



# THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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## From the Elementary Office

by Beverly Deis  
*Elem. Principal*

### November Activities

- 2 - VFB Regionals TBA
  - FFA Area Fall Speakin @ Gallatin 4:30 pm
- 4 - FFA Barnwarming 8-11 pm in Multi
- 5 - MS BB Tourney @ Norborne thru 11-11-11
  - All District Band Auditions
- 7 - Late Start 10:20 am
  - FB Sectionals TBA
  - K-6th Career Day
- 8 - FFA Fruit Sales start and end on 11-22-11
- 11 - Early Out 11:20 am
- 12- FB Sectionals TBA
- 14- Book Fair all week in the library
  - MS BB vs. Osborn 6 pm
- 15- MSBB vs. Braymer 5 pm
  - MS Pep Rally 7th hour
  - 1st-5th Grade field trip to Hamilton
- 16- EXPLORE test for 8th graders 11:30 to 2:30 in room 112
- 17- MS BB @ Orrick 2 plus 2 (if they have enough) 5 pm
- 18 - Meet the Panthers HS Gym 6 pm
- 19- FB Sectionals TBA
  - Band to Chillicothe Holiday Parade bus @ 8 parade @ 10
- 21- BOE Mtg 7 pm
- 22- MS BB vs. Lathrop/2B and 2A games 4:30 pm
  - FBLA Blood Drive in Multi 1-6 pm
- 23- Early Out 11:20 am
- 24- Thanksgiving
  - State FB @ St. Louis
- 25- No School
  - State FB @ St. Louis
- 28- V BB @ Albany Tourney thru 12-3-11
  - MS BB vs. Hamilton 2B and 2A games 4:30 pm

The first annual Career Day at Polo Elementary School will be on November 7. This will be one of our parental involvement activities so all parents (K-6) are invited to attend. We do need you to let us know if you are planning on being in attendance so we have a good count so we can plan this day adequately. The six career areas are: Helping, Creative, Nature, Business, Fixing and Building, and Health. Please watch for notes and invitations for future parental involvement days.

Polo R-VII School District is focusing on a target of 96% daily attendance rate. The class with the highest attendance rate for the month receives an afternoon party. Even with the focus on attendance, we do understand there are days when the students can't attend school because they are ill.

The October character education word is "RESPECT." Respect means to admire, have high regard for, and to place value on something. Students (and adults) should respect themselves, others, and the property they are around. Please discuss "respect" with your child and see if they can give you examples of when they have shown respect to someone at school.

With all of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) mandates, schools are striving to have all students make proficient and advanced on the MAP assessments (which is a NCLB requirement by NCLB). Polo R-VII Elementary School tutors students in math and reading who scored in the Basic or Below Basic levels on the spring MAP assessments or the Stanford Assessments. Several students who need tutoring are reading at or above grade level; however, their test taking skills are below average. The tutoring sessions focus on test taking skills by using supplemental material similar to the MAP assessments. If you have not signed your child up for tutoring and are interested in this offer, please call the school. For more information on NCLB please log onto the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website.

There will be an assembly on Friday, November 4 for grades K-6. Randy Nadler will present the assembly on Vietnam. Mr. Nadler has been coming to Polo with his assembly programs for several years. This assembly is sponsored by our PTO.

There will be an NHS Book Fair the week of November 14 held in the Library. On November 15, students in grades 1-5 will participate in a Food Power Field Trip to Hamilton. For this field trip students will only be gone from school approximately two hours.

For Thanksgiving break, school will dismiss on Wednesday, November 23, at 11:20 and will resume the following Monday.

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

## High School First Quarter 2011 Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

Dillon James, Carlie Powers, Sarah Thomas, Emily Templeton, Ashton Shelton, Katie Garrett, Alex Gaines, Haley Harrison, Sammie Jo Copeland, Avery Snodgrass, Tony Utt, Zach Freeman, Missy Cawthon, Monica Fickess, Dalton Mills, Samantha Smith, Corinne Attebery, Brady McCaskey, Alex Johnson, Dylan Fry, Ashley Adams, Tyler James, Jack Pile, Kelsey Gallion, Mason Misel, Mattie Curp, Jessica Farmer, Cati Boruch, Skylar Howe, Adriana Segar, Jacob Hicks, Jennifer Adams, Sidney Copeland, Brandon Latimer

