

**PAOLA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2011-2012**

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Grade: _____

Welcome to Paola Middle School! Educating every student is our #1 priority. We expect every staff member and every student to be treated with respect and dignity. This handbook will assist you in understanding school policies and in effectively planning and organizing your school day. The handbook is not all-inclusive. **The school administration retains the right to issue penalties for acts of discipline not specifically stated and to alter any penalties as necessary.** The administration also reserves the right to amend any provision in this handbook when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the educational process.

Non-discrimination statement: The USD #368 of Paola, Kansas, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to or treatment, or employment in its programs and activities. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the principal at 294-8030.

ATTENDANCE - Regular attendance is an integral part of PMS's curriculum. The Board of Education, administrators, and teachers strongly support regular attendance. There is a direct correlation between habits of students today and their work habits in the future. Students' grades are directly related to attendance, for excessive absences usually result in poor grades. Therefore, students are encouraged to develop and maintain regular attendance habits.

An **excused** absence is one that has been classified as such by the building administration. An absence will be classified excused if the student and the parent/legal guardian have followed the building attendance procedure. **Parents should call the school the morning of their child's absence(s).** Absences shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness. The school administration may, with due notice to the student or parent/legal guardian, require verification from a physician that an absence is due to reasons of health.
2. Serious illness or death of a family member.
3. Obligatory religious observances of the student's own faith. Administrators and teachers shall avoid scheduling tests, project deadlines, and whenever possible, extra-curricular activities on religious holidays to ensure that students are not penalized for these absences from school.
4. Participation in a Kansas State High School Activities Association activity, a district-approved function, or school sponsored activity.
5. Family emergency situation requiring immediate attention.
6. Absence excused by parent and approved by the principal.

Students under eighteen years of age must comply with the Kansas School Compulsory Attendance Law, (K.S.A. 72-113). School officials are required to report to the county attorney all cases of children who are not attending school as required by law. A child who has reached the age of seven years and is under the age of eighteen years, who is required by law to attend school and is enrolled in school

and is either inexcusably absent therefrom on **either three consecutive school days or five or more school days in any semester or seven days during the school year, shall be considered to be not attending school and shall be reported as required by law.** In addition, the Federal Law known as "No Child Left Behind" and Kansas QPA standards stress the importance of regular school attendance. Schools are reported as not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress if the attendance rate falls below 90%. Therefore, the principal reserves the right to report to the appropriate agency any student whose attendance falls below 90%, regardless of whether it is excused or unexcused.

An unexcused absence is one that has been classified as such by the building administration. A student is inexcusably absent if (a) such absence is not excusable under 6 reasons listed above, (b) he/she leaves school during school hours without permission, (c) he/she does not attend class, (d) he/she does not attend a required conference or detention period, or (e) he/she fails to comply with building attendance procedures.

Students will be subject to possible in-school suspension and/or a parent meeting when absences are unexcused.

A student should attend school at least four class periods during the day in order to participate in athletics, dances, or other school activities. This rule is specific for students who are absent due to illness or are unexcused.

ACTIVITIES – All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are eligible for membership in Kansas Association for Youth (KAYS). Each 6/7/8th grade homeroom may select a representative for Student Council. Students from all three grades may participate in Instrumental Music. Seventh and eighth grade students may try out for Newspaper, Yearbook, Dance Team, and Cheerleader.

ATHLETICS - Seventh and eighth grade students may try out for athletic teams. Sports for boys include football, wrestling, basketball, and track. Sports for girls include volleyball, basketball, and track.

Frontier League – Paola Middle School is a member of the Frontier League. The league provides us with a schedule of individual opponents for athletic events, league tournaments, and a league track meet. The Frontier League also sponsors Math Relays and choir and instrumental festivals.

Eligibility – We are members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, which requires us to maintain a plan whereby students must maintain academic standards in order to be eligible. The Paola Middle School requirements for eligibility are as follows:

1. Enrollment - The student shall be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five subjects of unit weight (or its equivalency) during the present semester.

