



THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

March 2013

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April Activities

- 1 - No School
- 2 - Late Start
 - GRC Academic Bowl Team Selection
 - FFA CDE @ Maryville 1 pm
 - 5/6 BB vs. Braymer 6 pm
- 3 - V Track vs. Lathrop @ Excelsior
 - Freestyle Wrestling Practice 5:30-7:30 pm on Mezzanine
 - FFA Districts @ Maryville
 - 5/6 BB @ Gallatin 6 pm
- 4 - Kindergarten Screening
- 5 - Band Contest @ NWMSU in Maryville
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 - Second Grade field trip
- 6 - 2nd Annual Dodgeball Tourney 10 am
- 8 - MS Track @ S. Harrison 1:30 pm
- 9 - V Track @ Rock Port 1:30 pm
- 10- Area FFA Awards @ Chillicothe 6:30 pm
 - Freestyle Wrestling Practice on Mezzanine 5:30-7:30 pm
- 11- MS Track @ N. Andrew 4 pm
 - NHS Induction 6:30 pm in Library
- 12- Track Pictures 12:30 pm
- 13- Scholar Bowl Districts @ Pattonsburg 2 pm
 - Polo hosting ACT 8 am
 - Senior Citizen's Prom 5-10 pm in Multi
- 15- BOE Mtg 7 pm
- 16- V Track @ Cameron 3 pm
 - MS Track @ Lexington 4pm
- 17- Freestyle Wrestling Practice on Mezzanine 5:30-7:30 pm
- 18- State FFA @ Columbia
- 19- V Track @ Brookfield 11:30 am
 - State FFA @ Columbia
- 20- JR/SR Prom @ Community Bldg.
- 22- V Track @ Lawson 4 pm
- 23- MS Track @ Lawson 4 pm
- 24- Scholar Bowl Sectionals 5 pm TBA
 - Freestyle Wrestling Practice in Mezzanine 5:30-7:30 pm
 - FFA Banquet 6:30 pm in Multi
- 25- Band Trip to Branson
 - V Track @ N. Andrew 4 pm
- 26- State Music Contest TBA
 - Band Trip to Branson
- 27- Band Trip to Branson
- 28- Band Trip to Branson
- 29- GRC V/JV @ S. Harrison TBA
 - MAP Testing for 3-6 thru May 10th
 - Stanford Testing for K-2 thru May 10th

From the Elementary Principal

by: Dr. Beverly Deis

Elem. Principal

Well, the weather remains unpredictable! We do go outside for recess when appropriate so please continue to send clothing for your child(ren) for inside and outside recess.

As our second semester continues, students need to "buckle down" on their attitude and on their assignments. We will be taking the MAP test and Stanford test in late April and early May. We need the elementary students to perform the very best they can so the school can meet the state and federal requirements. We have smart students at Polo Elementary and the test is the way students can "show what they know." Teachers in the elementary classrooms use supplemental resources such as "Buckle Down" and "Study Island" to help prepare students for the upcoming MAP tests and the upcoming Stanford tests. Study Island is available on the web for you to use at home with your child too! I know several students who use Study Island at home. If you have not tried it yet, you might have your child walk you through the "Island."

The Parental Involvement Committee has a few parental involvement activities planned for March. With such success last year, Polo Elementary has decided to continue hosting a Mother - Son Date Night which will be held on March 21 with pictures, dancing, games and fun! We will also continue with the Father-Daughter Date Night on March 26 with pictures, dancing, games and fun! We may also be planning a MAP informational meeting for grades 3 and 4. Individual classroom teachers will be sending home more information about this day. Please mark your calendar for these special activities and plan on attending if at all possible. These are great opportunities for parents and guardians to have "hands on" experience while spending quality time with your child.

The character education word for the month of February was "trustworthiness." This means you are dependable and reliable. Trustworthiness is a character we all display on a daily basis. Please discuss the importance of being trustworthy with your child(ren) as we will continue to discuss trustworthiness at school throughout the month of February.

The character education word for March is "courage." Words synonymous with courage include bravery, nerve, audacity, and daring. We all need to have courage and what a great combination of characteristics - trustworthiness and courage!

The PTO held their annual Book Fair the week of March 11. Reading week was rescheduled so it would coincide with the Book Fair. Our school is fortunate to have an active PTO and I would like to thank the PTO members and volunteers for their dedication to our school and our students.

