



# THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

April/May 2012

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## May Activities

- 1 - Community Parent/Patron Mtg 6 pm  
in HS Cafeteria
- 2 - Music Banquet 6:30 pm
  - 5th & 6th grade field trip
  - Odd finals for Srs going on trip
- 3 - MS Track @ Grant City/ Worth Co 3:30 pm
  - 2nd grade field trip
  - Even finals for Srs going on trip
- 4 - No School
- 5 - V Track @ St. Joe Christian
- 7 - Late Start 10:20 am
  - Sr Trip begins
  - Cheerleading tryouts 6-8 pm
  - Elementary field day
- 8 - Delta Dental Health Production for K-3rd
  - Cheerleading Tryouts 6-8 pm
- 9 - Cheerleading Tryouts 6-8 pm
- 10- Sr Trip Ends
  - Odd finals
  - Cheerleading Tryouts 6-8 pm
- 11- Even finals
- 12- V Track Sectionals @ Albany TBA
- 13- HS Graduation 2 pm
- 14- Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 pm
  - 8th Grade Graduation 7:30 pm
- 16- Early Out 11:20 am (last day of school)
  - Awards Assembly 1st-6th grade 8:45 am in  
HS Gym
- 18- V State Track @ Jefferson City TBA
- 19- V State Track @ Jefferson City TBA
- 21- BOE Meeting 7 pm
- 28- Memorial Day

## From the Elementary Office

by Beverly Deis  
*Elem. Principal*

As I write this letter and the regular school year is coming to an end, most students and teachers are anxiously awaiting summer school and summer break. Summer school packets have been given to all students and if your child did not make it home with one, just call the school and we will send another one. Summer school is a wonderful opportunity for our new 2012-2013 Kindergarten students to become acquainted with school rules and school routines. Summer school begins on May 21 and will be held from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm this year. I am hoping the shorter day will encourage more students to attend. If you have questions about summer school, please call the school and ask.

In the event your child does not attend summer school, I would highly recommend she or he continue to read on a daily basis 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. I also recommend working on basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). These facts should be memorized and recalled quickly by each student and the facts help with all mathematical equations.

May's character education word of the month is "ambition." Ambition means to have a goal, to dream, to hope, and to desire. If a student is ambitious, he or she has or sees a purpose in life. It is my hope that every student has ambition. I am sure the teachers stressed having ambition (having a goal) when students recently completely the MAP and Stanford tests. Be sure to talk with your child about their ambition(s) in life. You might just be surprised at the answer.

MAP testing and Stanford testing recently ended. Students were later assessed with the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Assessments and STAR Reading Assessments. Many students attended Spring field trips while other students had their field trips in the fall. Several students are already actively involved in summer activities, but I would like to remind parents that school work needs to come first.

Again, please sign your child up for Summer School and I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer break.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar include:

- May 1, 2, and 3 Gates McGinitie Reading Assessments
- May 2 Fifth and Sixth Grade Field Trip
- May 3 Second Grade Field Trip
- May 4 No School
- May 7 Late Start - In-Service  
Field Days (rain date is May 11)
- May 13 High School Graduation
- May 14 Kindergarten Graduation, 6:30 pm
- May 16 Awards Assembly grades 1-6 at 8:45 am  
Last Day of School, 11:20 dismissal
- May 21 Summer School begins at 8:00 am

For All Your  
School Information  
Needs and Wants  
VISIT OUR  
SCHOOL WEBSITE  
[polo.k12.mo.us](http://polo.k12.mo.us)

**5k and 10k run in  
Kingston on June 2. Call  
816-586-2691 for more infor-  
mation.**



*Austin Bowley  
Benjamin Branstietter  
Jennifer Brown*



*Michael Clark  
Alex Gaines  
Katie Garrett*



*Haley Harrison  
Justin Hazelman  
Dillon James*



*Jordan Kilmer  
Megan LaMarr  
Jordin Langdon*



*Jennifer Lindaman  
Harley Martin  
Kadee Phillips*



*Toby Poje  
Carlie Powers  
Malorie Rood*



*Ashton Shelton  
Jonna Stottlemire  
Landyn Street*



*Alex Tate  
Emily Templeton  
Sarah Thomas*



*Emma Tormey  
Sayyadina Uehling  
Roger Woodworth*

**Congratulations to the  
Class of 2012!!!!  
Best Wishes and Good Luck!!**

## ESACC Students Shatter School Records at the 2012 SkillsUSA State Championships

### 21 State Champion Medals - 18 Qualify for National Championships - 32 Total Medals

At 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012, two school busses and three vans carrying students from the Excelsior Springs Area Career Center (ESACC) pulled into empty parking lots at the Linn State Technical College (LSTC). Over the next hour and a half, the campus parking lots would fill up with dozens more busses and other vehicles transporting career and technical education students from all over the state to the 2012 SkillsUSA Missouri State Championship Awards Program. The awards program culminated two days of competition in skills, leadership, technical written, and occupationally related contests.

On the previous Thursday, 53 ESACC students and 8 advisors traveled to Linn State Technical College for the opening day of competition. The leadership category of the contests was held that day. After spending the night in Jefferson City all of the students traveled back to LSTC for the skills category of the contests on Friday.

ESACC students qualified for state after competing in local contests in January and district contests in February. Many of the students had been preparing for their contests since the beginning of the school year. Some of last year's returning students had even started preparing after the 2011 SkillsUSA Missouri State Championships.

