



POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Panther Pride

March Activities

February
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- 1 - Booster Club Meeting 6 pm in Commons
- 4 - 3rd Quarter Ends
 - FFA @ Brunswick TSA/IRC 9 am
 - MS Wrestling @ Stanberry TBA
 - Youth Wrestling Weigh in for Districts in Varsity Locker Rm 6:30-9 pm
- 5 - Senior Citizens Prom sponsored by FBLA 6-9 pm in Multi
 - 5th/6th BB Tournament @ Gallatin
- 7 - No School - Teacher Inservice
 - Scholars Bowl @ Princeton 4 pm
 - MS Wrestling @ Albany TBA
 - PTO Book Fair Tuesday-Friday
 - 5th/6th BB @ Winston
- 8 - FFA @ Hamilton TSA/IRC 9 am
 - 5th/6th BB @ Gallatin 4:30 pm
- 9 - Mentor/Mentee Mtg. 3:15-4 pm
 - FFA @ Marshall TSA/IRC 9 am
 - FFA Area and State Officer Interviews @ Cameron 5 pm
- 10 - Preschool Closed
- 11 - Itty Bitty Book club in the Library 11 am until noon
 - Preschool Closed
 - Spring Sports Pictures and Elementary Class Pictures
 - Last Day of PTO Book Fair
- 12 - After Prom Fundraiser BBQ Dinner/Auction Christian Church 5 pm
 - Regional Spelling Bee in St. Joseph @ 1 pm
- 14 - FFA @ Savannah TSA/IRC
 - Scholars Bowl @ King City 4 pm
 - 4H Far West Club Mtg in Commons 6-7 pm
 - 5th/6th BB @ Hamilton Tourney Mon-Fri
- 15 - Spring Concert 6:30 pm
- 16 - Area FFA Contest @ Gallatin 4:30 pm
- 17 - FFA @ NCMC TSA/IRC
- 18 - MS Dance 7-9 pm in Multi
- 19 - FBLA Volleyball Tourney @ 9:30 am
- 21 - BOE Mtg 7 pm
 - FFA @ Lathrop TSA/IRC
 - Scholars Bowl 4 pm
- 22 - District FFA @ Cameron 4:30 pm
 - 5th/6th BB vs. Hardin @ 6 pm
- 24 - No School - Spring Break
 - V Track @ Richmond 4 pm
- 25 - No School - Spring Break
- 28 - Music Booster Donkey Basketball 6:30 pm
- 29 - V Track @ N. Platte 4 pm
 - 5th/6th BB @ Braymer 5 pm
 - FBLA Blood Drive 1-6 pm in Multi
- 30 - Preschool Class Group Pictures

GRC Honor Band Well Attended by the Panthers



Matt Vaughan, Jesse Vaughan, Jenna Johnson, Alina Hays, Clay Garton, Garion Hall and Brooke Boydston

Donkey Basketball

Sponsored by: Music Boosters

Come watch our very own students and staff take on each other while riding a donkey!

Monday, March 28
6:30 PM

High School Gym

Tickets are \$6 in advanced or \$8 at the door
Contact Mr. Andrew Dunker for more info at dunkera@polo.k12.mo.us

Senior Career Expo

By: Evonne Steward

When you're a senior in high school, it's important to be thinking about your plans after graduation like where you want to go to college, what profession you want to go into, and so on. That is why the counselors set up a Career Exploration day for all of the seniors to go to. On February 17, 2016, all of the seniors attended the Career Expo at NCMC in Trenton, Missouri. When arriving at the Career Expo, the seniors went to the different stations that were set up. These stations had people of different professions like park rangers, Army recruiters, nurses, etc. All of the 2016 seniors went to these different booths and stations and got information about that profession. The point of this was so that the seniors could get a good idea of the qualifications for each job and to help them figure out what career they wanted to pursue after high school. "The Career Exploration day lets seniors see what kind of jobs are available and helps them get professional advice from real world professionals." - Mrs. Walker

The seniors that attended the Career Exploration day feel as if they've been helped in some way. Austin McKinzie says, "It has helped me by making me feel more connected with the environment and with the career world." His plans after high school are to become a welder for Pipe Fitters Union. Not only did the seniors learn a lot of information but they also had a lot of fun. There were prizes from drawings. Senior, Shelby Bates won a water bottle and a flash light which was one of her favorite parts at the Career Expo. Shelby states, "My other favorite part was getting to talk to the representatives who work at nursing homes." She says her plans after high school are to attend the pre-med program at Southwest Baptist University.

Join us for Itty Bitty Book Club

When: 2nd Friday of every month from 11am -12pm

Where: Polo School Library

Who: All children under the age of 5 are welcome!

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-1st Paragraph FFA Creed

In 1928, 33 students from 18 states gathered in Kansas City, MO., to form the Future Farmers of America. In 1929, national blue and corn gold became the official colors of FFA. A year later, delegates adopted the official FFA Creed and by 1933 the familiar Official Dress of blue corduroy jackets was adopted after convention delegates were enthralled by the jackets won to Kansas City by members of the Fredericktown, Ohio, FFA chapter.

FFA has been a part of Polo for 20+ years and hopefully more to come. When talking to Jenna Johnson, she said she has proudly been a member of the FFA for 4 years. There are a lot of people that participate in FFA. If you are an underclassmen and considering being in FFA, Jenna Johnson wanted to say a few things about what you learn while participating in FFA. She said, "FFA is definitely an organization to be a part of. While in it, you learn our traditions, job careers, different contests, keeping records, and the opportunity to travel around the state and country! FFA helps teach you more about life outside of the classroom."