### "B" Honor Roll

Justin Hazelman, Jonna Stottlemire, Landyn Street, Jennifer Brown, Kadee Phillips, Toby Poje, Sayyadina Uehling, Emma Tormey, Ben Branstietter, Jordan Kilmer, Jennifer Lindaman, Harley Martin, Michael Clark, Doug Jenkins, Linda Mynatt, Savannah Cline, Daniel Boruch, Justin Hicks, Rhea Rardon, Jordyn Phillips, Brande Vick, Duncan Parker, Alec Eggers, Camie Smith, Stephanie Generaux, Tyler Feil, Megan Standley, Tabitha Poje, Houston Stone, Blake Bates, Loren Wagner, Tiffany Farrar, Erica Taylor, Logan Stump, Anna Way, Jonathan Shelton, Kylee Eaglen, Tristan Rardon, Brooke Jones, Wiley Martin, Alisha Ross, Matthew Ham, Jed Wilson, Dakota Generaux, Danielle Allen, Kayla Carr, Jennifer Rash, Holly Leeper, Aimee Walker

## Lower Middle School Honor Roll

### 5th Grade

~A~

Daniel Adams, Robbin Crawford, Sommer Gurwell,  
Jared Robison, Taylor Wagner

~B~

Alex Arthur, Mitchell Berndt, Dylan Brower, Mariah Clevenger, Shelby Copeland, Wyatt Curp, Christopher Dick,  
Dylan Faulkner, Clay Garton, Garion Hall, Kallie Heil,  
Zachariah Kelley, Steven Knotts, Nickolas Myers, Payton  
Tate, Makayla Wise

### 6th Grade

~A~

Megan Latimer, Teagan Logan, Matthew Vaughan

~B~

John Bost, Hailey Boyle, Luke Cory, Sierra Dye, Teresa Harris, Amanda Hilburn, Garrett Jones, Micheal Knotts, Seth Pate, Kelsie Reavis

## Middle School First Quarter 2011 Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

Jennifer Farmer, Averie Heil, Billie Thompson, Tiffany Pimentel, Emily Fickess, Jesse Vaughan

### "B" Honor Roll

Shelby Stump, Kaitlyn Woodfin, Joely Hicks, Jake Leonard, Douglas Lindaman, Ryan Henry, Taylor Rash, Kalee Tarwater, Alex Myers, Matthew Attebery, Ryan Virtue, Hannah Curp, Gage Aubrey, Brittany Sheppard, Parker Smith, Jenna Johnson, Erik Johnson, Danielle Gurwell, Derek Faulkner, Ashley Harris, Lisa Tackett, Shelby Bates, Josh Kesler, Austin McKinzie, Adrianna Staus, Mikayla Reavis, Alex Jensen, Michael Leamer, Logan Bowley, Aerial Eggers, Tyler Erickson

## Middle School

### 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance 2011

#### 5-6th Grade

Mitchell Berndt  
John Bost  
Chance Carr  
Luke Cory  
Sierra Dye  
James Fleener  
Dalton Frazier  
Clay Garton  
Sommer Gurwell  
Kallie Heil  
Amanda Hilburn  
Julianne Hurd  
Makenzie Jay  
Garrett Jones  
Zach Kelley  
Megan Latimer  
Taegan Logan  
Katelynn Minnis  
Nathan Minnis  
Kristopher Moore  
Seth Pate  
Jared Robison  
Mikayla Wise

#### 7-8th Grade

Matthew Attebery  
Gage Aubrey  
Shelby Bates  
Danielle Beaufeaux  
Jorgia Cory  
Cheyanne Dye  
Jennifer Farmer  
Emily Fickess  
Ashley Harris  
Ryan Henry  
Joely Hicks  
Brandon Hubbard  
Erik Johnson  
Jenna Johnson  
Josh Kesler  
Michael Leamer  
Jake Leonard  
Douglas Lindaman  
Austin McKinzie  
Zack Phillips  
Tiffany Pimentel  
Taylor Rash  
Mikayla Reavis  
Parker Smith  
Adrianna Staus  
Shelby Stump  
Lisa Tackett  
Kalee Tarwater  
Billie Thompson  
Ryan Virtue  
Gavin Walker  
Alex Way

## High School

### 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance 2011

Jennifer Adams  
Ashley Allen  
Danielle Allen  
Corinne Attebery  
Blake Bates  
Daniel Boruch  
Austin Bowley  
Benjamin Branstietter  
Jennifer Brown  
Sammie Copeland  
Mattie Curp  
Kylee Eaglen  
Jimmy Endsley  
Jessica Farmer  
Tyler Feil  
Zach Feil  
Monica Fickess  
Zach Freeman  
Kelsey Gallion  
Dakota Generaux  
Stephanie Generaux  
Matthew Ham  
Dillon James  
Tyler James  
Alex Johnson  
Brooke Jones  
Jordan Kilmer  
Megan Knutter

