE teacher for a day, they raised \$194 themselves. Coach Zabel put a competition on among the classes and the students themselves. The top class was second grade and they raised \$567. The overall two top sellers in each grade were Kindergarten: Tyler Carter and Hanna Vaught, First grade: Jade and Josie Misel, Second grade: Haley Aubrey and Kayla Larkins, Third grade: Dillon McKee and Amanda Whitt, Fourth grade: Kole Larkins and Jarod Ball, Fifth grade: Jaime VanWey and Shelby Copeland, and Sixth grade: Teagan Logan and Kelsie Reavis. Haley Aubrey received the Heart Award for raising the most, \$175. Altogether the school raised \$1,500, which is \$524.26 more than the previous year! Due to the generous donation, the American Heart Association is donating \$50 in U.S Game Card to purchase new PE equipment. Good job everyone who helped and participated!



Top Left: Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Aubrey turn the rope for the kids while Colbie Richey jumps.

Top Right: Haley Aubrey is awarded The Heart Award.

Bottom Left: Avery Snodgrass and Sammie Copeland help with the evening and turn the rope for Zach Freeman.

Bottom Right: Hanna Vaught shows her jumping ability!!

Athletes Honored at Senior Night

The Polo senior basketball players played their last home basketball game on Friday, Feb 24 against Winston. The Polo school honored the senior basketball players and manager at the Tuesday evening games.

Front row: Kadee Phillips, manager Sarah Thomas, Jonna Stottlemyre.

Back row: Justin Hazelman, Ashton Shelton, Toby Poje, Dillon James & Austin Bowley

Elementary Counseling News

The Character Word of the Month for February was Courtesy. Students learned that this means to be polite and considerate, to act with manners, and to be generous and helpful with others. Students in the lower elementary grades learned about manners by watching video clips from the show, Can You Teach My Alligator Manners. After watching the video clips, Mrs. Arway discussed with the students ways that we could show good manners at school, at home, at restaurants, and many other places. The students decided that manners can be used everywhere! Mrs. Arway challenged the students to always remember their manners no matter where they are.

The students in the upper elementary grades talked about having good manners as well. Students had a chance to learn about good manners and being courteous by playing GREAT Manners BINGO, Mother May I, or by brainstorming situations in which manners would be helpful. Students discussed and shared with their classmates situations where manners were needed and talked about ways that they could show others good manners.

Throughout this month's lessons, students learned the importance of using good manners as well as talked about a variety of manners that they could use in various situations. Students were challenged to always remember their manners whether they are eating lunch at school or having dinner in a nice restaurant. Students also were challenged to always remember their "please" and "thank you!"

Polo Wrestling Squad Sent 5 to State

The Polo wrestling squad traveled to Lexington on Friday and Saturday to compete at Districts. Polo did well considering they have a young squad this year. Polo is sending 5 varsity wrestlers to Columbia to compete at the State level. The five Panthers going state for Polo are senior Michael Clark who took 4th at Districts in the 170 bracket after wrestling Drake Hendrix (Lafayette County), senior Harley Martin with a record of 47-2, who took 2nd place in the 220 bracket after wrestling senior Tyler Berg (Lathrop), junior Justin Hicks who took 1st place with a season record of 50-1, after wrestling Roy Garrett (Lawson) in the 195 bracket, freshman Jacob Hicks who took 2nd place after wrestling Grant Schottel (Mid Buchanan) in the 145 bracket, and freshman Wiley Martin who took 3rd place in the 182 bracket after wrestling senior Cody Refitt (Carrolton). There are currently 4 undefeated wrestlers in Missouri and there were two of them in this District, senior Kevin Steeby (Mid Buchanan) 46-0 - 132 bracket, and Tyler Berg (Lathrop) 48-0 - 220 bracket. Polo finished 5th in Districts against 14 teams. First place was Lathrop with 171.0, 2nd - Lawson 161.5, 3rd - Carrolton 126.0, 4th - Mid Buchanan 122.0 and 5th - Polo with 118. Polo's five wrestlers combined for an 11-7 record and scored 57 points finishing 10th out of 50 schools competing. This is a Polo High School record for finishing at state. Congratulations to the wrestlers and coaching staff.