By 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the LSTC Activity Center was filled. The ESACC delegation and guests occupied many of the front seats as the highly anticipated awards program began. The first honor awarded to the Excelsior Springs Area Career Center was for being a SkillsUSA Missouri Gold Quality Chapter during the 2011-12 school year. A plaque was presented for the documentation of 30 SkillsUSA Program of Work activities which were conducted during the school year. The ESACC SkillsUSA local chapter officers and advisors worked as a team to make this possible. Some of the officers had worked very hard with Don Roberts, ESACC Director, to make sure all of the documentation was in order and submitted by the due date.

The presentation of contest medals was the next order of business for the awards program. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded for over 120 contests in high school and post-secondary divisions. Medalists were announced and their names were projected onto large screens. After being announced, the medalists walked to an inspection area. Only students who met the contest clothing requirements were allowed on stage to receive their medal. About ten minutes later the medal winners' contest was announced and the medalists walked onto the stage to receive their medals and have their pictures taken.

At about the mid-point of the awards program next year's SkillsUSA Missouri State Officers were announced. For the first time in a long time, or possibly, for the first time in the history of the school, an ESACC student was selected to be a SkillsUSA Missouri State Officer (there may have been an ESACC state officer in the 1970s or early 1980s). Shelby Flinn, a junior from Lathrop High School, was called to the stage and sworn in as a member of the 2012-13 SkillsUSA Missouri State Officer Team. Last February Shelby was elected to serve as next year's SkillsUSA NW District Reporter. Shelby is a first year computer support student. Shelby is a student in computer support class taught by Brian Smarker and integrated English taught by Stacy Holtzclaw. Brian Smarker is also Shelby's section advisor.

After the new state officers were sworn in, the presentation of medals commenced for the second and final time. At the conclusion of the awards program Excelsior Springs Area Career Center had been recognized 32 times for receiving SkillsUSA Missouri State Medals. That number is one more than last year's record of 31.

Although the number of medals earned by ESACC students was broken by one medal, two other records were shattered.

Those records are the number of gold medals earned and the number of national qualifiers. ESACC students were awarded 21 SkillsUSA State Championship medals. The previous record was 12 in 2008. The number of national qualifiers is now 18. The previous record was 13, also from 2008.

Three of the State Champions were in contests that end at state and do not progress to the SkillsUSA National Championships. However, this only affects two students because Mitch Kovac, HVAC senior from Liberty High School, earned two gold medals and one of the contests progresses to the national contest. In addition to two gold medals, Mitch also earned a silver medal. Mitch in the HVAC class taught by Brian Baldwin and integrated English taught by Stacy Holtzclaw. Brian Baldwin is Mitch's section advisor.

There are a couple of other points of interest. The first is that each of the eight ESACC sending high schools and the post-secondary division had at least one student earning a gold or silver medal. Although this may be first in the state of Missouri, it is very likely that the next point of interest is a first in the state of Missouri for a stand alone career or technical center. At this time all current ESACC SkillsUSA program instructors, over the course of the past two years, have had at least one student from their class recognized as a SkillsUSA Missouri State Champion!

The 8 sending high schools are Excelsior Springs, Kearney, Lathrop, Lawson, Liberty, Liberty North, Orrick, and Polo. The current ESACC SkillsUSA program instructors are Brian Baldwin, Sherry Ballinger, Randy Barnes, Marsha Broadbent, Ed Gouldsmith, Stacy Holtzclaw, John Potter, Brian Smarker, HR Thomas, and Linda Unger.

Last Saturday was a historic day for the Excelsior Springs Area Career. It was fitting that the last school busses and vans to depart from the Linn State Technical College Campus were carrying Excelsior Springs Area Career Center students. On the way home a celebratory stop was made at the Missouri State Capitol Building. Lots of pictures were taken on the steps of the Capitol. For several of the students this was the first time they had been to the State Capitol Building.

The 2012 SkillsUSA National Championships will be held in Kansas City during the week of June 25-27. On Tuesday, June 26, H. Roe Bartle Hall will showcase over 150 SkillsUSA contests. Besides the contests there will be many other exhibits and activities. This spectacular event is free and open to the general public. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations students in career centers, technical schools, public high schools, and two year colleges. SkillsUSA has more than 250,000 students and professional members join each year. The organization has more than 13,000 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

SkillsUSA is an applied method for preparing America's performance workers in career and technical programs. It provides educational experiences for its members in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. It strives to build self-confidence, positive work attitudes, and communication skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities. More than 1,000 trade associations and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA through financial aid, in-kind contributions, and involvement of their employees in SkillsUSA activities. Visit [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) for more information.



Senior Toby Poje will be competing at Nationals for his 1st place finish at state competition.



## Polo FFA Member Received Highest Award from the Area FFA Association

Carlie Powers of Polo received the Area Star in Agricultural Placement at the Area II FFA Association Awards Night. The Area FFA Association awards the highest member after an application and interview process. The application and interview is based on their FFA career in the areas of supervised experience (SAE) and FFA activities.

Carlie will move on to state competition at the State FFA Convention where the State Star in Agricultural Placement will be selected. She is one of sixteen finalists for the State Star in Agricultural Placement. Carlie is the second FFA member from Polo to be selected as an Area Star winner.