Sean Winget

Megan LaMarr  
Brandon Latimer  
Harley Martin  
Wiley Martin  
Brady McCaskey  
Mason Misel  
Linda Mynatt  
Maisson Phelps  
Rhea Rardon  
Tristan Rardon  
Jennifer Rash  
Brandon Richardson  
Alisha Ross  
James Ross  
Adrianna Segar  
Ashton Shelton  
Jonathan Shelton  
Avery Snodgrass  
Megan Standley  
Jonna Stottlemire  
Landyn Street  
Sarah Thomas  
Emma Tormey  
Sayyadina Uehling  
Tony Utt  
Brande Vick  
Anna Way

## NEWS FROM MR. MEYER

The month of October is always a busy month of testing for the Guidance Department. Polo is a test center for the October ACT Test and twenty five students will test on October 22nd. All of Polo's juniors and one senior took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test on October 17th. This test is used to help students identify their interests in careers, identify skills and abilities, and explore more than 400 occupations organized in the 16 Career Clusters using OCCU - Find. Sophomores will test on the PLAN Test on October 26th. This test is a preview for students of the ACT Test. Students will learn if they are on track for college, learn their academic strengths and become aware of areas they need to improve before they take the ACT Test. Students take an interest inventory that matches careers with interests. In the month of November 8th graders will take the ACT Explore Test on November 16th. This Test helps prepare students to take the PLAN Test as a sophomore. It provides eighth graders the same information that the PLAN Test provides for sophomores.

All sophomores attended a Career Fair in St. Joseph, Missouri this month to learn about the many career opportunities available in the St. Joseph and Northwest Missouri Region. This is the 4th year we have attended this very worthwhile event. Careers are connected by the six Career Paths.

The month of November will find seniors finalizing their searches for colleges and universities, trade technical schools, or deciding to choose a branch of the military. Others will be preparing resumes, and seeking job application skills and interviewing skills to help them enter the job market after graduation. Seniors planning to attend additional schooling will need to be aware of admission and scholarship deadlines at the institution they are wanting to attend. Students will need to be filling out scholarship applications and preparing to file for financial aid. Materials covering financial aid and scholarships are available in the Career Center. Mr. Meyer will meet with seniors in December to go over financial aid and give out information regarding the FAFSA free student aide application. Students and parents need to check the counselor/scholarship link on the schools website for information about scholarships, financial aid, and other information concerning seniors and other students with activities occurring in the Career Center. Mr. Meyer also lists scholarship and financial aid information on the high school announcements.

The school year has gotten off to a good start and the first semester will be over before we know it.

## **Polo Elementary & Lower Middle School 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance**

Cody Abeln, Addison Banks, Joshua Caskie, Collin Cope, Emily Gilmer, Mya Heil, Austin Holt, Jay Cooper, Hanna Vaught, Ty Claypole, Lucas Curp, Trevor Foster, Catrina Latimer, Jade Misel, Josie Misel, Ariel Pilger, Jordan Reynolds, Bobby Snapp, Jenna Thomas, Jace Bolling, Conner Bruce, Jordan Carter, Alayna Chapman, Chaz Morrison, Kenny Oswald, Collin Pieper, Madison Rechtermann, Andrew Stone, Katelin Vaught, Geni Wier, Corryn Baird, Logan Chapman, Lilly Cooper, Mariah Dick, Ashley Foster, Connor Garton, Logan Garton, Dillon Gilmer, Sara Harris, Makayla Hilburn, Thomas Kepler, Maggie Martin, Camryn Thomlinson, Buck Cline, Earl Cory, Laney Durbin, Dylan Frazier, Joel Heil, Jacob Hurd, Alex Pilger, Jordan Rash, Kaitlyn Rechtermann, Andria Richardson, Ayrika Ross, Colt Smith, Trevor Standley, Saffy Turnbow, Mitchell Berndt, Chance Carr, Clay Garton, Sommer Gurwell, Kallie Heil, Zach Kelley, Jared Robison, Makayla Wise, John Bost, Luke Cory, Sierra Dye, James Fleener, Dalton Frazier, Amanda Hilburn, Julianne Hurd, MaKenzie Jay, Garrett Jones, Megan Latimer, Teagan Logan, Katelynn Minnis, Nathan Minnis, Seth Pate.

## **New Dental Varnish Program for Polo School**

by: Brenda Ayers  
Nurse



The Missouri Oral Preventative Services Program (PSP) in cooperation with Northwest Health Services, UMKC Dental School, and Polo School held the first Dental Screening/Varnish Application program on October 11, 2011 for the K-4 students. This program replaces the old Fluoride Swish program offered in previous years. Licensed Dental Hygienist Bertie Cronbaugh of Northwest Health Services completed the Dental Screening and the fluoride varnish was then applied.