Wiley Martin, Justin Hicks, Harley Martin, Jacob Hicks and Michael Clark were recognized at the basketball game following their appearance at State Wrestling.

Polo Girls Win Two More Conference Games, Boys Beat Worth County

Tuesday, February 7, Polo hosted the Stanberry Bulldogs. The Lady Panthers eased into a conference win with a final score of 52 - 21. Leading the Panthers in scoring and rebounds was Sammie Copeland 13 and 21 rebounds, Tabitha Poje added 9 (three - 3 pointers), Sidney Copeland 9, Jonna Stottlemire 6 (one - 3 pointer) and 4 rebounds, Kadee Phillips 4 with 4 rebounds, Jessica Framer 3 (one - 3 pointer), Cati Boruch 3 (one - 3 pointer), Adrianna Segar 2, Danielle Allen 2 and Missy Cawthon 1.

The Polo boys found themselves faced with some tough competition against Stanberry. The Panthers could not gain the lead and fell to the Bulldogs 57-46. Leading the team was Dalton Mills 13, Jack Pile 10, Ashton Shelton 9 with 14 rebounds, Zach Freeman 7 (one - 3 pointer), Austin Bowley 3 and 4 rebounds, Toby Poje and Justin Hazelman both with 2 points each and 4 rebounds.

The Polo teams traveled almost three hours north to play the Worth County Tigers Friday night, Feb. 10. Both Polo teams came home with wins. The boys team had beat Worth County earlier in the season by only 2 points at the Albany tournament, but during this game the Panthers turned up the heat and beat the Tigers by a few more ending the game 67-60. The girls team breezed by the Tigers 64-39. A young and upcoming talent for the Lady Panthers team is sophomore Tabitha Poje who rang in 12 points for her team making four - 3 pointers. Leading the Panthers was Sammie Copeland 18 and 11 rebounds, Tabitha Poje 12 (4 - 3 pointers), Avery Snodgrass 11 (one - 3 pointer) and 5 rebounds, Jonna Stottlemire 8, Anna Way 3, and a whole pack of Panthers added 2 points - Kadee Phillips, Danielle Allen, Adrianna Segar, Monica Fickess, Cati Boruch and Sidney Copeland also with 5 rebounds.

The Polo boys hustled their way to the win over the small, but quick Worth County team 67-60. Leading the Panthers team was Dalton Mills with 20, Jack Pile 16, Toby Poje 13 and 9 rebounds, Ashton Shelton 11 with 11 rebounds, and Austin Bowley 7 (one - 3 pointer). With only two more weeks of regular season play the Panthers will be traveling to King City on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and hosting the Maysville Wolverines on Thursday, Feb. 16, the following week Polo hosts two teams, Lathrop on Tuesday, Feb 21 and Winston on Friday, Feb. 24.



Jack Pile lays in another basket against Stanberry

Senior Jonna Stottlemire drives to the basket for two

Walker Takes First at Polo Youth Wrestling Tournament



Polo Youth Wrestling Group hosted their 12th Annual tournament Saturday, February 4, at the Polo High school. Several communities were represented at the tournament. Polo's Gavin Walker a 7th grader, has been wrestling since he was 4 years old and 37 pounds. Gavin took first place in his weight and age group after wrestling twice and defeating Tyler Jolley from Mid-Mo and Dillon Allen of Carrolton. Gavin's dad, Roscoe Walker has been his coach for the past 8 years.