The Missouri FFA over 25,000 members representing 324 chapters. The national organization has more than 500,000 members representing 7,429 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

## Polo Scholar Bowl Team Crowned District Champions

Polo hosted the Class 1 District 12 Scholar Bowl on Saturday, April 14. There were six teams in District 12 including Braymer, Norborne, Pattonsburg, Hardin-Central, North Davies and Polo. The 3 Preliminary rounds found Polo defeating their competition, round 1 Polo beat Braymer 260-60, round 2 Polo beat Pattonsburg 300-90 and in the final preliminary round Polo beat Hardin 310-100. The results from the preliminary rounds seeded 4 teams into the semi-final bracket. Semi-final results were Polo 160, North Davies 100, Hardin 160, Norborne 80. The finals began at 7 PM and were between Polo and Hardin. Polo snatched the District Championship plaque beating Hardin 310-100. Each team across the state answered the same questions at each round. The rounds all began at the same time.

Polo will host the District 11 Champion, Meadville in Sectional 6 play Wednesday, April 25, at 5 PM, in a best 2 out of 3 contest. The sectional winner competes in the state tournament May 4, in Columbia.

Polo's Carlie Powers was also named as Honorable Mention to the All-Conference Scholar Bowl Team.



**Front row: Sponsor Kim Snodgrass, Monica Fickess, Brady McCaskey, Carlie Powers, Sarah Thomas & Skylar Howe.**

**Back row: Logan Stump, Doug Jenkins, Dillon James, Mason Misel, & Tyler James.**

## Graceland Football Lands Harley Martin

Lamoni, IA - Head coach Jeff Douglas is pleased to announce the signing of highly-touted Harley Martin to the 2012 football squad.

Martin comes to Graceland by way of Polo High School in Polo, Mo. where the middle linebacker turned in an impressive high school career. The 230 lb. Martin recorded 279 tackles (107 solo), three interceptions, 13 sacks, seven forced fumbles and 22 tackles for a loss during his time as a Panther.

While at Polo, Martin learned under the guidance of head coaches Kyle Ross and Chris Johnson.

"Harley is a tremendous athlete and excellent student," added Douglas. "He is versatile and can play either side of the ball. Now, we just need to figure out where he can contribute most."

In 2011 and 2012, Martin led the Panthers to a state play-off berth. He also received numerous awards, some of which include Associated Press All-State Offensive Guard (2011), All-Conference Middle Linebacker (2010) and MOFBCA All-State Offensive Guard (2010).

Martin, the son of David and Michelle, has three siblings: Wiley, Gunnar and Maggie. Martin will look to major in Mathematics during his time at Graceland.

Welcome, Harley, to the Graceland athletics family.



## Two Polo Students Honored at ESACC

Excelsior Springs Area Career Center recently announced their Student of the Year for each program. Polo High School was honored to have two students selected with this appointment. Jordan Kilmer was selected as the recipient for the Computer Support program. Toby Poje was selected for the Electrical Trade program. Congratulations to these two very deserving young men.



# TRACK RESULTS

## Varsity Track Results 3/22/12

100 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (2nd), 110 m Hurdles - Dillon James (4th), 100 m Dash - Megan Knutter (5th), 200 m Dash - Daniel Boruch (4th), 300 m Hurdles - Dillon James (5th), Avery Snodgrass (1st), 800 m Run - Austin Bowley (3rd), Cati Boruch (5th), 1600 m Run - Monica Fickess (4th), Austin Bowley (2nd), 3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (4th), Monica Fickess (2nd), 4x100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Ashley Adams, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass (3rd), 4x200 m Relay - Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar, Avery Snodgrass (1st), 4x400 m Relay - Austin Bowley, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Daniel Boruch (4th); Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar, Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Shot - Austin Bowley (5th), Sidney Copeland (1st), Sammie Copeland (4th), Discus - Sammie Copeland (1st), Sidney Copeland (2nd), Brandon Latimer (5th), Triple Jump - Daniel Boruch (5th), Cati Boruch (1st), High Jump - Missy Cawthon (1st), Long Jump - Ashley Adams (1st), Megan Knutter (3rd)

## Results 3/27/12

3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (4th), Monica Fickess (8th); 100 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (4th); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (3rd), Monica Fickess (8th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (1st), Daniel Boruch (5th); Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (2nd); 100 m Dash - Avery Snodgrass (8th); 200 m Dash - Daniel Boruch (8th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (2nd), Sidney Copeland (5th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (2nd); High Jump - Missy Cawthon (3rd); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Amber Adams (8th); 4x400 m Relay - Loren Wagner, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar, Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Tony Utt, Jacob Hicks, Austin Bowley, Daniel Boruch (8th); Shot Put - Sidney Copeland (3rd), Sammie Copeland (7th); Long Jump - Megan Knutter (8th)

## Results 4/12/12 Lathrop Invitational

4 x 100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Ashley Adams, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass (5th); 4 x 200 m Relay - Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar, Avery Snodgrass (2nd); 4 x 400 m Relay - Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar, Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Dillon James, Jacob Hicks, Austin Bowley, Daniel Boruch (5th); 100 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (4th), 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Tony Utt (8th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (2nd), Daniel Boruch (8th); 200 m Dash - Adriana Segar (8th); Triple Jump - Tony Utt (5th); Shot Put - Sidney Copeland (4th), Sammie Copeland (8th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (3rd), Sidney Copeland (7th); 3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (8th), Monica Fickess (8th); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (7th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (5th).