Fluoride varnish is safe for all ages and retards, arrests, and reverses the decay process. It also decreases the harmful effects of mouth acids and rebuilds tooth enamel. It has been endorsed by the (ADA) American Dental Association, (CDC) Center of Disease Control and Prevention and other dental groups. Varnish was applied by volunteers to 108 Polo Students who received parental permission for participation. Each K-4 class and 22 6th grade students were given education at two different stations by the UMKC dental students. Northwest Health Services representative Sandy Trosper, also presented each student with a Health Kit that included a new toothbrush and toothpaste.



Volunteers who assisted with the varnish application and education including eight dental students from UMKC including former Polo student Emily Powers, and faculty member Denise Erickson's daughter Tricia Erickson. Parent Volunteers included Jennifer Boydston and Jennifer Richardson. The parent volunteers and nurse Brenda Ayers completed an on line training course to become certified to apply the varnish. A second varnish application will be applied in the spring to provide year round protection.



## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE NEWS

The first quarter of this school year has been packed with lots of activity in the speech and language classroom! Students are working to correct speech and language difficulties so their ability to communicate, read, write, and spell will improve. We are also working on language skills within the classroom curriculum so vocabulary and written assignments will be easier to understand.

### **THINK TANK**

Once again, members of the "Think Tank" are preparing for their first presentation. The "Think Tank" was developed last year to provide students with extended learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Over the summer, "Tank" members determined they would like to study more about two topics, human blood and the moon. These topics are extensions of previous research from last year related to human anatomy and the solar system. Members will present their information the week of October 24th. Look in the next "Panther Pride" for information on our presentations!

### **FREE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENINGS**

I would like to invite all children in the Polo R-VII School District to receive a free speech and language screening upon their third birthday. If your child turns three years of age ANY TIME during this school year I would like an opportunity meet with you and your child for screening. I am in district Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please call me to schedule an appointment time for screening at 660-354-2200.

Children begin reading very early in school. It is important to identify and treat speech and language difficulties early so that children can begin to read. If we find that your child qualifies for services we can offer free therapy on an appointment basis with the district speech and language pathologist.

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

## The Lady Panthers Complete Their Mission

by: Ashley Allen  
Staff Writer

The Lady Panthers softball team set a goal at the beginning of the season and that was to bring home another District title and that is just what they did. After being seeded fourth, the Lady Panthers were obviously not expected to be the champions. Other opponents in the district tournament were Meadville, 1st seed; Pattonsburg 2nd seed; Southwest 3rd; Winston 5th seed, and Tri-County 6th. In the first round, the Lady Panthers came out ready to beat Winston. With that win under their belt, the next night they played #1 seed, Meadville. They played hard and came out with another win. The Lady Panthers were ready to play for the district title on Saturday against the Southwest Wildcats. The Panthers were ready to play. They never gave up, nor backed down winning 14-2. They completed their first mission but they had their sights set on another one and that was a Sectional title. They played King City Wildkats on Wednesday. Due to rain, the game had to be finished on Thursday. They did not win but they had a great season. Congratulations on your title and hard work.



## Elementary Counseling News

by: Becky Arway  
Counselor

The Character Word of the Month for October was Fairness. Students learned that fairness means to play by the rules, to be open-minded and listen to others, to treat all people the way you would want to be treated. Students also learned that fair does not always mean equal, but that it means we each get what we need not necessarily what we want. To help illustrate the character word of the month, students listened to the story, *That's Not Fair, Hare* by Julie Sykes. Before reading the story, the students had an opportunity to play a game. This was a special game in which only one student got to play catch. As we were playing catch, students began to say that it was not fair. This provided a perfect opportunity to discuss what it felt like to be treated unfairly and ways that we could show fairness to others. By the end of the lesson, all of the students had an opportunity to play catch and show each other fairness!

The students in grades 3-6 participated in a "Fair Eggs-periment" in order to learn about fairness. Students brainstormed what they thought the definition of fairness was. After brainstorming, Mrs. Arway conducted the experiment. Using a fresh egg, water, and "fairness dust" (salt) students had the chance to see how someone might feel if they were treated unfairly. When the egg, representing any individual, was placed in the container of water, it sank to the bottom. Mrs. Arway explained that might be the way someone would feel if they lived in an unfair world. Students had the opportunity to share out ways that they thought a person might feel. After sharing examples of ways to be fair to others, Mrs. Arway added some "fairness dust" to the water. We put the egg back into the world and now the egg floated!!! Students shared ways they thought the person might feel now being in a world with fairness. Mrs. Arway explained that acts of kindness and showing others fairness will "hold" them up and help them to know they are loved and accepted in the world!