December 2011 Student of the Month



Blake Bates
Polo, Sophomore
Career Exploration

Care Packages for Local Soldiers

by Jonna Stottlemyre
Staff Writer

Can you imagine having no food for days or even weeks? You might think that would be impossible especially for the troops fighting for our freedom but there are four alumni from Polo High School that are overseas fighting for our freedom and sometimes they have no food or toiletries. Servicemen include Jeromy Rothove class of 2000, Justin Rothove class of 2006, Jeremy Aubrey class of 2007, and Jarred Reyes class of 2008. This was brought up to NHS members on January 6th at their meeting and they knew that there was something they could do to help. Members came up with a plan and then went into action immediately. NHS members placed a box in each of the class rooms in grades K-12 to fill with canned food, microwavable food, and toiletries. NHS members told the students that whatever class filled the most boxes would receive a party! Students were excited not only for the party but to also help out people from Polo and the other troops that are fighting for our freedom everyday! The class that raised the most items averaged bringing in 30 items. The top three classes were Mrs. Leamer's, Mrs. Dixon's and Mrs. Luken's. The NHS and Mrs. Davies rewarded these three classes with a pizza party. Students collected a total of 625 lbs of food and toiletries and filled 32 boxes. Packages were sent out on Friday, February 17., 2012 to different units serving us and protecting us! Troops will be receiving the packages within 1-3 weeks.



Mrs. Erickson's 4th hour class spent several hours packing the "Supplies for Soldiers". They ran into several difficulties, having to re-pack boxes according to strict directions.



Senior Kadde Phillips serves the winning classes at the award pizza party.

Cursive is not a lost ART...



Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. Two students from both 5th and 6th Grade were selected by Mrs. Rardon based on their cursive handwriting, including size, shape, slant, and spacing. Mitchell Berndt was selected as the 5th Grade entry, with Taylor Wagner as the Alternate, and Amanda Hilburn was selected for 6th Grade, with Hailey Boyle as the Alternate. Don't let cursive be a lost art! Pick up that pencil and keep those skills sharp you learned back in elementary!



Varsity Girls Basketball Update

by Megan Knutter
Staff Writer

The Varsity Lady Panthers have had some real completion these past few weeks these include King City, Maysville, and Lathrop. "King City was going to be a good game to watch. Everyone will be on their feet, and be cheering really loud!" says one of the Polo moms. It definitely was one of the on your feet types of games. Polo and King City were up and down the court from steals to turnovers. There were lots of great defensive plays from both teams. With no pressure from the King City Wildkats, the ball was easily handled by point guards Avery Snodgrass and Jonna Stottlemyre. There were many outstanding things that had happened as well as bad. Senior Jonna Stottlemyre made 5 three point shot, and Sophomore Tabitha Poje made two. There were also great rebounds and great scoring from Sam and Sidney Copeland down low, as well as Kadee Phillips. With all of the good, the Polo ladies didn't have a great night on free throws, missing over half of free throws. The results of the game added to the positive for the Polo Lady Panthers with a win over the King City Wildkats 51-44.

The next game was against was the Maysville Wolverines. Maysville has always been a competitive rival for Polo boys and girls. Last year, Maysville had left a bad taste in Polo's mouths by beating them at the district championship, and ending their basketball season. The Lady Panthers were really excited to showcase their improvements since last season. Everyone knew this was going to be an intense game and it was with many fouls, steals, deflections, rebounds, made free throws and great defense. Polo and Maysville was a back and forth game with the score. One moment Polo would be ahead and would get too excited and won't do as well as before. Then Maysville would get ahead and Polo would have to get their heads back into the game. The game was tied many times and was a very close game. With only a few seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter, Maysville was ahead and Polo had to foul to stop the clock so they could get the ball and try to score. The buzzer goes off and Maysville had won by three points. The final score was 53-50. The Lady Panthers were definitely bummed but Coach Keith said "You guys did great, and we just have to work hard this week. Come district time, we will blow all teams away and be at the championship game and we will get another chance against them. This time we will win and take home the trophy for being district champs!" Everyone agreed and will be working this week and during districts so they will get another chance at Maysville.