## Results 4/10/12 Rock Port

Girls received a 2nd Place team trophy out of 18 schools and personal records across the board for boys and girls!

Shot Put - Sammie Copeland (2nd), Sidney Copeland (6th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (2nd); Long Jump - Ashley Adams (2nd); Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (2nd); 100/110 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (5th), Dillon James (6th); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Amber Adams (4th), Tony Utt (4th); 200 m Dash - Adriana Segar (5th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (2nd), Daniel Boruch (3rd); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (4th); 1600 m Run - Monica Fickess (5th), Austin Bowley (6th); 4 x 100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (5th); 4 x 200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (3rd); 4 x 400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (3rd), Tony Utt, Dillon James, Austin Bowley, Daniel Boruch (5th); 4 x 800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Daniel Boruch, Austin Bowley (5th)

## Results 4/17/12 Cameron

Medalists include: Discus - Sammie Copeland (1st); Shot - Sammie Copeland (5th); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (4th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (4th); Long Jump - Ashley Adams (5th), and Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (4th) with a new school record of 33'0".

Other places include: 4 x 800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Austin Bowley (7th); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (8th); 4 x 400 m Relay - Tony Utt, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Austin Bowley (8th), Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (7th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (7th); 4 x 100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (5th); 4 x 200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (7th); Discus - Sidney Copeland (8th)

## Results 4/20/12 Brookfield

Girls placed 2nd overall and received a plaque; boys placed 5th as a team. School record was broken again in the Triple Jump by Cati Boruch with a jump of 33'7 ¾".

Medalists include: 100 m Dash - Megan Knutter (4th); 200 m Dash - Adriana Segar (4th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (2nd); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (2nd); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (3rd), Rhea Rardon (6th), Monica Fickess (6th); 3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (3rd), Doug Jenkins (4th), Monica Fickess (5th); 110/100 m Hurdles - Tony Utt (3rd), Dillon James (4th), Amber Adams (2nd); 300 m Hurdles - Tony Utt (3rd), Dillon James (5th), Avery Snodgrass (1st), Amber Adams (3rd); Triple Jump - Tony Utt (6th), Cati Boruch (2nd); Long Jump - Megan Knutter (2nd), Ashley Adams (6th); High Jump - Rhea Rardon (5th); Shot Put - Austin Bowley (4th), Sidney Copeland (2nd); Discus - Sidney Copeland (4th); 4 x 100 m Relay - Tristan Rardon, Jimmy Endsley, Brandon Latimer, Doug Jenkins (5th), Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Monica Fickess, Ashley Adams (1st); 4 x 200 m Relay - Amber Adams, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (1st); 4 x 400 m Relay - Tony Utt, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Austin Bowley (3rd), 4 x 400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (3rd); 4 x 800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Austin Bowley (2nd).

Other places include: 800 m Dash - Jacob Hicks (8th); 200 m Dash - Megan Knutter (7th)

## Results 4/23/12 Lawson

100/110 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (2nd), Tony Utt (4th); 4x200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (3rd); 4x100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (3rd); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (2nd), Amber Adams (6th), Tony Utt (4th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (2nd); 4x400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Amber Adams, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch (4th), Tony Utt, Jacob Hicks, Rhea Rardon, Austin Bowley (4th); Long Jump - Megan Knutter (2nd); Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (2nd); Shot Put - Sammie Copeland (3rd), Sidney Copeland (5th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (4th), Sidney Copeland (5th); 4x800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Dillon James, Austin Bowley (5th); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (6th); 4x100 m Relay - Tristan Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Brandon Latimer, Doug Jenkins - (5th).

## Results at (4/26/12) Lexington

Discus - Sammie Copeland (1st), Sidney Copeland (4th); Shot Put - Sammie Copeland (3rd); Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (2nd); Throwers' Relay - Sidney Copeland, Sammie Copeland, Brandon Latimer, Jacob Hicks (3rd); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (1st); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (2nd); 4x100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (2nd); 4x200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (2nd); 4x400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (1st); Long Jump - Megan Knutter (5th); 1600 m Run - Monica Fickess (5th); 100 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (4th); 3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (4th); 4x400 m Relay - Tony Utt, Dillon James, Austin Bowley, Daniel Boruch (5th); 100 m Dash - Megan Knutter (6th).

## GRC Varsity Track Results for 4/30/12:

Medalists include: Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (2nd); Long Jump - Ashley Adams (4th); Shot Put - Sammie Copeland (3rd), Sidney Copeland (5th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (2nd); 100/110 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (3rd), Tony Utt (4th), Dillon James (5th); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (3rd), Amber Adams (5th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (4th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (6th); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (3rd), Rhea Rardon (6th); 3200 m Run - Monica Fickess (6th), Rhea Rardon (6th); 4x200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (3rd); 4x400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (4th); 4x800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Daniel Boruch, Austin Bowley (3rd).

Other places include: 1600 m Run - Monica Fickess (8th); Long Jump - Megan Knutter (7th); 300 m Hurdles - Tony Utt (7th), Dillon James (8th); 4x100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (5th); 4x400 m Relay - Tony Utt, Dillon James, Austin Bowley, Daniel Boruch (6th); JV 100 m Dash - Loren Wagner (4th), Tristan Rardon (7th), Brandon Latimer (8th); JV 200 m Dash - Brandon Latimer (6th); JV 400 m Dash - Jacob Hicks (3rd); JV Shot Put - Haley Harrison (1st), Jacob Hicks (6th); JV Discus - Haley Harrison (1st), Brandon Latimer (8th).