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Polo Softball team receives Academic All-Conference honors

Avery Snodgrass, Adriana Segar, Cati Boruch, Sidney Copeland, Jessica Farmer, Kelsey Gallion, Adriana Stauss, Mattie Curp & Sammie Copeland.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you everyone for helping with Jump Rope for Heart this year! The "rock the beat" shirts were great, and some of you even chose to "dress like a PE teacher" for a day. With the efforts of the K-6 students and all of you, we contributed a donation total of \$2101.35!!!! This is by far the best amount! Last year, we raised \$1500. With this donation, the American Heart Association will give the Polo School a gift certificate to US Games for PE equipment!!!

About 42 students and their parents showed up for our annual event on Jan. 16th. Mrs. Meyer's class won the attendance competition, and 3rd grade overall raised the most money as a class. Thanks 3rd grade teachers for really getting your kids involved and excited for Jump Rope for Heart!!!!

A big, super "thanks" goes out to Becky Arway and the Parent Involvement Committee! Without your help, we wouldn't have reached this success! And many continued thanks goes to everyone who donated for door prizes for the kids! It's a great day to be a Panther!



Upcoming Elementary Events Changes updated as of 3/7/2013

- Mar. 11 - PTO Book Fair Begins
- Mar. 11 - Reading Week Begins
- Mar. 14 - Family Night at the Book Fair
- Mar. 19 - PAT Group Meeting
- Mar. 21 - Group Pictures
- Mar. 21 - Mother/Son Night Out
- Mar. 26 - Father/Daughter Date Night
- April 29 - Stanford Testing Begins (K-2)
- April 29 - Fifth and Sixth Grade MAP Begins
- April 30 - Third Grade MAP Begins
- May 1 - Fourth Grade MAP Begins

Students that attend Excelsior Springs Area Career Center participated in mock interviews on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Individuals from business and industry interviewed all ESACC seniors and those juniors interested in participating. The mock interviews were designed to give students an opportunity to practice professionalism in a real-world setting. Individuals from business and industry were invited to take on the role of an interviewer in one of our eight trade areas. Students were given a job description, interview tips, and résumé writing assistance to prepare for the event. Students were interviewed by individuals from their trade area and evaluated on their performance. Interviewers provided valuable feedback to students highlighting areas of strengths and weaknesses. North Kansas City Hospital's Peri-Operative Education Coordinator, Denice Morrison (RN, MSN, CNOR, CASC) was an interviewer for a group of ESACC's Health Services students. Mrs. Morrison reflected on the event stating that, "Students were well-prepared and I hope the experience provided them with a real-life situation they can use to improve their interviewing skills."

English IV instructor, Stacy Holtzclaw, and Career Services Coordinator, Liz Smith, organized the event with a goal to provide students a real-world experience. Liz Smith shared, "It was very exciting to have so many individuals from business and industry in our building working with our students. Every interviewer I spoke with commented on the quality of their top interviewees and most said they had at least one candidate that they would hire if they had positions open. These types of comments are another validation of the great things that go on in this building."

ESACC serves high school students from Excelsior Springs, Kearney, Lathrop, Lawson, Liberty, Liberty North, Orrick, and Polo. Programs offered included Career Exploration (sophomore level course), Computer Support, Health Services (CNA), Electrical Trades, Fire Fighter I & II, EMT-B, Automotive Technology, Building Trades, and HVAC.

Computer Support morning students show off their professional interview attire! Front: Clay Oliphant, ES, Dylan Riffle, Lawson, Shelby Flinn, Lathrop. Second: Dallas Freeman, ES, Darrek Tate, Polo. Third: Johnny Womack, Lathrop



Tiffany Pimentel won 1st place in the County wide Spelling Bee that was held at the Braymer High School on Feb. 11th. She will now advance to the Regional Spelling Bee that will be held in March in St. Joseph. Good Luck Tiffany!





KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Polo R-VII School District announces
Kindergarten Screening and pre-enrollment
April 4th & 5th

If you have a child that will be 5 years old by
August 1, 2013, please call the elementary office at
(660) 354-2200 and schedule your appointment

Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Date Nights Mark Your Calendars!

The Parent Involvement Committee would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Date Nights for students K-6. The Father-Daughter Date Night will be held on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Mother-Son Date Night will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be a photographer to take pictures of you and your date, and photo packages will be available for purchase. Cookies and punch will be served. We hope you can join us for a fun night of dancing, games, and refreshments. Mark your calendars now for these events and be looking for the invitations to be sent home with your student. We look forward to seeing you!

Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter

Students making the honor roll at Polo Middle School for the second quarter are: 5th Grade - A Honor Roll - Kelly Baldon, Alex Pilger, and Trysten Wolf. B Honor Roll - Buck Cline, Kole Larkins, Aaron Latimer, Jordan Rash, Ayrika Ross, Colt Smith, and Rance Waigand,. 6th Grade - A Honor Roll: Sommer Gurwell, Steven Knotts, and Jared Robison. B Honor Roll: Madison Baughman, Mariah Clevenger, Robbin Crawford, Clay Garton, Garion Hall, Kallie Heil, Shaylea Martin, Nickolas Myers, and Taylor Wagner.

Perfect Attendance for 2nd Quarter

Malia Bell, Gage Gilbert, Jaeger Hicks, Jaxon Hicks, Jaxson Rothove, Emily Schmidt, Megan Vaughan, Jacob Anderson, , Rylen Bell, Tyler Carter, Collin Cope, Hunter Harris, Madisyn Sales, Amelia Tarwater, Ty Claypole, Trevor Foster, Chloe Gilbert, Catrina Latimer, Gavin Norton, Ariel Pilger, Bobby Snapp, Luke Carr, Alayna Chapman, Mason Chapman, Shea Hall, Kayla Larkins, Chaz Morrison, Collin Pieper, Jenee Qualman, Corryn Baird, Dylan Bates, Cody Blackwell, Mallory Clevenger, Marisa Fickess, Ashley Foster, Makayla Hilburn, Maggie Martin, Malcolm McNab, Will Vaughan, Kyle Zinna, Dylan Frazier, Kole Larkins, Brittney Loy, Trysten Wolf, Mariah Clevenger, Dakota Crawford, Wyatt Curp, Mercedes McNab, Nikolas Myers, Jared Robison, and Brittany Sperry.

All-State honors received by 4 Polo football players

Justin Hicks, senior, (Linebacker) 2nd team, Zach Freeman, senior (Running Back) 2nd team, Wiley Martin, sophomore, (Defensive End) 2nd team and Mason Misel, sophomore, (Offensive Line) 3rd team.



Photo:
Wiley Martin, Zach Freeman, Justin Hicks & Mason Misel

Polo has 6 youth wrestlers place at Districts

Polo Youth Wrestling Squad had 6 place at Districts held in Marceline last Saturday. Zackery Phillips: 1st place - 14 & Under - 235; Gavin Walker: 2nd place - 14 & under - 235; Zack Smith: 2nd place - 14 & under - 155; Drake Burton: 4th place - 12 & under - 115; Jake Leonard: 4th place - 14 & under - 115; and Kole Larkins: 5th place - 10 & under - 85. They will compete at Regionals held in Park Hill this coming weekend. In order to qualify for state, they must place in the top 4.



Front row:
Zack Smith,
Kole Larkins
Back row:
Gavin Walker,
Drake Burton,
Jake Leonard
& Zackery Phillips

Perfect Attendance for 3rd Quarter: Jaxon Hicks, Mya Oswald, Emersyn Parker, Megan Vaughan, Cody Abeln, Emily Gilmer, Aden Segal, Cheyanne Abeln, Cheyenne Cooper, Catrina Latimer, Gavin Norton, Bobby Snapp, Haley Aubrey, Conner Bruce, Jordan Carter, Colby Cope, Adriana Hoplin, Kayla Larkins, Kaydence Norton, Kenny Oswald, Collin Pieper, Dylan Bates, Cody Blackwell, Brooke Boydston, Mallory Clevenger, Lilly Cooper, Gavin Fitzwater, Logan Garton, Dillan Gilmer, Maggie Martin, Dillan McKee, Earl Cory, Dylan Frazier, Dominick Hoplin, Aaron Latimer, Ayrika Ross, Colt Smith, Chance Carr, Joseph Hilburn and Makayla Wise.

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VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners Announced

The Patriot's Pen Competition is sponsored through the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Post. Middle school students in Mrs. Erickson's Communication Arts classes were assigned an essay topic of "What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers". This event was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Post 858 from Chillicothe, Missouri. Individuals of VFW Post 858 from Chillicothe presented the essay winners a certificate and cash. The winners from the seventh grade were: 1st - Megan Latimer, 2nd - Matt Vaughan, and 3rd - Alayna Sweetland. The winners from the eighth grade were: 1st - Jennifer Farmer, 2nd - Natalie Ball, and 3rd - Austin VanOster. Students received cash in the amount of \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place. Congratulation to these students!



