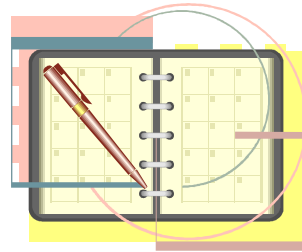


The Poca Middle News

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October Calendar

- October 2 – Dance 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- October 4 – Homecoming game, PMS vs. Point Pleasant
- October 8 – IS day, no school for students
- October 8 – parent-teacher conference 3:30-6:30
- October 18 – Eighth grade recognition game vs. Ripley



WESTEST SCORES Poca Middle Students Rule !!!

Mr. Dale Eggleton, principal at PMS, has received the results of the Spring, 2007 WESTEST. Students in the three grades of middle school took the tests over a four day period, testing in four major subject areas. In the Students with Disabilities category (only schools with a cell size of 50 or more) POCA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS scored FIRST in Reading/Language Arts among all state schools (elementary, middle and high schools) and also FIRST in Math among all state schools ! In addition, in the Economically Disadvantaged category, POCA MIDDLE SCHOOL students ranked second in Reading/Language Arts and thirteenth in Math of all state middle schools

(154 schools). In the All Students category, POCA MIDDLE STUDENTS scored third in Reading/Language Arts and twentieth in Math among all 154 middle schools in the state of West Virginia. These scores are the result of

hard work and dedication by staff and students and the support of parents. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL!!!



ART REQUEST

Mrs. Inghram needs old magazines to use with projects in the Art classes. Art is one of the related arts subjects and each nine weeks brings in six new groups of students who need material for different projects. So please donate any magazines that you would normally discard to be used in the art room. Magazines may be taken to Mrs. Inghram's room. Thank you for your help.



BOOSTER NEWS

New and exciting things are happening with the Boosters of Poca Middle School. Having a good turn out for our first formal meeting, we already have several new fund raisers in the works including the big Heritage Day Sale. This year we have a new Booster President Gary Morrison, and last year's President, Neil Kennedy, is now Vice President/Treasurer. The Secretary is Laurie Cunningham. Concession stands are going well for the Middle School Football and the Midget League that we are in association with. Heritage Day plans are set. We are selling Christmas Ornaments, School Jackets, Apparel, and Pawfect Pals (fundraiser for Cheerleaders that similar to Build-A-Bear). The Booster's are providing treats to the students in honor of their FABULOUS scores on the WESTEST. The Boosters will provide meals for the football team before the two out-of-county games because the players do not have time to go home and eat before they need to be back at school to leave. The Booster organization is not only for the sports teams of Poca but for every student that goes to this school. Much has been done in the past to provide materials for student use in the classrooms (calculators, art equipment, books, etc). The Booster objective is to raise money for a new school sign. The Boosters will furnish all labor involved in the replacement, but donations are being solicited by AEP and other local businesses to cover the cost of the actual sign. Any parent who knows a possible funding source please contact the school or a Booster officer. The President's goal is to raise awareness for a new school throughout the community and the school board. He also says as a goal we should be proud of our school every time we walk into the building. Parents/guardians who would like to help on any Booster project are asked to contact an officer: Gary Morrison, Neil Kennedy, Laurie Cunningham or call the school. All help is appreciated so that the Boosters can continue to provide for the academic, social, and athletic enrichment of all students at Poca Middle School.

This is Caleb Kennedy Reporting



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

What middle school students and parents need to know about middle school dances.

1. Dances are *usually* scheduled from 6 – 8 p.m. Students will not be admitted until 6 p.m. and must enter through the front door (facing the road) of the gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 and refreshments are sold.
2. Dances are over at 8:00 p.m. Parents must be at the school to pick up their son/daughter a 8:00 p.m. Students are not permitted to call after the dance is over. Parents must be there at 8:00.
3. Parents must come to the front door to pick up students. They are not allowed to walk across the street or any where else to meet a ride. This is for the safety of the students.
4. Students are not allowed to remain at school until time for the dance. They must go home at the regular time and return for the dance
5. Again – the dance is over at 8:00 p.m. Students may not call anyone when the dance is over. Parents be there at 8:00 to pick up students.

HOMECOMING DANCE

Speaking of dances, the *Homecoming Dance* will be **Tuesday** from **5-7** in the gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00. This is the first dance of the school year. This is also a different time than the dances are usually held. So, check the time and come on out and have some fun!!



NEW TEACHERS

Kristen DeVaney is our new 7th grade Language teacher. She has her Master's Degree in Writing/Language Arts. She currently lives in Proctorville, OH. She lives in a household with 5 boys, 1 husband, a cat, and a dog. She loves the kids and staff and thinks everyone is helpful and friendly. She's looking forward to the best year this year!