### **When I Grow Up, I Want to Be .....**

During the second part of the month, students had the opportunity to learn about the world of work. Students in grades K-2 listened to *Maybe You Should Fly a Jet, Maybe You Should Be a Vet* by Theo LeSieg. After reading the story, students discussed all the different types of jobs there are in the world. Students reviewed the 6 Career Paths (Nature, Fixing & Building, Health, Helping, Business, and Creative). Students had the chance to draw what they wanted to be when they grow up. After everyone finished their picture, Mrs. Arway and Mrs. Ogden helped us to decide which career path their future job would be in. We had many very interesting career aspirations! All students were reminded that they can be anything that they want to be!

Students in grades 3-6 were presented with an everyday, household product box, like a cereal box. Students had to brainstorm as many jobs as they could think of that contributed to the production of that item. Students were encouraged to think about what went into making the product from start to finish. After students brainstormed the various careers, as a group they identified which of the career paths and clusters each job was associated. Students were introduced to the various jobs necessary in order for them to enjoy their favorite foods!

All the recent focus on careers will help students get ready for the 1st Annual Career Day at Polo! On November 7th (late start day), students will have the opportunity to explore the 6 Career Paths and learn about jobs within each of these paths.

## WHAT'S THE SPECIAL OF THE DAY?

### Welcome Readers

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The Specials Department would like to welcome you to our first Newsletter.

For those of you who do not know "Specials" are considered the Music, Art, PE and Library classes that do not fall under "core" curriculum. The Specials support the core classes by reinforcing the core subjects while teaching the creative, logical and physical sides of the brain.

### Greetings from the Band Room!

By now every student should have everything they need for band. If you are having any difficulties in obtaining an instrument or supplies, please contact me by phone (660-354-2524, x 121), or by e-mail at [dunkera@polo.k12.mo.us](mailto:dunkera@polo.k12.mo.us).

Practice makes perfect! Students should be practicing their weekly assignment sheets. Every Monday each student gets a new practice assignment sheet letting them know exactly what they need to practice each day. Please encourage them to go through the complete daily routine each time they practice. Also, be sure to sign your child's practice chart each week so they can get full credit for their efforts.

#### After School Lessons

I will be starting to offer lessons after school for students who would like some extra help learning their instrument. In many cases these are in a group setting a students will be paired with like-instruments. 6<sup>th</sup> grade lessons are already underway but 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are strongly encouraged to have additional lessons as well. If your child is interested in having lessons with me all they have to do is talk to me and let me know what day works best for them. If after school times fill up we can start working before school. I especially encourage those students who are interested in participating in Jr. High Contest to take advantage of these lessons.

#### Coming Soon...

I am currently working very hard to create a band website. This website will include information about Music Boosters, events for middle school and high school bands, practice assignments, pictures, practice tips, and other helpful links.

### Art Has Style

The art classes have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather to draw outside. We were using observational drawing skills. Observational drawing means that you are drawing not from memory or photographs but what is in front of you. The 4th grade worked on creating the textures of bark and leaves drawing a beautiful tree in the front yard of the school. We spread out with clipboards and drawing lessons we learned from the previous class period. The Kindergarten went outside also and made crayon rubbings of fall leaves.

**Art Club Info**—Pres: Sam Smith, VP: Brady McCaskey, Sec/Tres: Monica Fickess  
The Group will have AM meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 8am in the Art Room and a PM meeting from 3-4 the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. Art Club is open to all Polo High School students. You do not have to be enrolled in an art class to be a part of Art Club. Check out the Art Class Website-follow the links on the PoloR7 Website.

#### Special Dates:

- Oct. 29 All District Choir/ All State Auditions in Band Room timeTBA
- December 13<sup>th</sup>: Winter Concert. Please be sure to have this date on your calendar. Concerts are a part of your child's band grade. This concert will include 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7-12 high school band, high school jazz band, and high school choir.
- February 11<sup>th</sup>: Jr. High Contest. 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to take a solo or small ensemble to contest. Jr. High Contest is held in Richmond and will be rated by a judge. I encourage all students to participate.
- HS Art Club Meets 2nd Tuesdays @8am in Art Room and 4th Thursdays @3pm-4pm in Art Room.