**Varsity Track District Results - 5/5/12:**

Two school records were broken by Ashley Adams in the Long Jump and Cati Boruch in the Triple Jump (her 3rd time this season)! Medalists and Qualifiers for Sectionals include: Long Jump - Ashley Adams (2nd), Megan Knutter (4th); Shot Put - Sidney Copeland (3rd), Sammie Copeland (4th); Discus - Sammie Copeland (1st), Sidney Copeland (3rd); Triple Jump - Cati Boruch (1st); High Jump - Rhea Rardon (4th); 100/110 m Hurdles - Amber Adams (3rd), Tony Utt (4th); 300 m Hurdles - Avery Snodgrass (1st), Amber Adams (4th), Tony Utt (4th); 400 m Dash - Adriana Segar (3rd); 1600 m Run - Austin Bowley (2nd), Rhea Rardon (4th); 3200 m Run - Rhea Rardon (4th); 4x200 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Cati Boruch, Ashley Adams, Adriana Segar (1st); 4x100 m Relay - Megan Knutter, Amber Adams, Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams (2nd); 4x400 m Relay - Avery Snodgrass, Ashley Adams, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar (2nd), Tony Utt, Dillon James, Daniel Boruch, Austin Bowley (3rd); 4x800 m Relay - Rhea Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Daniel Boruch, Austin Bowley (2nd).

Other places for points include: 110 m Hurdles - Dillon James (5th); 300 m Hurdles - Dillon James (7th); 100 m Dash - Megan Knutter (8th); 200 m Dash - Adriana Segar (5th); 400 m Dash - Loren Wagner (6th); 800 m Run - Cati Boruch (5th); 1600 m Run - Monica Fickess (5th); 3200 m Run - Doug Jenkins (8th), Monica Fickess (7th); Shot Put - Austin Bowley (5th), 4x100 m Relay - Tristan Rardon, Jacob Hicks, Brandon Latimer, Doug Jenkins (7th).

**Polo Scholar Bowl Team Crowned Sectional Champions**

Last Friday night the Polo Academic team made school history! They won the 2012 Sectional 6 Scholar Bowl Tournament, a first at the Polo School. The Polo Panthers hosted the Sectional 6 Scholar Bowl on Friday, April 25, against the Meadville Eagles.

In the first round Polo squeezed by Meadville 230 - 220. Game number two, Polo snatched the Sectional title from Meadville with a strong ending score of 290 - 220. Polo will travel to Columbia on Friday, May 4, to compete at the State level.



**FFA Members Attend State**

by Ashley Allen  
Staff Writer

This year's FFA was ready for State Leadership Conference. Polo had three teams attend the conference which included: Agronomy - Alex Johnson, Jonathon Shelton, Logan Stump, and Zach Freeman; Meats -Avery Snodgrass, Sammie Jo Copeland, Brady McCaskey and Justin Hicks; Knowledge- Mattie Curp, Skylar Howe, Jessica Farmer, and Kayla Carr. Loren Wagner also attended to perform in the choir. Ashton Shelton and Carlie Powers received their State Degrees. Carlie also received her State Placement Award from working at the bank. They left on Thursday April 19th at 8am and returned Friday evening.



**Thomas Receives the DAR Award**

Sarah Thomas was awarded the Good Citizen Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The qualities that qualify the recipient for this award are dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



## NHS Induction

by Jonna Stottlemyre  
Staff Writer

Polo High School's National Honor Society chapter held its annual induction ceremony on Thursday, April 12 in the school library. Principal Kyle Ross began by congratulating the new members and reflecting on admission requirements and their accomplishments. President Sarah Thomas followed with an introduction, and Vice President Emily Templeton explained the meaning of the NHS emblem and motto. Members then described the four guidelines of the Society which are scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The new members were introduced by the current members who read a brief biography of each. The new members were then inducted. They are juniors Daniel Boruch and Brady McCaskey and sophomore Alex Johnson. National Honor Society sponsor, Mrs. Sarah 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. Congratulations to the new members!



## BAND LEADERSHIP

by Malorie Rood  
Staff Writer

Drum major auditions were Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00pm in the Polo Band room. The students auditioning this year were, Corrine Attebery, Duncan Parker, Daniel Boruch, Amber Adams, Monica Fickess, and Doug Jenkins. The duties of a drum major include, leading the band through performances, starting warm-ups and rehearsals, and conducting music so the students know their parts well. Qualifications for a successful drum major are teach and perform music, display leadership, and when you command, display the command.

The Polo Band teacher, Mr. Dunker says, "At football games, drum majors are in charge of paying attention and knowing what song to play between plays and quarters, as well as time outs." Next year's drum majors leading the band will be Amber Adams and Monica Fickess. Congratulations ladies!!