Marlee Bailey

Mrs. **Katie Lloyd** is a new teacher here at Poca Middle School. She teaches seventh grade science. She lives in Charleston, and she is married with two daughters. One of her daughters, Danielle, attends school at West Virginia University. Her other daughter, Mackenzie, attends school at Horace Mann. Mrs. Lloyd was a student teacher at Stonewall Jackson, but this is her first year of teaching. She comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in Management, Bachelor of Science in Science Education. She thinks that Poca Middle School students are wonderful, intelligent, polite, and hard working. Keep up the good work so that she will think that all year.

Deanna Sprouse

The new 7th grade math teacher is **Heidi Clark**. She came here from Hurricane. She lives there with her husband, three kids, and seven animals. Mrs. Clark got a great education at Western MI University. Mrs. Clark has teaching experience with 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Clark says she loves Poca Middle and the kids are great.

Beth Graley

Another math teacher, **Sandra Rucker**, was added to 8th grade. She lives on Poca River Road with her husband, Jim, and her two kids, Matthew and Christa. Mrs. Rucker attended college at West Virginia State University. She has been a Putnam County substitute for four years and has been working in long-term positions for the past two years at Poca High School. Mrs. Rucker said that everyone at Poca Middle School has been very helpful and friendly.

Lauren Harrison

Our new Spanish teacher is **Leslie Wood**. She is from Ravenswood, but now she resides in Milton. She teaches at both G.W and here at PMS. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Elementary Education grades K-6. She has also taught in Guatemala for two years! She loves Poca Middle School's staff and students.

Samantha Parkins



This year, the Poca Football team has a new coach. His name is Ryan Bailey. He has been working hard to help the team succeed, and hopefully his coaching skills will lead us to a winning season. Coach Bailey graduated from the Poca High School. At the high school, he had an astonishing career. This is one reason why he is more than qualified to coach our football team. One detail that I found interesting is that he played multiple sports here at Poca Middle. These sports are basketball and football. I'm sure that he will lead us to victory. Coach Bailey, his wife Melinda, and two sons, Hayden and Chase live in Poca.

Daniel Burgess



SPIRIT WEEK

Next week is Homecoming Week. We will take on the Pt Pleasant Pirates. Students may show their support in the following ways:

Monday – *Mismatched clothes day*

Tuesday - *Twin day*

Wednesday – *Nerd day*

Thursday – *Red, White, & Gray day*

Each grade level competes to win the famous school spirit stick! Points are awarded in three ways: Student participation in the style of dress, a class poster, and the purchase of spirit links. Spirit links will be sold each morning for 25 cents. Mrs. Pauley will sell the links for the eighth grade, Ms. Forbis will sell links for the seventh grade, and Ms. Paugh will sell links for the sixth grade. Good luck to all!!



THE DOTS

The town of Poca realizes that our football team is working very hard. The start of the season was tough. Our first game was against Huntington Middle School. JR Sisson of the 8th grade made the first touchdown of the season. Other games were against Winfield, Ravenswood, and GW, and the next game is away at Logan. Fortunately, we had our first win against GW on Thursday September 20th. This is all because of the hard work of the players and coaches. The final score was 8 to 6. The touchdown and two point conversion was made by JD Bush of the 8th grade. Apparently, home field advantage was not a case that night. Congratulations boys and keep working hard! We are hoping to come out with a successful season!

Our homecoming game is on October 4th. We will be playing Point Pleasant. Our team will be ready to play hard for another win. So be sure to come and watch to support the Dots!

Cheyenne Hedrick



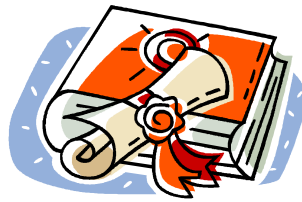
CHEERLEADERS

This year the cheerleading squad is working very hard. With their sponsors Shelley Stewart and Patty Paugh, they have accomplished very great things. The team elected two captains of the squad, and they chose Ashton McNeil and Julia Celorio. Their cheerleading squad is comprised of fifteen wonderful girls. They also plan on attending numerous cheerleading competitions in January. They are trying very hard to look great and represent Poca Middle School. Members of the squad are:

Eighth grade – Morgan Ball, Julia Celorio, Kaylee Dillon, Haley Felty, Haley Harrison, Katie Lett, Miranda Linville, Malea McGraw, Ashton McNeil and Danielle Payne.

Seventh grade – Amber Bailey and Jade Watts.

Sixth grade – Cheyenne McNeil, Makala Sharp and Traci Stone.



YEARBOOKS

School yearbooks are being sold a little differently this year. Yearbook order forms will be sent by the publishing company, Jostens, to each student's home. They will send more than one notice. If for any reason your child doesn't receive a notice, please contact the school. Yearbooks are hard back and cost \$25. Names and special symbols can be added for an additional cost.