## Teacher Spotlight

by: Ashley Allen  
Staff Writer



Ms. Katie Lee is the new High School language arts teacher. She has made a great new addition to the staff this year. She was born June 28 to Kathy Winbum and Scott Lee. She went to High School at Excelsior Springs. After High School she attended Northwest Missouri State University for four and a half years. She majored in Speech and Theatre Education with a minor in English. Her favorite sport is gymnastics and her favorite food is steak. In her free time Ms. Lee likes to reading, singing and participate in theatre.

## See You at the Pole

by: Justin Hazelman  
Staff Writer

See You at the Pole has been an event that has taken place annually. A group of students in Burleson, Texas got together to pray for their school, fellow students, and faculty. What they didn't know is how big this movement would become. On September 11, 1991 more than a million student's nation-wide took part in gathering at the schools flag pole. Today this movement is even bigger, with over 3 million student's nation-wide taking part on this yearly event.

Polo High School has been taking part in this movement for many years now. On September 28th, 2011 at eight a.m., Polo students and members of the community gathered around the flagpole in front of the high school doors. The theme this year was Convergence. Kim Snodgrass welcomed everybody, and thanked them for their support. Sarah Thomas, a senior at Polo High School, opened with a memory verse Matthew 18:20 and a prayer. Community members also showed up to show support. Students from the school also volunteered to speak at See You at the Pole. The first student was Sarah Thomas, who read a memory verse. This year's attendants were approximately 25 people, and expectations are high for next year's event!

## PTO Happenings

by: Harley Martin  
Staff Writer

The PTO started with their Clubs Choice annual fundraiser. This fundraising is designed for elementary school students to sell food and small kitchenware items. The funds are used to bring in assemblies like Randy Nadler and "The Dome." The top sellers enjoyed a limo ride and a treat on a day of parent teacher conferences. The top sellers for this fundraiser were Jenna Thomas, Mary Copeland, Mason Chapman, Chloe Rothove, Dylan Bates, Mallory Clevenger, Gavin Fitzwater, Kelly Baldon, Andria Richardson, Laney Durbin, Jordan Rash, Jaime VanWey, Alex Arthur, Harley Sammons, Mariah Clevenger, Shelby Copeland, John



Bost, Teagan Logan, and MaKenzie Jay. The top two sellers in the school were John Bost and Kelly Baldon. The PTO also provided Subway sandwiches for the faculty for lunch during Parent/Teacher conferences. The PTO will also be helping with classroom Halloween parties.

The PTO will be bringing Randy Nadler to talk about Vietnam on the fourth of November. The PTO is also planning on bringing back the 'The Dome' from last year in the Multi-Purpose Room.



## Preschool visit to Red Barn Farm

by: Daniel Boruch  
Staff Writer

On October third, the preschool visited the Red Barn Farm in Weston, Mo. While at the farm the kids toured a pumpkin patch and were allowed to pet the farm animals, this was by far the kid's favorite part of the whole trip. They loved seeing and petting the animals. Not only was the trip fun but it was educational. They learned the uses of pumpkins, how the animals were fed and how the animals helped around at the farm. One thing the teachers found interesting about the farm is that work didn't stop when the kids got there. The kids really enjoyed the trip and look forward to going back again next year.

## Breast Cancer Awareness

by: Justin Hazelman  
Staff Writer

October is commonly known as Breast Cancer Awareness month and while many people know about the disease there are many that do not understand how important early detection is. Polo R-7 has planned several events to increase awareness about the disease and we need your support.

This month Coach Zabel, the daughter of a breast cancer survivor has asked students and faculty to help spread awareness by writing the names of loved ones who have fought this disease on pink ribbons. Ribbons were collected until October 20th. The ribbons will be displayed throughout the month of October. I will be adding a ribbon with my mom's name. She is a 16-year breast cancer survivor.

The student body is also active in promoting Breast Cancer awareness. During the varsity basketball season the Panthers will host a "Pink Out" game versus the DeKalb Tigers on Friday, December 16th. All fundraising and proceeds from this event will benefit the "Komen for the Cure." Last year Polo collected over \$1,200 for the fund, and this year's goal is over \$2,000 so come out to the game and show your support!

Breast Cancer awareness is very important and early detection can save lives. Talk to your doctor about what kind of screening you need, or visit this website: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org>. On behalf of Coach Zabel, and all of the individuals battling this disease, I thank you for your support!



## Halloween Safety

by: Harley Martin  
Staff Writer

Halloween is right around the corner and we all know how much kids love this holiday. This is one of the most fun times of the year. There are so many activities going on such as haunted houses, corn mazes, and trick-or-treating. On the other hand, Halloween can be a time when incidents such as kidnapping or vandalism can take place; so you need to keep a very close eye on those you take trick-or-treating or to a haunted house. Here are some tips that will help you during the Halloween season.