## Band and Choir Awards

### 5th Grade Band

Most Dedicated: Clay Garton  
Most Improved: Steven Knotts

### 6th Grade Band

Most Dedicated: Matthew Vaughan  
Most Improved: Sierra Dye

### 7th-12th Grade Band

Outstanding Brass: Ashley Adams  
Outstanding Woodwind: Haley Harrison  
Outstanding Percussion: Corinne Attebery  
All-Conference Band: Ashley Adams, Corinne Attebery, Loren

### Wagner

Director's Award: Daniel Boruch

The Director's Award goes to high school students and honors the most outstanding members of the band.

Patrick Gilmore Award: Ashley Adams

The Patrick Gilmore Award honors the musicianship and dedication of high school band students.

Louis Armstrong Award: Doug Jenkins

The highest achievement for high school jazz band since 1974, the Armstrong Award honors outstanding jazz students. To preserve its prestige and honor, the Armstrong Award is limited to one per school per year.

John Phillip Sousa Award: Haley Harrison

The John Philip Sousa Band Award is the pinnacle of achievement for high school band students. Created in 1955, the award honors the top student in a high-school band and recognizes superior musicianship and outstanding dedication. To preserve its prestige and honor, the Sousa Award is limited to one per school per year.

National Choral Award - Amber Adams

## State Music Contest Qualifier

Amber Adams received a 1 rating at District Music Contest in St. Joseph, MO on March 24 qualifying her for state. She sang *Into the Night* by Clara Edwards and *When Love is Kind* by Thomas Moore for her district and state performances. She competed at State Music Contest on April 27 in Columbia, MO and received a II Rating. Congratulations Amber!!

## PHS Band Travel to Worlds of Fun

On Sunday, April 29th, the high school band took a trip to Worlds of Fun to participate in the annual Festival of Music. The Festival is a contest that also serves as a learning experience for our band students. Adjudicators not only evaluate performances, but make positive suggestions that directors and band members may use to improve their musicianship. The band played at 1pm performing two pieces, *A Jubilant March* by Michael Story and *Andromeda* by David Shaffer, for a panel of highly respected judges from all over the country. The band earned a 2 (Excellent) rating. After their performance, band members enjoyed the park riding rides, playing games, and shopping in the stores.





## Choir District Solo Contest

by Malorie Rood  
Staff Writer

The Polo Choir traveled to St. Joseph, Missouri on Saturday, March 24th, 2012. The students involved were Emma Tormey, Malorie Rood, Katie Garrett, Sarah Thomas, Amber Adams, Corinne Attebery, and Stephanie Generaux. They departed from Polo High School at 8:15am and arrived at St. Joseph Central High School at 9:30am. Once the choir arrived, they roamed around the school and practiced their songs together. During the day, Sarah Thomas, Corrine Attebery, and Amber Adams sang solos. Sarah Thomas sang *Se tu m'ami, se sospiri* by Pergolesi and *When I was Seventeen* by Swedish Folksong, Corrine Attebery sang *When I've Sung my Songs* by Ernest Charles and *Lydia* by Faure, and Amber Adams sang *Into the Night* by Clara Edwards and *Love is Kind* by Anonymous. Amber Adams received a one at districts, which is the best you can do on a scale from one to five.

At 2:45pm, the choir performed their songs, which were *Danny Boy* by Julie Knowles and *Dance on My Heart* by Allen Koepke. The choir was nervous, but also very determined to do their best. Choir teacher, Mrs. Henderson had the students practice before they performed to ensure an efficient performance. The choir students performed well but did not receive the rating they were looking for.

## What's Happening in FBLA?

by Jonna Stottlemire  
Staff Writer

Members of FBLA and their sponsor Ashley Arth planned an exciting event on March 31, 2012 for the Senior Citizens Prom. The event was held in the Multipurpose room from 5-10 pm. There the senior citizens were served food served by Samara Wormsley and Lynette Zinna. The food was excellent, as well as the music provided by Curtis Floray. The king and queen this year was Joe Shelton and Jerrilynn Houghton. Many items were donated from various people and businesses for the silent auction.

On April 22, 2012 juniors Dalton Mills and Zach Freeman traveled down to Columbia for State FBLA. Dalton competed in Sports Management, and Business Law, which Zach Freeman will be competing in Personal Finance. These two students competed against 40 other students in the events from the State of Missouri.



## Elementary Students Recognized for Their High Achievements on MAP Testing

Students in grades 4 - 6 were recognized with certificates during the annual MAP skit. Students who performed Advanced or Proficient on the Spring 2011 MAP tests were recognized. Those receiving Advanced on the MAP tests also received a medal. Students recognized attended a field trip to the YMCA as part of their reward.

### Fourth Graders:

Kelly Baldon  
Dylan Frazier  
Jacob Hurd  
Katherine Nichols  
Nicholas Scott  
Colt Smith  
Rance Waigand  
Trysten Wolf  
Dominick Hoplin  
Kole Larkins  
Aaron Latimer  
Dawn Pieper  
Alex Pilger

### Fifth Graders:

Daniel Adams  
Maddy Baughman  
Mariah Clevenger  
Shelby Copeland  
Robbin Crawford  
Chis Dick  
Clay Garton  
Garion Hall  
Kallie Heil  
Steven Knotts  
Mercedes McNab  
Jared Robison  
Payton Tate  
Taylor Wagner  
Makayla Wise  
Alex Arthur  
Dylan Brower  
Summer Gurwell  
Joseph Hilburn  
Zachariah Kelly  
Nickolas Myers

### Sixth Graders:

Dalton Frazier  
Megan Latimer  
Teagan Logan  
Hailey Boyle  
Matthew Vaughan  
Luke Cory  
Sierra Dye  
James Fleener  
Julianne Hurd  
Abby Walker  
Micheal Knotts  
Andrew Sifford



## Third Quarter Perfect Attendance Drawing

Names were drawn from the students that had perfect attendance for third quarter. The winners of the \$50 Wal-Mart gift card were:

K-4: Coryn Baird  
5-8: Dylan Sales  
9-12: Anna Way

Congratulations on winning and your great attendance!