2. The student must be in good standing. Students who have been suspended out of school may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activities during any part of the day or days they are suspended.
3. If any student has an "F" in any core, related arts, physical education, and/or band class as a nine weeks quarter grade, he/she is considered ineligible for the following nine weeks in the activities listed below:
 - Participation in interscholastic athletic events.
 - Performance in music contests where students are ranked or rated to achievement standards. Note: Students who are academically ineligible can still be in band and/or choir and participate in concerts and league music festivals.
 - Cheerleader performances.
 - Dance Team performances.
 - Scholars' Bowl participation. A Scholars' Bowl is defined as an academic contest in which subject matter of at least three of the five academic disciplines required by the State Board of Education for High School graduation are used for competition.
 - Student Council – attending meetings and being active officers and/or members.

Attendance at Home Activities - Students attending athletic events will abide by the following guidelines:

1. Students will remain seated in the stadium or bleachers during the game.
2. Students will not play outside of the stadium or gym area. No throwing of balls or other objects will be allowed.
3. Students who leave the stadium or gym must pay to re-enter.
4. Students may go to the concession stands only at halftime or between games.
5. No food or drinks are allowed in the gym.
6. Students will not stand at the rail during football games for safety and traffic flow reasons.
7. Leave the school grounds immediately following a game. After football games, students should wait for rides at the entrance gate by the ticket booth.
After basketball games, students should wait for rides at the east entrance door of PMS.
8. On game day, students will clear the building immediately at the end of the school day. Students will be readmitted to the building at game time.
9. Cheer for your team. Be positive! Do not cheer against or be abusive to the officials or the opposing team or fans. Any student whose behavior is considered to be inappropriate may be removed for the

remainder of the game and possibly for future games, as well.

BEHAVIOR - It is the basic right of each student at PMS to learn, without interference by the behavior of another student. It is important that students understand that acceptable standards of behavior will be expected at all times. Consequences will be administered any time an individual's actions interfere with the basic right of teachers to teach or other students to learn. Consequences for inappropriate behaviors include detention, time out, Friday Night School, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, long-term suspension, and expulsion.

Detention time is to be served before or after school as assigned by the teacher or administration. Students and parents will be given 24 hours notice prior to detentions being served so that transportation may be arranged. In-school suspension requires the student to report to school as usual, but the student is required to spend the time assigned in a supervised setting, apart from other students, working on homework assignments. Out-of-school suspension may be from one day to one semester (long-term suspension). Students are expected to make up all assigned work. Students are not to attend school functions during the term of a suspension. Expulsion excludes a student from school for the remainder of the school year. An expulsion may last no longer than 186 school days.

Students may be suspended or expelled for any of the following reasons:

1. Use of or possession of tobacco in any form
2. Use of or possession of alcohol, drugs/paraphernalia, or use of any substance that when taken has the same effects of alcohol and/or drugs.
3. Fighting
4. Use of profanity
5. Vandalism of public or private property
6. Creating false emergencies (i.e. fire alarms, bomb threats, calling 911, etc...)
7. Flagrant disrespect of teachers
8. Illegal acts
9. Leaving school without permission
10. General harassment of students or personnel
11. Possession or use of fireworks on campus
12. Possession or use of a weapon on campus

BULLYING –Paola Middle School is committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment. Bullying behavior will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

CAFETERIA - PMS has a closed lunch period. This means that students are not allowed to leave the school premises during their lunch period. Food from outside establishments is discouraged during the lunch period.

Soda pop is not allowed in the cafeteria during the serving of either breakfast or lunch. Breakfast and lunch are served in the cafeteria area every day. Students may purchase meal tickets or pay cash. Students should purchase those tickets from 7:45-8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Information on free or reduced lunches is given to all students at the beginning of the school year. Free or reduced prices apply to both breakfast and lunch programs for those who qualify. Students may bring their own lunches, if desired. Milk may be purchased in the cafeteria. Students are expected to pick up and deposit their own trash in appropriate receptacles.

CELLULAR PHONES – Students who are in possession of cellular phones during the school day must keep them in their locker and turned off. Failure to do so will result in the phone being confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian of the student. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action against the student.

CONDUCT AT ASSEMBLIES - Teachers will accompany and supervise their classes during school assemblies. Students will leave all equipment and personal items in the classroom. Students will enter the assembly area in a quiet and respectful manner. They will remain seated during the assembly and will be respectful to the speaker or performers. Any student whose conduct is inappropriate will be removed from the assembly and future assembly privileges may be lost.