Polo has had a couple more opponents before districts so they were focusing on their next opponents the Lathrop Mules. Lathrop has always been a tough team in all sports for a long time. Polo had already played Lathrop earlier in the season and lost by fifteen. The Lady Panthers agree that, that wasn't their best game. There were many bad passes and shots, which resulted in a loss. Polo came out ready to play, confident and ready for a great night of basketball. Their goal was to limit their mistakes and show Lathrop what they really are. They did. Polo beat Lathrop 49-43. Going into the locker room with smiles their assistant coach, Wendy Howell, a former student and basketball player for Polo says "That's the first time in a long time that Polo defeated Lathrop. They have always been a great team, but you guys busted it and beat them. Good job ladies!"

As district play begins the Lady Panthers have been doing so well they have earned the second seed in the tournament with Maysville, Albany, DeKalb, Gallatin, Rock Port, and Tarkio. Come support the Lady Panthers during districts as they strive to head to Saturday's championship game!

Polo Girls Ceded 2nd and Boys Ceded 3rd in Districts

The Polo teams hosted the Lathrop Mules last Tuesday evening. Both JV teams played before the start of the girls' varsity game at 6 PM and then Polo hosted Senior Night for all basketball players and managers. Lathrop girls had beaten Polo earlier in the year at the Lathrop Bill Burns Classic Tournament. But this time it was a different story. It was a low scoring game due to a strong defensive attack by the Lady Mules; however, Polo kept the lead during the game and ended up winning by 6 at the final buzzer with a score of 49-43. Leading the Panthers was Jonna Stottlemyre with 13, Sammie Copeland with 10 and 11 rebounds, Sidney Copeland 9 with 11 rebounds, Avery Snodgrass 5, Kadee Phillips 4, Tabitha Poje 4 (one - 3 pointer), and Cati Boruch 4. The Polo boys had not played Lathrop and seemed to have the game wrapped up with leads as much as 17 at one point early in the third quarter. The Lathrop Mules came out the second half a completely different team and attacked the boards and ended up beating Polo 64-63. Leading the Panthers was Dalton Mills with 19 (two - 3 pointers), Ashton Shelton 12 and 9 rebounds, Justin Hazelman 12 (three-3 pointers), Jack Pile 10, Austin Bowley 5 and 5 rebounds, and several with 2 points including, Toby Poje, Dillon James, Zach Freeman & Duncan Parker.

Friday night marked the night that the Polo senior basketball players would play their last home game against the Winston Cardinal teams. Polo Lady Panthers crushed the Cardinals 72-55. Sammie Copeland led the team with 22 points and 19 rebounds, Jonna Stottlemyre had 14 (one-pointer), Kadee Phillips 11 and 6 rebounds, Sidney Copeland 10 and 7 rebounds, Tabitha Poje 5 (one-3 pointer), Avery Snodgrass 4, Monica Fickess 2, Cati Boruch 2, and Adriana Segar 2. The Polo boys came out and followed suit. The Panthers tromped the Cardinals 74-54. Ashton Shelton and Dalton Mills led the panthers each with 18, (Mills with two - 3 pointers), Justin Hazelman (one-3 pointer), Austin Bowley 6, Jack Pile 6, Toby Poje 5, Darrek Tate 4, Duncan parker 4, Dillon James 4 (one-3 pointer), and Zach Freeman 2. The Polo Panthers travel to Albany for District play Feb 27-March 3. The boys play Monday at 8 PM against Tarkio who knocked Polo out during Semifinal play last year. The Polo girls play Tuesday at 6:30 against Albany. The Polo girls are ceded 2nd while the Polo boys are ceded 3rd.



Panther Defense!!!!