Never go into a strangers house or even ring their door bell for treats unless your parents are with you and give you permission. Always make sure that your mom or dad are within sight when you go out trick-or-treating. Be careful when you cross a street, look both ways and make sure there aren't any cars coming.

If you have a little brother or sister with you, take their hand and help them get across the street, too. If the street has a stop light, wait until the cross walk light tells you that it's okay to cross, but still check before you cross, look both ways.

If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with. This may seem like a pain but they are your parents and they love you. They just want you to be safe.

If you can drive and you are taking a bunch of friends to a party, make sure that you have enough gas to get there. You don't want to run out of gasoline on a dark street or all alone.

If your parents give you a curfew, be home when they say. It builds trust between you and them and they are doing it for your own safety. If you are going to be late, call them and let them know. It is also important to get home because if you are not old enough and you are out past one in the morning you can be punished.

Vandalism is never cool. Throwing eggs at cars and houses is frowned upon. Someone has to clean it up and it could be you, if you get caught. You can also be arrested and punished as a juvenile. So, don't think that it's fun only if you can get away with it. It's never the right thing to do! Think about how you would feel if someone did that to your house.

## Future Business Leaders of America

by: Jonna Stottlemyre  
Staff Writer

FBLA members have been on a roll, trying to get activities ready for the upcoming year! To recruit more members FBLA members hosted the first Movie Night, where they watched Pursuit of Happiness. Admittance was five dollars that went towards dues. This year your FBLA President is Zach Freeman, Vice President Dalton Mills, Secretary Mason Misel and Treasurer Landyn Street. The chapter has decided to sell candy bars such as Kit-Kat, Recess Peanut butter Cups, Jolly Ranchers, Milk Duds, Pay Days, Recesses Pieces, Hersey Milk Chocolate/Almond and Twizlers. The healthy snacks are Rice Crispy, Chest Mix, Cereal Bars, Gold Fish, Animal Crackers (no frosting), Sour Dough Nibbler and Fruit Gummies!

## Art Club

by: Malorie Rood  
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Art Club is off to a good start! This year the President is Sam Smith, the Vice President is Brady McCaskey, and the Secretary/Treasurer is Monica Fickess. The students involved include, Corinne Attebery, Sam Smith, Monica Fickess, Brady McCaskey, Aimee Walker, Ashley Adams, Jennifer Rash, Jennifer Adams, Linda Mynatt, Brooke Jones, Jessica Farmer, and Jennifer Brown. The group of students will have meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 8:00 A.M. and the fourth Thursday of every month at 3:00 P.M. in the Art Room. Events that the Art Club will be participating in include pumpkin carving at Mrs. Fickess' house on October 18th at 6 P.M. and painting faces at the Community Halloween Carnival on October 29th.

Participating in Art Club provides activities and guided studio time for students who want to explore their creative side. Mrs. Fickess says "she enjoys the opportunity to give the students time to explore creativity and ways to express what they have to say visually." During Art Club students learn self expression and how to use a combination of media to make their ideas come to life. Remember, Art Club is open to all Polo High School students. Please join if you would like!

## Middle School Football Wrap

by: Daniel Boruch  
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The Middle School football team's season has come to a close. The season didn't go quite as planned, but the boys fought hard against tough competition. Finishing 1-5 wasn't exactly what they had hoped for but one thing can be said about this team of Panthers is they never gave up! So what's next for the football players? Preparing for the next season, learning from their mistakes and moving forward will be on the Panthers' minds. I personally am looking forward to the new talent that is coming into the high school.

As for the season, the competition the Panthers played were very skilled but several were built around a single player. Something that can be said about Polo football is we are built as a team, not an individual. One thing I personally saw was team loyalty from a very talented individual. Parker Smith, not being able to play, went to practice every day and even ran with his teammates. This kind of loyalty is incredible coming from such a young student and shows Polo Pride. Good job this year and look forward to seeing you next year Middle School Panthers.

## 4th Grade Field Trip

by: Kara Frisch  
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On Friday, October 7th, 2011, the fourth grade class went to the Living History Festival and Small Farmers Reunion in Lathrop, MO. The festivities were going on all weekend. There were many demonstrations that day such as lard rendering, gold panning, corn shelling, well drilling, candle making, and saw milling. There was also a presentation of Abraham Lincoln. They had wagon rides, steam engines, blacksmith shops, and general stores. The kids said they learned how a train works, how to throw a spear, make popcorn, and crush rocks. Dylan Frazier said it was "epically awesome and you could buy things!"