FFA goes to Brunswick for contests on March 1st. There are approximately 8 different teams to participate in. Jenna said that she will be on the Meats team this year. On the meats team, they have to identify the different cuts of meat, what animal they came from, and which part of the animal the meat was cut from. There are also contests on March 8th in Hamilton, March 14th in Savannah, and March 21st in Lathrop. FFA Districts will be held on March 22nd in Cameron at 4:30 p.m. State FFA Convention will be in Columbia, MO on April 22nd.

Future Business Leaders of America

By Stormy Farmer

FBLA has had a very successful year. They have hosted events for elementary to get the little kids more involved. They loved both events. The first event that took place was Girls Night and the theme was Princess Tea. At Girls Night there were 4 stations. Those were painting nails, watching 12 Dancing Princesses, coloring princesses and decorating cookies. We raised \$200 on that event. FBLA also planned a boy's night and the theme for that event was Game Night. In the Multipurpose Room, they played matball. In the cafeteria we hooked up a Wii and the boys could pick any game they wanted to play. In the hallway, they played board games. At Christmas time, FBLA held a coloring contest for elementary students. The winners were Alexa Storts, Chloey Carr, Jaegar Hicks, Myia Heil, Adriana Hoplin, and Chloe Gilbert. Our annual Senior Citizens Prom is March 5th. They are also hosting a Volleyball Tournament on March 19. In FBLA they don't only hold events they compete in events.

In FBLA, you have the option to take tests or perform in front of judges at Districts. Everyone who is participating in a district event attends the conference. When you arrive at districts, they do an open ceremony, then they start releasing people to their performance events. Once all the performance events are done and they are done scoring all the events, they start handing out medals. If you take a test, they medal 1-5 and they all go to state. If you do a performance event they medal 1-5 but only 1st place goes to state. There are also events where you go straight to state and the event is not scored at districts. Once it is released who the top 8 are, you will be notified and those top 8 perform their event at state. Parker Smith tested in Business Calculations and placed 1st. Cheyenne Dye tested in Insurance and Risk Management and placed 5th. Stormy Farmer, Joely Hicks, and Averie Heil did a performance event, Public Service Announcement and placed 4th. These same girls will compete at state in the Community Service Project presentation.

Stadium Seats Available for Purchase



They are \$50 for a regular size seat and \$60 for the wider seat. They are good quality chairs purchased by the Boosters from Pat's Army Store in Lexington, Missouri (letter jacket contact). The Boosters have these for sale at home sporting events, or they can contact Jill Rardon, Kim Snodgrass, or Nicci Jones to purchase.

How Literature Influences Our History

By: Mercedes McNab

Have you ever thought of how different the world would be if we couldn't read or write? How would you think it'd turn out? Do you listen to music, watch movies, or even play games? Well, all that is started by writing down an idea, then making it bigger and better. In comparison, as does our government. It has a lot of written documents stating laws and new bills, things we follow blindly for all of our lives. If nothing was ever written down, how would our government be affected? How would that affect you?

How many writing competitions have you heard of? Well there are lots out there, if you didn't think of even one time you'd heard of one, than you probably don't have a lot of connections. There was one near the beginning of February. This contest was founded by Green Hills Telephone Corporation & Foundation for Rural Service. It was a 500 word essay about 'How does the internet influence life on the farm' or 'What is the Internet cloud and how does it affect your life'. It was for juniors with an A or B GPA. The school advisor in charge was Mrs. Walker, one of our school counselors. The reward of it was a free trip to Washington D.C. The deadline was February 11, 2016.

When asked how many students took advantage of this contest, the answer Mrs. Walker gave was "One." Moira Hays was the only one from our school to submit. The results will be coming in on the week of March 2nd. Please help encourage your children to participate in literature contests, if not for improving their writing skills, than at least for the prizes. We look forward to seeing more students enhancing their writing skills through these contests.

COME SUPPORT YOUR POLO FBLA CHAPTER AS THEY HOST A CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 19,
2016 9:30 AM**

**WHERE: POLO HIGH SCHOOL
GYM**

**WHY: TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP
STUDENTS ATTEND STATE
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN
SPRINGFIELD, MO AND TO FUND
OTHER FBLA ACTIVITIES**



Team information:

- 8 Participants per team
- Must be at least 3 girls on a team
- \$10/person or \$80 per team
- Must include team name and a contact
- Each team will be given a copy of the rules when they sign up with Ms. Arth
- Each participant will sign or have a parent sign a liability waiver
- There will only be 10 teams allowed. First ten teams to sign up and pay are the teams involved.
- Players can be any age and do not have to be from PHS.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Arth at 660-354-2524 ext 113 or at artha@polo.k12.mo.us

Contact Ms. Arth for the Team Sign Up Sheet. The teams are filling up fast and only 10 are accepted. First 10 to sign up and pay are in the tournament. Team sheets are due no later than 3/17/2016.

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March 2016 Menu

Menu is subject to change. Each meal includes one milk. Extra drinks are available for 30¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Tator Tots, Fruit	2 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	3 Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	4 Donut, Ham, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit
7 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS INSERVICE	8 Cereal, Oatmeal, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	9 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	10 Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit Chili, Vegetable Sticks, Fruit	11 Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
14 NO SCHOOL	15 Cereal, Oatmeal, Fruit Taco Stack, Spanish Rice, Fruit	16 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Turkey on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	17 Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	18 Donut, Ham, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Soup, Fruit
21 Cereal, Oatmeal, Fruit Corndog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	22 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	23 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Easter Dinner	24 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
28 Cereal, Oatmeal, Fruit Corndog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	29 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	30 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	31 Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	

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