Middle School Scholar Bowl

by: Malorie Rood
Staff Writer

The Polo Middle School Scholar Bowl Team consists of Jesse Vaughan, Mikayla Reavis, Adrianna Staus, Cheyenne Dye, Jenna Johnson, Emily Fickess, Danielle Gurwell, Billie Thompson, Jennifer Farmer, Joely Hicks, and Brittany Sheppard. The Scholar Bowl Team coach is Mr. Davis and Mrs. Thompson. There have been three meets; two of them have been at home and one at Hamilton. The fourth meet was cancelled due to weather. The other team Polo will face is Cameron.

A Scholar Bowl game consists of four rounds. Quarters one and three include fifteen toss-up questions that are worth ten points each. The first individual to press the button within a five second time limit and recognized by the spotter is eligible to answer the question. Quarters two and four consist of ten toss-up questions with a choice of bonus. Once a team member correctly answers the toss-up question during these quarters, their team is awarded two bonus questions. The team captain changes each period depending on the players that are in the game. The Scholar Bowl team this year is very eager and willing to learn, as well as involved in answering questions efficiently.

High School Scholar Bowl

by: Malorie Rood
Staff Writer

The Polo High School Scholar Bowl Team consists of Dillon James, Carlie Powers, Justin Hazelman, Sarah Thomas, Monica Fickess, Zach Freeman, Doug Jenkins, Dalton Mills, Brady McCaskey, Jack Pile, Tyler James, Logan Stump, Jessica Farmer, Skylar Howe, Mason Misel, and Adrianna Segar. The Scholar Bowl Team coach is Mrs. Kim Snodgrass. Mrs. Snodgrass says "During a Scholar Bowl game, four players from each team face off during four quarters of competition, answering questions in the categories of Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Communication Arts, Fine/Performing Arts, and Miscellaneous. The Miscellaneous category includes sports, agriculture, home economics, driver's education, industrial trades/industrial arts, entertainment, foreign languages, health/physical fitness, and business education."

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The High School Scholar Bowl practice schedule is: Monday: 5:30-7:00, Tuesday and Friday:

7:15-8:00, and Wednesday and Thursday: 3:00-4:30. The team has tried to arrange a schedule so that everyone could participate in practice at least two times per week. The Polo High School Scholar Bowl schedule is as follows: March 5th Tournament at Gallatin, March 12th Tournament at Hamilton, March 19th Tournament at Polo, and March 26th Tournament at South Harrison. All of the tournaments include Junior Varsity and Varsity team members.

Polo hosts the District Tournament on April 14th, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The teams in our district include Braymer, Hardin, Norborne, North Daviess, Pattonsburg, Polo, and Tri-County. The district is Varsity only, with a limit of ten team members. Mrs. Kim Snodgrass says, "Please realize that we need volunteers to help facilitate our tournaments. Each game requires four officials: moderator, timekeeper, scorekeeper, and spotter. If you are interested in helping with our home meets and district this year, please let me know."

Snowcoming Recap

by: Jonna Stottlemire
Staff Writer

Everybody enjoys dressing up for Spirit week. This year's spirit days were Monday: PJ day, Tuesday: Wacky Tacky day, Wednesday: Decade (20's) Day, Thursday: Green, Black and White Day, and Friday: Fancy Friday. Winners were Monday: Savannah Cline, Tuesday: Emma Tormey, Wednesday: Sarah Thomas, Thursday: and Friday: Brandon Latimer. Each winner received a ten dollar gift card for Dollar General from Student Council.

The Snowcoming coronation was held January 27th against the Princeton Tigers. There was so many candidates that it was hard for the student body to choose. The queen candidates were Kadee Phillips, Emily Templeton, Jonna Stottlemire and Carlie Powers. The king candidates were Michael Clark, Harley Martin, Austin Bowley, and Justin Hazelman, All the girls were looking their best as well as the boys. The 2012 King and Queen were Emily Templeton and Justin Hazelman. Crowning took place at half time of the boys' basketball game. Congratulations to all the royalty!



