



THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

November 2012

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- K-4th Dental Screening & Fluoride
- 30- Parental Involvement Movie Night 6-8 pm in Multi

From the Elementary Office Submitted by Dr. Beverly Deis

The first Parental Involvement activity for the 2012-2013 school year was a success! Students and parents (along with other family members) spent the "Families in Tune" (FIT) night walking/running the track, participating in activities in the MP room, listening to "healthy" habits, and eating healthy snacks. We will have other parental involvement opportunities throughout the school year.

Speaking of parental involvement, I hope every parent/guardian has signed up the Parent Teacher Conferences. If you have not signed up, please call your child's classroom teacher to schedule your appointment.

This year, 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 a small 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 "citizenship." Citizenship in the school setting is more focused on "student conduct." Other words for citizenship could be demeanor, behavior, or conduct. Students are learning about citizenship in their classrooms. Please discuss "citizenship" with your child and see if they can give you examples of how they could show good citizenship at school.

Polo R-VII Elementary School began the tutoring sessions earlier in October. Students may be tutored in math and reading and the tutoring sessions are based off of the spring MAP assessments or the spring 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.

The Time for Kids kick off was a huge success. Hopefully we received enough booklets to provide the Time for Kids magazine to all students K-6 for the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you to the many parents and guardians who filled out these booklets.

Faculty members and students are looking forward to our annual fall parties. This year all snacks have to be "purchased" snacks that would follow the guidelines under the Healthy Kids Act of 2010. I would like to thank the room mothers and mothers who volunteer their time on this day to make these parties fun and memorable for the students.

There will be an assembly on Friday, November 2 for grades K-6. Randy Nadler will present the assembly on Switzerland. Mr. Nadler has been coming to Polo with his assembly programs for several years. This assembly is sponsored by our PTO.

For Thanksgiving break, school will dismiss on Wednesday, November 21, 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

The Polo Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recently purchased new soccer balls and goals for the elementary students at Polo R-II School District. Staff members and students would like to thank the PTO for their gift.

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NEWS

5 Polo softball players receive All District honors

All District Class 13 softball honors go to: Sidney Copeland- 1st team -Pitcher, Adriana Segar- 1st team- Outfield, Cati Boruch- 1st team- Outfield, Sammie Jo Copeland- 2nd Team & Avery Snodgrass- 2nd Team.



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A Successful F.I.T. Night at Polo

On October 8th, the Parent Involvement Committee hosted the first Families In Tune (F.I.T.) Night. Families who attended were able to participate in various activities including fitness stations and blood pressure screenings. The fitness stations encouraged children and their parents to work on their agility, flexibility, upper body, and abdominals. The school nurse, Mrs. Brenda Ayers, provided free blood pressure screenings as well as free handouts on various topics related to healthy choices. Tracy Minnis, Nutritionist from the University of Missouri Extension Center, provided valuable information about healthy eating as well as a jump ropes to those that stopped by to visit with her. Many of the families spent quality time together walking the track. Families had a chance to get F.I.T. together throughout the night. Thank you to all of the families that helped to make this night a success.

Getting Ready For Halloween and New Projects

By: Staff Writer Corinne Attebery

Art Club is doing a lot of great new things this year. They painted the helmets for Senior Night and have also received a request to re-do the Hideaway Lakes entry sign. The members are looking forward to this year's new projects. Many new members joined the club this year.

As they did last year, Art Club will be hosting a face painting booth at the Halloween Carnival. This always turns out to be an entertaining and fun night for everyone. They can't wait to see every one there and thank you ahead of time for your support.

New Teacher Spotlight

By: Staff Writer Ashley Allen

For those of you who don't know Mr. Pickrell, he teaches middle school and high school math. He coaches Middle School football, boys' basketball, and track as well as helping out with Varsity football and the Varsity boys' basketball. Mr. Pickrell is the son of Joseph and Anita Pickrell. He was born on March 13, 1990. He lived in Lawson for two years then he moved to Braymer, where he stayed for five years. He then attended Hamilton and that is where he went to high school. He has three full brothers, which he is the oldest of and he also has two half brothers. After high school, he went to Park University, where he majored in Secondary Education with certification in Mathematics. His favorite food is lasagna or all-you-can-eat shrimp at Red Lobster. He loves to read and enjoys watching and playing sports. He also likes to hang-out with his family and helping out with the Special Olympics in his free time.