## S.A.D.D Update

by: Kara Frisch  
Staff Writer

S.A.D.D members had a meeting on October 19th to discuss what details about Red Ribbon Week, t-shirts, and dues. Red Ribbon Week promotes drug and alcohol awareness. Red Ribbon Week will start on October 24th and go until October 28th. The Spirit Days for Red Ribbon Week are Monday: Panther Pride Day, Tuesday: Black Out Day, Wednesday: Red Day, Thursday: Cap Day, Friday: Orange Day. They had a surprise seatbelt check in the beginning of October and 86 people wore seatbelts and 45 did not. Another surprise check is coming up in November. A drawing will be held for those wearing their seatbelts. Stand up Against Bullying Week will be November 13th and go until November 19th. Stand Up Against Bullying Week promotes anti-bullying in our school community.

## NHS

by: Jonna Stottlemyre  
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NHS members had a meeting on October 3rd to discuss what activities they will be involved in this year. Throughout the year, members hang up the American flags that are shown throughout town on various holidays. Members work different shifts from early in the morning to late after practice. Another activity that the members decided to participate in was helping the People Who Care Organization with the annual Halloween Carnival, which is on Saturday October 29th from 6-9 p.m. At this event, there will be games and prizes handed out along with a haunted house, an indoor slide, and a bounce house that everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy! NHS members will be setting up their annual Book fair on November 14th and it will be held until November 18th. NHS members will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House for children with medical issues. Also members are collecting old cell phones. These cell phones will be given to the troops with a time card in order to talk to their families! Therefore, members would like to ask you, our community, to help by collecting pop tabs and cell phones then bring them up to the High School office.

## Spotlight on Maintenance Staff

by: Alex Tate  
Staff Writer

The Polo R-7 School districts maintenance is the best in the business. Every day the students of Polo walk into our school knowing that our maintenance team is keeping the school functioning, clean and in the best shape possible. The bathrooms are always clean, the floors are never dirty, the lights never go out and we have our maintenance crew to thank. They are always around making the school look good. What would the school be without them? The school would be unmaintained and there be no hope.

The Polo maintenance team consists of June Bost, Jerry Cook, Dave Roberts, and Michelle Martin (and to help fill the gaps, Don Vier). Thanks to those who maintain our school, we have a clean environment to learn in. With the clean learning facility, the students can focus more on learning. After talking to some staff and students, I heard, "I think we have an awesome custodial/maintenance staff. They are always willing to go above and beyond to see to it things get done and done right." Another comment from a student was "The school looks great". Therefore with all the hard working maintenance team we have a nice, clean, and enjoyable school.

Thanks again maintenance staff!



## November 2011 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 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Corndog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	2 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Thanksgiving Dinner	3 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	4 Donut, Ham, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
7 No Breakfast – Late Start Turkey on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	8 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	9 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	10 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	11 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy, Fruit No Lunch – Early Out
14 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	15 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	16 Hashbrown, Sausage, Toast, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	17 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit	18 Donut, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit
21 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Sweet & Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	22 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	23 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit No Lunch – Early Out	24 No School	25 No School
28 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Creamy Chicken over Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	29 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	30 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit		

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## November 2011 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 *V FB Regionals *FFA Fall Speaking in Gallatin 4:30 pm	3	4	5 *MS BB Tourney @ Norbome thru 11-11-11
6	7 *Late Start 10:20 am *FB Sectionals *K-6 <sup>th</sup> Career Day	8 *FFA Fruit Sales begin and end on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9	10	11 *Early Out 11:20 am	12 *FB Sectionals
13	14 *Book Fair in the Library all week *MS BB vs. Osborn 6 pm	15 *MS BB vs. Braymer 5 pm *MS Pep Rally 7 <sup>th</sup> Hour *1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> graders field trip to Hamilton	16 *EXPLORE test for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders 11:30-2:30 in Room 112	17 *MS BB @ Orrick (2 plus 2 if they have enough) 5 pm	18	19 *FB Sectionals *Band to Chillicothe Holiday Parade bus @ 8 & parade @ 10
20	21 *BOE Mtg 7 pm	22 *MS BB vs. Lathrop (2B & 2A) 4:30 pm *FBLA Blood Drive 1-6 pm in Multi	23 *Early Out 11:20 am	24 *Thanksgiving *State FB @ St. Louis	25 *No School *State FB @ St. Louis	26
27	28 *V BB @ Albany Tourney thru 12-3-11 *MS BB vs. Hamilton 2B & 2A games 4:30 pm	29	30			