## Polo Students Shine in County Student Art Show

Polo R7 students rose to the occasion once again in the 4th Annual Caldwell County Student Art Show. The County wide show was held April 29th at the Polo Community Building and was sponsored by the Caldwell County Arts Association with the help of Judy Stone and several local sponsors. Polo students were awarded 24 ribbons across all grade levels. Students were judged in the areas of Painting, Drawing, Sculpture/Mixed Media and Photography, and then were divided by age group. Traditionally the High School and Art Club students from the different schools in the county help to judge the elementary works and the upper grades are judged by an individual selected by the CCAA.

We had some very impressive works entered and just to be chosen for entry was an honor in itself. Mrs. Fickess and her students would like to thank the following PHS Art Club Members for helping to sort, tag, set up and judging the lower elementary works. Thank you, Sam Smith, Monica Fickess, Linda Mynatt, Mason Misel, Jordyn Phillips, and Brooke Jones. Polo Art students would also like to thank the local sponsors for their support. Winners received ribbons up to 4th place and prize money up to 3rd place.

### Drawing

Drawing K-1st Grade: Cheyenne Cooper 3rd Place  
 Drawing 2nd -3rd Grade: Marisa Fickess 1st Place  
 Chloe Smith 2nd Place Jordan Carter 3rd Place.  
 Drawing 4th-6th Grade: Jaime VanWey 2nd Place  
 Mitchell Berndt 3rd Place  
 Drawing 7th-8th Grade: Brittany Shepard 2nd Place,  
 Jesse Vaughan 4th Place  
 Drawing HS: Corrine Attebery 1st Place, Sam Smith 2nd  
 and 3rd Place, Jessica Farmer 4th Place

### Painting

Painting 2nd -3rd Grade: Ashley Foster 1st  
 Place, Mariah Dick 3rd Place, Abby Cline 4th  
 Place.  
 Painting 4th -6th Grade: Shaylea Martin 4th Place.  
 Painting 7th-8th Grade: Emily Fickess 1st Place,  
 Jesse Vaughn 2nd Place, Jennifer Farmer 3rd  
 Place.  
 Painting HS: Sam Smith 2nd Place, Corrine  
 Attebery 4th Place.

### Photography

Photography 7th -8th Grade: Adriana  
 Staus 1st Place  
 Photography HS: Mattie Curp 1st Place,  
 Mason Misel 4th Place

## Counselor's Corner By: Becky Arway

The character words for the month of April and May focused on goal setting and achieving the goals we set for ourselves. April's character word was Perseverance and May's character word is Ambition.

Students in grades K-6 learned what it means to persevere. They discussed examples of times when they might have had to persevere, or sticks with it, in order to reach their goals. Students shared examples of learning how to ride their bikes, memorize multiplication facts, or working hard to achieve a goal they set for themselves. We talked about the important things that we need in our life, such as patience, and determination, to reach any goal we set. We also talked about some possible barriers or challenges that we might face and what we should do overcome those in order to reach our end goal. Students worked to identify a short-term and long-term goal and established a plan to help them reach their goal.

To help understand May's character word of the month, Ambition, students listened to Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss. After reading this story, students discussed all the different places they would like to go whether it is over summer vacation or when they grow up! We talked about goals they have for themselves and the places that their goals will take them. Students were encouraged to always stay ambitious and to constantly challenge themselves. Students were reminded of all the wonderful places they can go and the things that they can achieve with just a little determination and a lot of ambition!

This has been a very exciting year and I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer vacation! Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!



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-----**POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT**-----

May 3, 2012

Polo R-VII Parents/Patrons:

On behalf of the school district, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your interest and attendance at the Parent/Patron School Community meeting held Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, I do believe it takes passionate and caring, parents, patrons, educators, and students to be successful in creating the environment necessary for kids to be successful! I hope we were able to convey to you, at least minimally, the following points:

- > We have quality students!
- > We have a quality school district!
- > We have a supportive and positive community!
- > Educational change is occurring at the local, state, and national level!
- > Change is good – if we can be proactive & support, adapt to the change & mandated requirements!
- > Resources are necessary to support and meet the accountability requirements for all students!

Again, this takes people like you, at the local "grass root" level, to help meet the needs of our students today! Enclosed is a copy of the new testing schedule that will be in effect under the Missouri School Improvement Plan Five (MSIP5), as there were several questions after the meeting in regards to this. As you can see, this year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and lower classes, by the time they graduate will be tested in "11" different areas, including the End of High School Exam (EOHS). The importance of making sure the courses, class schedule, curriculum, technology and staff are in place to continue and improve the environment necessary for our students to be successful in requires the resources and adaptations to make it happen!

I will continue to keep you informed as we progress forward. We have some interesting decisions to make, but the School District, Board of Education, and Community, with people like you, are in a positive position to be proactive in making these decisions in the best interest of all students! I look forward to working with you as we move through this change and decision making process. Again, your support is appreciated!