The New Fastest Man on Earth

No, the fastest man on our planet is not the Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt. Austrian native, Felix Baumgartner broke the sound barrier and reached an astounding 833 mph Sunday during a freefall skydive over Roswell, New Mexico. His mission was to ascend to 120,000 feet in the Red Bull Stratos Team stratospheric balloon to test the limits of a new NASA developed pressure suit and further scientific research for future space pioneers.

The Red Bull Stratos Team is an expert panel comprised of leaders in aerospace medicine, engineering, pressure suit development, capsule creation and balloon fabrication. Retired United States Air Force Colonel Joseph Kittinger is also a member of the Stratos team. Colonel Kittinger set three of the skydiving world records, in 1960 that the Stratos team was attempting to break.

Born in 1969, Felix started skydiving at the age of 16 and perfected jumps as a member of the Austrian military's demonstration and competition team. In the late 1980's he began performing skydive exhibitions for the energy drink company, Red Bull. By the 1990's, Felix felt he had accomplished enough in the world of skydiving and began BASE jumping (free fall, parachute jumps from a fixed object). Over the last 10 years he has turned his attention to higher jumps and breaking a few long-standing skydiving records.

After 2 mission cancellations on October 15-16, 2012 (due to unfavorable winds) the launch went off on Sunday morning. After a 2 hour 34 minute ascent into the stratosphere (the second of 5 atmospheric layers) he reached an altitude of 128,100 feet! This shattered the previous record of highest manned balloon flight of 102,800 feet. He then plummeted back to Earth in only 9 minutes and 9 seconds. Meaning he was in free fall (without a parachute) for a total of 4 minutes and 22 seconds. Baumgartner fell short of the record time for free fall set by Kittinger at 4 minutes 36 seconds.

There were several nervous moments along the way. The backup balloon was used for the Sunday flight as a tear was discovered after the previous attempted launch. The defroster on his helmet face shield was not working; radio communication was severed for a few brief moments when the capsule door was finally opened around 24 miles above the surface of Earth. Finally, the most dangerous aspect of the dive was accelerating beyond Mach 1 and limiting the amount of G-forces exerted on his body. A flat, uncontrolled spin could mean disaster, as Baumgartner would be knocked unconscious and rely solely on an automatically deployed parachute at a predetermined altitude. In order to maximize his chance to survive, he needed to slow his body to around 172 mph by 5,000 feet to make a safe landing. The frictional force of increasing atmospheric pressure as he approached the ground would provide most of the braking. However, he would have to stabilize his body and control its' position to scrub off the remaining speed. From mission control, concerned faces looked-on as Felix fell in a dangerous, ungraceful spin. But in a blink of an eye, he recovered; tucking his arms and legs sharply, giving him a favored streamlined head-down body position. Baumgartner defied gravity, flying for almost 10 minutes, before sticking a perfect landing. From my living room on Sunday afternoon, my 2 small children erupted in cheer and astonishment when his feet hit the ground. I know they couldn't possibly comprehend the magnitude of what they had just witnessed. However, they somehow realized that this was an exciting moment in history. A superhero, Felix Baumgartner is not, but the word extraordinary does come to mind.

For more information, or to watch the jump log onto <http://www.redbullstratos.com/>

By Mr. Kelly J. Green
Polo Science Department

Mark Your Calendars

On November 30, 2012 the Parent Involvement Committee will host a movie night in the Multi-Purpose Room. Come join us for hot chocolate, cookies, and some family fun while we watch a movie from 6-8pm. More information will follow, but be sure to save the date for this fun filled evening!