COUNSELORS - Each student is assigned a counselor. The counselor's job is to assist students with any problems related to school, whether it is in the areas of academics or social adjustments.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Daily announcements of information pertaining to student and school activities are made in the morning and afternoon. This information is announced over the P.A. system. It is the student's responsibility to listen and comply with messages in these announcements.

DRESS CODE - Students should dress in a manner that does not distract from the educational environment. Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times. Clothing that is revealing, excessively ripped, advertises or encourages inappropriate behavior will not be permitted. Recommended length of shorts is mid-thigh. Hats, caps and other head-coverings will not be worn. Pants and tops must be worn in an appropriate manner so that no undergarments are exposed or showing. The midriff area will not be exposed. The wearing of slippers or pajamas is not acceptable. The wearing of large chains, spiked collars, and other potentially dangerous jewelry is not permitted. School personnel reserve the right to ask a student to change any clothing or jewelry that disrupts, distracts, offends, or is a safety hazard for others. **Finally, all coats, gloves and book bags will be stored in students' lockers; these items will not be taken from class to class.**

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING - Paola USD #368 will utilize the following plan when severe or inclement weather

occurs. The superintendent will make an official announcement if school will be closed. The radio and TV stations will be alerted by 6:00 a.m. However, a school closing announcement may be made the previous evening by 10:00 p.m. WDAF, KY102 and KOFO are typically notified. The district text caster messenger system will also be utilized.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS - Fire and tornado drills will be held throughout the school year. Teachers will explain drill procedures to all classes at the beginning of the school year.

FRIDAY NIGHT SCHOOL - Students who meet certain criteria will serve a Friday Night School from 3:05-5:05 pm. A student could be required to serve a Friday Night School for negative behavior, failing grades, and tardies subject to the approval of the administration. If a student is required to attend due to failing grades, credit will be given for the work that is completed during that time. Failure to serve Friday Night School will result in ISS the following Monday and attendance at the next Friday Night School.

GRADES - PMS has adopted the following grading scale for its students:

- 100 – 90% = **A** outstanding work
- 89 – 80% = **B** above average work
- 79 – 70% = **C** average work
- 69 – 60% = **D** below average work
- 0 – 59% = **F** no credit
- I work is not complete

Students and Parents are encouraged to utilize Infinite Campus to keep up-to-date concerning grades. Grade cards and progress reports will only be mailed to parents/guardians who do not have internet access and/or request that a paper copy be sent home.

School Board policy states that teachers **must** inform parents when a child is in danger of receiving an "F" for a quarter grade.

At the end of the school year, it may be necessary to determine whether or not a student will go on to the next grade level. A student's grades, test scores and attendance, as well as, teacher recommendations, parent concerns and social issues will be considered. The student may be placed in the next grade or be retained. The PMS Principal makes the final decision. The student and his/her parents have the right to due process and may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools.

Academic honors may be earned at PMS. The Panther Honor Roll is earned with a 3.0 grade point average with no more than two "C's" and no grade lower than a "C". The Principal's Honor Roll is earned by maintaining a 3.65 grade point average with no grade below a "B". The Superintendent's Honor Roll is earned by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. All three Honor Rolls are computed on a 4.0 scale at the end of each nine week grading period.

HALL CONDUCT - Students are to pass quietly through the halls. Running, pushing, and shoving are prohibited. Sitting in the hallways before school is also prohibited for fire safety reasons. Students are asked to refrain from forming large groups in the halls because this hinders other students from passing. Handholding, hugging, and kissing will not be permitted.

LATE WORK POLICY - Students must turn all work in on time to receive full credit. However, the teacher will accept homework two school days past the due date with a penalty of losing one full letter grade on the assignment. Homework not turned in after the two day limit will receive a grade of zero. Teachers may, in consultation with the student and parent or counselor, extend a deadline on an assignment, given special circumstances or particular needs of a student.

LEAVING CLASS OR THE BUILDING - When it is necessary for a student to leave the classroom, a pass or the planner **MUST** be used. Students who need to leave the building during the day should bring a note written and signed by a parent/guardian that indicates the reason and time for the absence. The secretary will issue a pass to the student for the appropriate time. The student should then come to the office and, with their parent, check out of the building. Upon returning, the student should check back in to the building and will be issued a pass to return to class.