Sincerely yours,

*Mr. Newhart*

Mr. Newhart  
Superintendent  
Polo R-VII School District

**MSIP V  
Required Assessments**

| Required Assessments     |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| August, 2011             |                              |
| Class of 2012            | English II                   |
| 2013                     | Algebra I                    |
| 2014                     | Biology                      |
| (4)                      | Government                   |
| <i>Current 8th Grade</i> |                              |
| Class of 2015 (4)        | English II                   |
|                          | Algebra I                    |
|                          | Biology                      |
|                          | Government                   |
| <i>Current 9th Grade</i> |                              |
| Class of 2016 (6)        | English I                    |
|                          | English II                   |
|                          | English EOHS                 |
|                          | Algebra I                    |
|                          | Mathematics EOHS             |
|                          | Biology                      |
|                          | Government                   |
| American History         |                              |
| <i>Current 8th Grade</i> |                              |
| Class of 2017 (9)        | English I                    |
|                          | English II                   |
|                          | English EOHS                 |
|                          | Algebra I                    |
|                          | Mathematics EOHS             |
|                          | Additional Mathematics - NEW |
|                          | Biology                      |
|                          | Government                   |
|                          | American History             |
| <i>Current 7th Grade</i> |                              |
| Class of 2018 (11)       | English I                    |
|                          | English II                   |
|                          | English EOHS                 |
|                          | Algebra I                    |
|                          | Mathematics EOHS             |
|                          | Additional Mathematics       |
|                          | Biology                      |
|                          | Government                   |
|                          | American History             |
|                          | Additional Science - NEW     |
|                          | Additional Science - NEW     |
| <i>Current 6th Grade</i> |                              |

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**NOTICE: OFFICIAL TEST SCORES NOW REQUIRED FROM TESTING SERVICE**

Effective for the entering class for fall 2013 the University of Missouri will require that all students have their standardized test scores sent directly to us from ACT or the College Board. We will no longer be taking test scores from high school transcripts. Please remind those that are already considering Mizzou to list us as one of their designated campuses to receive scores. They can also be assured that at Mizzou we will always use their highest composite score, so they need not worry about our receiving more than one score.

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Thank you for all that you do, and please contact us if you have any questions.

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# INFORMATION

## May 2012 Activities Calendar

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|  |  | 1<br>*Community Parent/Patron Meeting 6:00 p.m. in HS Cafeteria                                    | 2<br>*Music Banquet 6:30 p.m.<br>*5 <sup>th</sup> &6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip<br>*Odd Finals for Senior on Sr. Trip   | 3<br>*MS Track@ Grant City/Worth County 3:30 p.m.<br>*2nd Grade Field Trip<br>*Even Finals for Senior on Sr. Trip | 4<br>*No School (final vacation day)           | 5<br>*Varsity Track @ St. Joe Christian TBA     |
| 6  | 7<br>*Late Start 10:20 a.m.<br>*Senior Trip Starts<br>*Cheerleading Tryouts 6-8 p.m.<br>*Elementary Field Days | 8<br>*Delta Dental Health Production for K-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade<br>*Cheerleading tryouts 6-8 p.m. | 9<br>* Cheerleading tryouts 6-8 p.m.  | 10<br>*Senior Trips Ends<br>*Odd Finals<br>* Cheerleading tryouts 6-8 p.m.  | 11<br>*Even Finals                             | 12<br>*Varsity Track Sectionals@ Albany TBA     |
| 13<br>*HS Graduation 2:00 p.m.<br>*Band to play @ Graduation report to Band Room @ 1:30 p.m. | 14<br>*Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 p.m.<br>*8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:30 p.m.                        | 15   | 16<br>*Early Out 11:20 a.m. Last Day Of School<br>*Awards Assembly 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 8:45 a.m. HS Gym | 17  | 18<br>*Varsity Sate Track @ Jefferson City TBA | 19<br>* Varsity Sate Track @ Jefferson City TBA |
| 20   | 21<br>*BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m.   | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  |
| 27<br>*Memorial Day  | 28   | 29   | 30  | 31  |  |   |

## May 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<br>Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit<br>Biscuit w/sausage Gravy,<br>Hash Browns, Fruit | 2<br>Breakfast Pizza, Fruit<br>Creamy Chicken over<br>Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables,<br>Fruit | 3<br>Donut, Sausage, Fruit<br>Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter<br>Senior BIG Dinner!!! | 4<br>No School  |
| 7<br>No Breakfast-Late Start<br>Turkey on Bun, Carrot Sticks,<br>Fruit          | 8<br>Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast,<br>Fruit<br>Pizza, Corn, Fruit                 | 9<br>Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit<br>Hotdog on Bun, Baked<br>Beans, Fruit                         | 10<br>French Toast, Sausage, Fruit<br>Chicken Nuggets, Green<br>Beans, Fruit        | 11<br>Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy,<br>Fruit<br>Hamburger on Bun, Tator<br>Tots, Fruit |
| 14<br>Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit<br>Cordog or Burrito, Pinto<br>Beans, Fruit | 15<br>Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit<br>Chicken Pattie on Bun,<br>Green Beans, Fruit  | 16<br>Donut, Sausage, Fruit<br>Early Out 11:20 a.m. - Last<br>Day of School               | 17  | 18  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |

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