**Polo MS "A" Honor Roll
First Quarter 2012-13**

7th Grade

Megan Latimer
Matthew Vaughan

8th Grade

Jennifer Farmer
Averie Heil
Billie Thompson
Tiffany Pimentel

Polo MS "B" Honor Roll

7th Grade

Alayna Sweetland
Teagan Logan
Katelynn Minnis
Andrew Sifford
Zachary Smith
Sierra Dye
Teresa Harris
Cheyenne Dye
Hailey Boyle
Garrett Jones
Luke Cory
Seth Pate

8th Grade

Dakota Martin
Katy Woodfin
Ryan Henry
Jake Leonard
Joely Hicks
Matthew Attebery
Shelby Stump
Kalee Tarwater
Ryan Virtue
Alex Myers
Natalie Ball

**Polo High School "A" Honor Roll
First Quarter 2012-13**

Freshmen

Jesse Vaughan
Emily Fickess
Parker Smith
Erik Johnson

Sophomores

Brandon Latimer
Mason Misel
Mattie Curp
Tristan Rardon
Jessica Farmer

Juniors

Alex Johnson
Dylan Fry
Kelsey Gallion
Loren Wagner
Tyler Feil
Jack Pile

Seniors

Avery Snodgrass
Sammie Copeland
Monica Fickess
Dalton Mills
Missy Cawthon
Doug Jenkins
Zach Freeman
Linda Mynatt
Duncan Parker
Brady McCaskey
Rhea Rardon

**Polo High School "B" Honor Roll
First Quarter 2012-13**

Freshmen

Danielle Gurwell
Montanna Heil
Josh Kesler
Gage Aubrey
Brittany Sheppard
Adrianna Staus
Cheyenne Dye
Israel Alsbury
Jenna Johnson
Jorgia Cory
Shelby Bates
Ashley Harris
Lisa Tackett
Aerial Eggers
Austin McKinzie
Dylan Deornellis
Tyler Erickson
Mikayla Reavis
Hailey Mattivi

Juniors

Tyler James
Logan Stump
Ashley Adams
Tabitha Poje
Amber Adams
Megan Standley
Kylee Eaglen
Justin Thompson
Kaitlyn Adams
Blake Bates
Jonathan Shelton
Houston Stone

Sophomores

Adriana Segar
Skylar Howe
Katelyn Eichmeier
Marianna Sims
Jacob Hicks
Sidney Copeland
Brandon Richardson
Jennifer Adams
Brooke Jones
Cati Boruch
Alisha Ross

Seniors

Darrek Tate
Cody Kromeich
Corinne Attebery
Amy McBee
Daniel Boruch
Camie Smith
Savannah Cline
Justin Hicks
Ashley Alen
Ashley Rowlands

SADD'S Buckle Up Campaign

Polo's SADD student members and sponsor, Ms. Katie Lee were up bright and early on Wednesday morning stopping the citizens and student drivers around Polo schools. Each car that was properly buckled up received a sticker and a pat on the back for buckling up. Ms. Lee reported they stopped 44 cars with a total of 64 people surveyed. Of the 64 surveyed, 81% of those stopped

were properly wearing their seatbelts. Today marked the beginning of their "Buckle Up, Arrive Alive" campaign that will continue through November. They will have another surprise seatbelt check in November. Students who were buckled up will get a chance to be entered into a drawing for a Casey's gas card.



Elementary Counseling News

By: Becky Arway

The character word of the month for September was **Responsibility**. Being a responsible person is one of the main concepts illustrated in the first habit, **Be Proactive**. Students learned that by being proactive they show that they are a responsible person, they are in charge, and they choose their actions, attitudes, and moods. Throughout the month of September, students have been encouraged to make proactive choices and to show others they are responsible for themselves. Students talked about the differences between reactive and proactive language and were encouraged to think about having a "pause button" to allow them time to stop, think, and then react to a situation. Students are continually reminded they have the power to choose how they are going to react and respond to a given situation. Encourage your child to be proactive and in charge of their choices whether it is at home or at school!