LOCKERS - Seventh and eighth grade students are assigned lockers for storage of textbooks and student materials. These lockers are for the personal use of each student and are not to be shared with or tampered with by others. At no time should a student leave money or other valuables in his/her locker. Lockers are the property of the school district and may be opened and contents inspected at any time with reasonable cause. Writing on lockers is vandalism and will be treated as such. All lockers are to be cleaned prior to leaving school at the end of the year. The physical education teacher will assign a locker for gym clothes. Do not give your combination to others.

MAKE-UP WORK - Students who are absent from school for any reason will be given the opportunity to make up the work missed. Make-up work will not include any extra or additional work as a penalty for the student's absence. Students are expected to ask their teachers for make-up assignments. However, in the case of extended absences, a parent may request assignments and pick them up in the office. Assignments can also be viewed on the school website. Normally, students will have two days for every day missed to complete all required work. Students who complete make-up work on time will receive the grade earned for such work without penalty. Students who do not complete the make-up work on time may receive a failing grade. Students who have been suspended from school must have all work completed upon return from suspension to receive full credit.

MEDIA CENTER - The Media Center is available for student use. All books are checked out for 15 days. The 16th day is a "grace" day. A fine of \$0.05 is charged for the 17th and each subsequent overdue day. Reference materials may be checked out overnight only. The fine for

overdue reference material is \$0.50 a day, per item. Fines will not exceed \$1.00 per item. Fines are not charged for any day that school is not in session, nor are fines charged when a student is absent because of illness or if they have an excused absence from their parent/guardian. Students will be asked to pay their library fines in a timely manner so they may continue to check out books. Students are asked to pay the replacement price for lost materials, including shipping. In the case of a student losing his/her agenda, a \$1.00 fee will need to be paid for a new library barcode.

MEDICATION - If it is necessary for a student to take any form of medication at school, a signed note from a parent/guardian must be presented to the office. All medication must be in the **original bottle** and will be kept in, and dispensed through, the office. **THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS.**

METAL DETECTORS - The principal or other designated school employee may conduct a metal detector check of any student's person and/or personal effects. If the student refuses to submit to the metal detector check, the principal may take disciplinary action and/or seek assistance from law enforcement.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS - The superintendent's office makes all decisions regarding students who are not residents of the Paola school district and their attendance at PMS.

NURSE - A student who is physically injured while attending school should immediately report the injury to a teacher or to the office staff. If the injury is of a serious nature, a member of the office staff will inform the parents by phone and first aide will be administered. The school nurse is available for emergency situations. The school does not carry an insurance policy covering students. A policy option is made available at enrollment. If a student is injured at school, the school is not responsible for any medical bills that occur.

MP3 / IPODS, PAGERS, WALKMANS, RADIOS, LAZER POINTERS, SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, AND TOYS - These devices interrupt the educational process. We will not be responsible for their security in the school building.

PARENT CONFERENCES - Parents are welcome and encouraged to come to school and to talk with teachers. Whenever parents/guardians have a question regarding their student's progress, it is suggested that they first contact the appropriate teacher. Appointments with individual teachers may be scheduled through the grade level teachers. Fall and spring conferences will be held on dates determined by the school calendar.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS - All 8th graders will be passing 5 of 6 classes at the end of the 4th nine weeks of their 8th grade year in order to walk across the stage at Promotion Exercises. Seminar, Band, and Journalism classes are not included. Letters will be

sent to parents of any students in danger of not meeting the requirements. Follow-up telephone calls and conferences will also take place. It is our sincere hope that all students will be eligible to participate in promotion.

RECORDS - Student records are private records that only the parents/guardians and school personnel are allowed to view.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT - Sexual harassment is the unwanted comments, touch or conversation received by an individual. This type of harassment will be investigated and if there is sufficient evidence, the person doing the harassing will be disciplined. It should be noted that written material that is indecent in nature may fall into this category and will not be tolerated.