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Mills & Misel Advance to State FBLA

Polo FBLA members and sponsor Ashley Arth traveled to North Central Missouri College in Trenton, MO to compete in District FBLA competitions last Tuesday. Polo had 5 students finish in the top 5. Business Calculations: senior, Dalton Mills - 1st, Business Math: sophomore, Mason Misel - 2nd, Business Presentation: sophomores, Skylar Howe and Adriana Segar 4th, FBLA Principles and Procedures: Adriana Segar - 5th, Healthcare Administration: Dalton Mills - 2nd, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures: Adriana Segar - 4th, Technology Concepts - Rhea Rardon - 5th and Networking Concepts: Rhea Rardon - 3rd. Dalton Mills and Mason Misel will advance to state on April 21-23, in Columbia, MO.



Polo wrestlers bring home 3rd and 4th place medals

Polo traveled to Columbia for State wrestling competitions with 3 wrestlers this year, senior Justin Hicks, and sophomores, Jacob Hicks and Wiley Martin. Polo finished with 43 team points and placed 17th overall. Senior Justin Hicks was Polo's first time All-State Wrestlers to win the Championship in his weight class last winter. This year he battled and brought back the 3rd place medal in the 195 bracket after winning 5 times and losing once. Hicks ended his high school wrestling career with a 45-2 season record and is Polo's first 4-time All-State wrestler. Sophomore Wiley Martin (220 bracket) came away with 4 wins, 2 losses and the 4th place medal. Martin finished with a 42-14 season record. Sophomore Jacob Hicks (160 bracket) had 4 wins, 2 losses at State and did not medal. Jacob ended with a 44-7 season record. The Missouri Wrestling Association awards received by the Polo coaching staff were given to Jason Erdman for District #3 Assistant Coach of the Year and Head Coach Chris Johnson received a 30 year Service Award.



Weather Awareness Mr. Green, Science Department

Now that the vernal equinox (March 20) has begun we look forward to warmer temperatures and outdoor activities. However, the higher humidity and increased thermal energy means severe weather season is about to begin. Deep layer convection often yields towering, cumulonimbus clouds and has the potential to create hail, high winds, flooding rainfall and tornados.

When a Severe Thunderstorm Watch or Tornado Watch is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) take notice and prepare to take action, if necessary. That can be as simple as grabbing a flashlight, water, cell phone and a battery operated radio. Know where you will take shelter, if a warning is then issued by the NWS. Leave instructions for your children, if you are going to be away for a short time. Remember that you can also raise awareness of others, if severe weather is occurring in your area but not a threat to your city or township. Call family and friends that are in the path of a storm and make sure they realize the storm is headed in their direction.

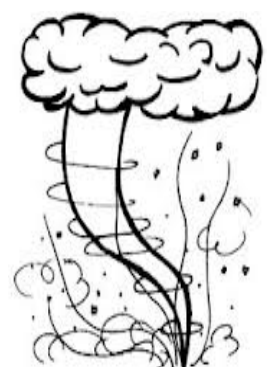
If your shelter is not below ground, remember that an interior room or closet with no outer walls, on the lowest level of your home, is your safest bet. If you live in a mobile home, realize that high winds over 60 mph can tear apart the weaker exterior walls. Most deaths associated with high winds and tornados occur within these structures. Abandon the home; seek shelter with a neighbor or relative until the storm threat subsides. In my years of storm chasing, the most horrific damage I've seen occurred with the twisting of metal on trailer home siding and large projectiles (like tree limbs) passing right through their walls. It does not take a tornado to destroy these structures, just high wind speeds.

Finally, the number one killer of severe weather season remains flash flooding. Don't ever drive into or attempt to walk through fast moving flood waters. Often, the road beneath has been washed away and the current can sweep a person off their feet in as little as 6" of water. Think you're safe in your automobile? Because you have four air filled flotation devices at the corner of your car or truck (tires) it can be carried away by just 18" of water! The rule of thumb when it comes to flood waters is: Turn Around, Don't Drown!

Visit the following websites for more information on severe weather hazards and continuous updates during severe weather events:

www.spc.noaa.gov (Storm Prediction Center)

www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/ (National Weather Service, Kansas City)



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April 2013 Menu

Menu is subject to change.
Each meal includes one milk.
Lemonade and orange juice are available for 30¢.

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1 No School – Easter Break	2 Late Start – No Breakfast Creamy Chicken over Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	3 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	4 French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	5 Donut, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruit
8 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corndog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	9 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	10 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	11 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Fruit BBQ Riblet, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	12 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
15 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	16 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Taco Stack, Spanish Rice, Fruit	17 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit	18 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli with Cheese, Fruit	19 Donut, Ham, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit
22 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corndog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	23 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	24 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	25 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Fruit Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	26 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruit
29 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	30 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit			

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