The month of October brings a new word of the month as well as a new habit of the month. The character word for the month is Citizenship and the Habit of the Month is Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. Students learned when we begin with the end in mind we look for ways to be a good citizen, plan ahead and set goals, do things that have meaning and make a difference, and know that we are an important part of our school and community. Students participated in a "puzzling" activity to help them illustrate the importance of beginning with the end in mind. Students were put into small groups in order to put together a puzzle. Students were not allowed to see the picture or the colored side of the pieces. They quickly discovered it was important to create a plan in order to achieve their goal of putting the puzzle together. After some time formulating their plan, students were allowed to flip the puzzle pieces over and see if that helped out in reaching their goal. Many of them said it helped a little, but what would help the most would be seeing what the puzzle was suppose to look like in the end. After several minutes of working on the puzzle without the picture on the box, students were given a glimpse of what the final project should look like. Having the end in mind helped the activity become a lot less difficult, with many of the students completing their puzzles. Following the activity, we discussed the importance of not only writing down our goals, but also creating a plan to help us with reaching those goals. It is important to remember the journey is just as important as the destination, knowing where we want to go will help us with knowing how to get there. Students were encouraged to always begin with the end in mind!

Parental Involvement

Parental Involvement continues to be a main focus for Polo R-VII School District this year. According to the University of Illinois Extension, studies have indicated that children whose parents and/or other significant adults share in their formal education tend to do better in school and gain significant benefits. Some of those benefits include:

- " Higher grades and test scores
- " Long term academic achievement
- " Positive attitudes and behavior
- " More successful programs
- " More effective schools

It would seem all parents would want their children to become successful, caring adults. Similarly, many parents want to be involved with the formal education of their children. Sometimes, however, parents find it difficult because they don't know where to start, when to find the time, or how to go about making positive connections with the school. That is why we plan a variety of Parental Involvement Activities for you and your children at Polo Elementary.

Last year, Polo Elementary had a record number of parents attend parental involvement activities. Those activities included the father/daughter activities, the mother/son activities, a career day, and other special days in individual classrooms.

This year, Polo Elementary kicked off the 2012-2013 Parental Involvement Activities with the FIT (Families in Tune) night. We had over 50 in attendance on a windy, cool night (see the related article). Following the upcoming Parent - Teacher Conferences (which is also parental involvement) is our next activity night. Mark your calendars, Friday, November 30 is Movie Night!

Our Parental Involvement Activities are just one way for parents/guardians to become actively involved! If you have suggestions for parent activities, please contact Mrs. Arway or Dr. Deis at the school.

Elementary Honor Roll & Perfect Attendance 1st Quarter

Students making the honor roll at Polo Middle School for the first quarter are: 5th Grade - A Honor Roll - Kelly Baldon, Kole Larkins, Alex Pilger, Colt Smith, Rance Waigand, and Trysten Wolf. B Honor Roll - Buck Cline, Laney Durbin, Dominick Hoplin, Aaron Latimer, Jordan Rash, Kaitlyn Rechtermann, Ayrika Ross, Nicholas Scott, and Trevor Standley. 6th Grade - A Honor Roll: Sommer Gurwell, Steven Knotts, and Jared Robison. B Honor Roll: Madison Baughman, Robbin Crawford, Clay Garton, Garion Hall, Shaylea Martin, Ashtyn Thomas, and Taylor Wagner.

Perfect attendance for the first quarter are: Malia Bell, Gage Gilbert, Jaeger Hicks, Jaxon Hicks, Ziya Miller, Bryson Noble, Mya Olwald, Emersyn Parker, Jaxson Rothove, Emily Schmidt, Jacob Anderson, Levi Bolling, Tyler Carter, Keith Farmer, Hunter Harris, Lucas Pieper, Aden Segal, Hanna Vaught, Olivia Wolf, Cheyanne Abeln, Ty Claypole, Lucas Curp, Marisa Foster, Chloe Gilbert, Catrina Latimer, Jade Misel, Josie Misel, Dillon Noble, Jordan Reynolds, Bobby Snapp, Jenna Thomas, Schylar Thomas, Haley Aubrey, Jace Bolling, Emily Boyle, Conner Bruce, Jordan Carter, Alayna Chapman, Kaydence Norton, Kenny Oswald, Collin Pieper, Josphine Salazar, Leslie Serna, Andrew Stone, Katelin Vaught, Dylan James, Lilly Cooper, Marisa Fickess, Gavin Fitzwater, Ashley Foster, Logan Garton, Makayla Hilburn, Jennica Jay, Ariel Martin, Maggie Martin, Dillan McKee, Malcolm McNab, Jacob Sales, Amanda Whitt, Earl Cory, Joel Heil, Dominick Hoplin, Aaron Latimer, Katherine Nichols, Jordan Rash, Andria Richardson, Ayrika Ross, Nic Scott, Alexis Slaughter, Colt Smith, Trysten Wolf, Maddy Baughman, Chance Carr, Dakota Crawford, Wyatt Curp, Garion Hall, Joseph Hilburn, Mercedes McNab, Nickolas Myers, Jared Robison and Makayla Wise.