Students Play at GRC Band Concert

by Ashley Allen
Staff Writer

On Saturday, February 4th, Mr. Dunker took three students to the GRC Honor Band Concert. The students involved are Corinne Attebery, Ashley Adams, and Loren Wagner. The concert was at 5:00 p.m. and the guest conductor was Mr. Doug Gibson. The selections that were performed were Prestissimo by Karl K. King, Legend of the Ida Glenn by Ed Huckeby and a few others.

Upcoming events include the solo and ensemble concert on Saturday, March 24th and large group concert on Friday, March 30th.

March 2012 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 *Preschool & PreK Parental Mtg. in Library 7:00 p.m. & Dinner served 6:30-6:50 p.m. ** Varsity Girls BB Districts @ Albany	2 *FFA Judging Day TSA @ Hamilton *Varsity Boys BB Districts Championship @ Albany 6:30 p.m.	3 *Varsity Girls BB District Championship @ Albany 6:30 p.m.
4	5 *Late Start 10:20 am *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. * Academic Team @ Gallatin 4 p.m.	6	7 *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. * Varsity Girls Sectionals @ Staley HS @ 6 p.m. TBD *Varsity Boys Sectionals @ Staley HS @ 7:45 p.m. TBD	8 *K-6 Mother-Son "Sundae-" Night 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Band Clinic sponsored by Palen Music 8-10 a.m.	9 *3rd Quarter Ends	10 *After Prom Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 p.m. @ Prairie Ridge Church *VBB Girls Quarterfinals @ Independence Event Ctr 6 p.m. TBD *VBB Boys Quarterfinals @ Independence Event Ctr 7:45 p.m.
11	12 *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. *Academic Team @ Hamilton 4 p.m. * 5 th /6 th Grade BB @ Stet Tournament Girls @ 5:30 p.m. Boys @ 6:30 p.m.	13 *Spring Concert for 7 th -12 th grades @ 6:30 p.m. * 5 th /6 th Grade BB @ Stet Tournament Girls @ 7:30 p.m. Boys @ 8:30 p.m. *Elementary Group Picture Day *Visitation for students interested in Vo-Tech for 2012-2013 school years 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	14 *FFA Area Contest @ Gallatin 4:30 p.m. *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. *5 th /6 th Grade BB @ Stet Tournament Girls @ 7:30 p.m. Boys @ 8:30 p.m.	15 *Varsity Girls BB Final Four @ Mizzou Arena @ 1:40 p.m. TBD Varsity Boys B Final Four @ Mizzou Arena 5:00p.m. TBD	16	17
18	19 *BOE Meeting 7 p.m. *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. *Academic Team @ home 4 p.m.	20 *Children's Literature Festival Trip	21 *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m.	22 *FFA NCMC TSA @ Trenton *FBLA Blood Drive in Multi 1-6 p.m.	23 *Map Parental Involvement Day for grades 3 rd -6 th @ 2:00 p.m.	24
25	26 *FFA @ Lathrop TBA *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m. *Academic Team @ S. Harrison 4 p.m.	27	28 *Youth WR Practice 5:30-8:30 p.m.	29	30 *Large Group Contest report to Band Room time TBA	31 *Senior Citizens Prom 5-10 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

March 2012 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 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Fruit	2 Donut, Ham, Fruit Tuna or Bologna, Glazed Carrots, Fruit
5 Late Start – No Breakfast Corn dog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	6 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	7 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit BBQ Riblet, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	8 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	9 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit
12 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Taco Stack, Refried Beans, Fruit	13 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Fruit	14 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Creamy Chicken over Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	15 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Hot dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	16 Donut, Ham, Fruit Tuna or Bologna, Glazed Carrots, Fruit
19 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	20 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	21 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Fruit	22 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Tator Tots, Fruit	23 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
26 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	27 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	28 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	29 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	30 Donut, Ham, Fruit Tuna or Bologna, Glazed Carrots, Fruit

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