4th Grade Field Trip

By: Staff Writer Rhea Rardon

On Friday the 12th, the fourth grade went on a field trip to the 20th Antique Car, Tractor & Steam Association of Lathrop, Missouri Living History Festival & Small Farmers Reunion. At the festival they had wagon rides, a blacksmith shop, a general store, wheel Wright shop, steam engines, Native American Encampment, MoKan Gospel Music, sorghum making, butter churning, making apple butter, apple cider, and apple fritters. When the bus arrived, they split the kids into groups with Mrs. Lukens and Mrs. Minnis leading the groups, each group got to go to different booths that had different items displayed or activities the kids could do. The fourth graders got to make a candle at the candle booth and they each got to take the ones they made home with them. They learned how to shuck corn and they went on a hayride. It was cold that day but they really enjoyed themselves.

National Honors Society

By: Staff Writer Rhea Rardon

Before Homecoming last week four NHS members had to be up early to hang the flags around town. The Veterans took the members north, west, and south of town where the pole are to hang flags in the back of their trucks with ladders and grabbers. When the members had got done they were taken back to the American Legion in the middle of town. The Veterans had said that they had set a record of 20 minutes to hang all the flags. They were surprised of the time it took to take the flags down because it took usually 30-45 minutes before they put every flag up. Last Sunday night three members were called to go through town and take all the flags down because they didn't need to be up anymore. The Veterans really likes our help and I bet the community appreciates because it shows pride in our town.

A+ Schools Program

As we continue to emphasize the importance of preparing our students during their high school career to be college and career ready, the Polo R-VII School District has started to investigate the possibility of becoming an A+ Designated high school. What does it mean to be an A+ designated high school? How will this help the students at Polo High School? It is our hope that this article will help to begin answering some of those basic questions.

What is the A+ Program? The A+ Program was created in 1993 as an incentive program for high schools to help promote improvement throughout Missouri's high schools. Beginning in 1997, this program has provided financial incentives to students who participate in ensuring the programs goals are met. The focus of the program is "to ensure that all students who graduate from Missouri high schools are well prepared to pursue advanced education and/or employment (DESE, 2012)." Other goals of the program are for students to complete rigorous and challenging coursework and that all students continue onto a college, post-secondary vocational technical school, or a high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities. There are currently 364 designated A+ high schools across the state. This program has helped to reduce the dropout rate and in turn increase the graduation rate in high schools with this designation.

What does a school need to do in order to become an A+ designated high school? In order to become a designated high school, a school district must complete an application for the A+ School Program and submit it to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Included in the application process is a plan submitted by the school district indicating how the school district intends to address each of the goals of the A+ program as well as how they plan on assisting students in meeting the program requirements. Once a high school successfully meets the program requirements, it is formally designated by the State Board of Education.

What is the benefit from attending an A+ designated high school? Students who graduate from an A+ designated high school and successfully complete the necessary requirements of the program may qualify for state-paid financial incentive to attend any public community college or career/technical school in Missouri. In addition, several 4- year colleges and universities provide scholarship opportunities to students who have successfully completed the program.

Does participating in the A+ program restrict a student's choices? Participation in the A+ program in no way restricts a student's educational or career choices. The A+ Schools program is designed to provide greater opportunities for students.

How does a student become an A+ School Student? For students to participate in the program, they must:

- Sign an A+ Student Contract
- Attend Polo High School three consecutive years prior to graduation.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 accumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Maintain at least 95% cumulative attendance record.
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid, district supervised tutoring during high school.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs.
- Make a good faith effort to first secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance.
- Apply to the Selective Service, if applicable.
- Beginning with the high school senior class of 2015, have achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam.

A+ Schools program benefits not only the students, but also the school district and the community. The A+ program provides just another opportunity for our students to pursue their dreams of post-secondary education whether it is at trade/technical school, a community college, or college or university. The A+ Schools program continually challenges students to strive for achieving their best not only in high school, but also in the future.

Polo R-VII School District Parents and Patrons:

The Polo Board of Education would like to take a moment and provide some background information to our Parents and Patrons on an issue that will appear on this November's ballot. Education funding has been steadily decreasing for a number of years now. While the Polo School District has taken many prudent steps throughout this time, things have now reached a tipping point. The painful fact is that we cannot continue to maintain our current level of staffing, academic achievement, activities, and programs without some sort of fundamental change.

In seeking to find a creative solution to this problem, we examined our spending, funding, and debt structures in great detail. From this concentrated effort, we believe that we were able to form a creative solution that is truly a win for all concerned. We discovered that by shifting our short-term debt to a long-term set of bonds, we could free up the additional funds needed to maintain our staffing and programs without any increase in local taxes.

Therefore, this November we are asking our voters to approve the issue of a new set of bonds. These bonds will not increase local taxes. More importantly, the money from these bonds will pay off our current lease-purchase debt. This would free up over \$175,000 per year in operating funds and would help offset the shortfall in State funding; allowing us to not only preserve what we have but also build toward meeting the new State mandates.

It is crucial that the Polo bond issue passes. Given the fact that passing this bond issue will protect our school and not increase taxes, we strongly urge everyone to please make the effort to come to the polls and vote yes. This is truly the best way forward as the alternatives are not very appealing. As always, we would be happy to answer any questions people may have.

Sincerely,

The Polo R-VII Board of Education

What Is Proposition B?

Proposition B will appear on the November ballot and is the result of an initiative petition circulated by the American Cancer Society to reduce smoking and improve health care in Missouri. It is important to note that this proposal was not created to generate money for any specific entity.

Proposition B will increase the cigarette tax by 73 cents a pack. Missouri has the lowest cigarette tax in the country. If Proposition B passes, the total cigarette tax will be 90 cents per pack. The national average is \$1.46. Missouri is 11th highest in smoking prevalence in the country. There are 8,600 Missouri kids (under 18) who become daily smokers each year and almost 20% of Missouri high school students smoke. Countless studies have shown that increasing the cigarette tax will indeed reduce smoking, especially among teens.

Proposition B will generate about \$283 million each year. Twenty percent of this amount will be used on smoking cessation programs that help adult smokers quit and keep kids from ever starting. Thirty percent will go to higher education with a focus on training future caregivers, and the largest share, fifty percent, will go to Missouri elementary and secondary schools. The proposal includes safeguards, including regular public audits that will ensure the new revenue is spent as voters intend.

This smoking cessation proposal will provide school districts state-wide each year additional dollars to help fund our schools. We can use the funds to pay for teacher recruitment, retention, salaries, or professional development; school construction, renovation, or leasing; technology enhancements, textbooks, or instructional materials; school safety; or supplying additional funding for required state and federal programs.

Revenues from this fund will hopefully be the highest when it is enacted and then fall from that point as Missourians quit smoking. The auditor's \$283 million revenue projection includes a reduction in tobacco use in the state and is a reliable and stable funding number for long-term planning purposes. This proposal is good for the health of this state, it is good for the children we serve and it benefits Missouri schools.

I N F O R M A T I O N

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November 2012 Menu

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

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5 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	6 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	7 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit BBQ Riblets, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	8 French Toast, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli w/cheese, Fruit	9 Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit NO LUNCH EARLY OUT
12 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	13 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	14 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit THANKSGIVING DINNER	15 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	16 Donut, Ham Hamburger on Bun, Fruit
19 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Creamy Chicken over Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	20 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	21 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit EARLY OUT NO LUNCH	22 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
26 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	27 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Sweet & Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	28 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	29 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli w/cheese, Fruit	30 Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit

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