STUDENT AGENDA BOOKS - Each student will be issued a student agenda book. Students will use this book to plan their activities at school and home. The book is intended to help a student with goal setting, time management, and study skills. It contains a place to record assignments, and this can assist in communicating assignments to parents. **Students will use agenda books as hall passes.** Students who lose or destroy their agenda books will pay replacement costs.

STUDENT EMERGENCY PROCEDURE - If a parent wishes to remove a student from school because of an emergency, the parents must contact the school office and explain the reason they want the student excused from school. The student will sign out through the office prior to leaving the campus. Only the school administration can grant a request for emergency leave. State law requires that the school may not release a student unless approved by a parent or legal guardian.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY - It is a violation of school policy for a student to violate the laws of the state of Kansas with regard to controlled substances, including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The manufacture, possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance, including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol and tobacco, is prohibited in any of the district buildings, on district property or during a school activity or event not on the district property. District personnel who suspect that a student may be violating this policy shall promptly notify the appropriate school principal of such an allegation. In turn, the principal will immediately notify the proper law enforcement agency and the student's parents. The student suspected of violating this policy will be immediately removed from class or the activity or event in question and be notified of the allegations. Proper due process procedures will be followed that may lead to the suspension or expulsion of the student in the event the hearing officer is satisfied that the student violated this policy.

The district will maintain a drug awareness program for grades K-12. All students will be provided with materials and information regarding assistance programs within the school district and the community. The district will work closely with various agencies to provide the proper support base for any students in need of such programs. All

counselors and teachers within the district are encouraged to acquire detection skills to assist students in need of substance abuse counseling and assistance.

TARDIES - Students are expected to be in the classroom, in their seats, and ready for class at the sound of the tardy bell. Students who receive two unexcused tardies in the same quarter in a class will be given an after school detention. Your classroom teacher will notify your parents to set up a time to serve that detention. Upon receiving a fourth unexcused tardy in a class in the same quarter will require the student to serve Friday Night School. This includes being tardy to school. Excessive tardies to school, regardless if excused or not will result in the student having detention after school the same day they are tardy.

TELEPHONES - Students should not use the office telephone except in cases of emergency. To limit class disruptions, the administration requests that telephone calls to students be reserved for emergency situations only.

TEXTBOOKS - Textbooks are rented to students for use during the school year. Students who lose or damage textbooks will be charged replacement costs. Therefore, it is important to return any textbooks that are found, and to check for lost books in the school office.

TRANSPORTATION - Students who are brought to school by parents/guardian should be dropped off and picked up on the **WEST** side of the building. Parents/guardians may choose to have their students ride the bus. Kansas Central School Bus may be contacted for this service at 294-4425. Students are expected to behave on the bus in a manner that supports the safe transportation of all students. Consequences for the infraction, depending on the severity of the incident, will be assigned. Consequences will include a warning, lunch detention, suspension from the bus, or removal from the bus for the semester. Students may not drive to school without a parent/guardian.

VISITORS - Parents and patrons of PMS are encouraged and invited to visit the school and to become acquainted with its programs. Tours of the building and grounds may be arranged with the principal. Under **NO** circumstances will students from other schools be allowed to visit PMS while on a holiday in our area. While parents are welcome to the school, any classroom visit must be arranged in advance with the child's teacher(s) and approved by administration. All visitors must report to the office to sign in. Visitor's permits will be restricted and will be granted by the administration to those people who are on official business in the building. People requesting to relay messages to students, teachers, or other employees will stop in the office to make appropriate arrangements. Unauthorized visitors will be asked to leave the school grounds. Those who do not comply will be reported to the authorities.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS - Parents/guardians should notify the school 2 days in advance of a student's impending withdrawal, if possible. The student will receive a withdrawal form and instructions from the counselor's office. All obligations owed the school, such as books and fines, must be taken care of before the transfer is official.

PAOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

2011 – 2012

(Schedules are subject to change)

FOOTBALL

Sept. 1 Ottawa (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 8 Baldwin (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 13 Wheatridge (7th Away/8th Home)....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 20 Eudora (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 Pioneer Ridge (7th Away/8th Home)..4:00 p.m.
Oct. 4 Louisburg (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11 Spring Hill (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.

Varsity games will start at 4:00 p.m.
Junior Varsity games will begin following a warm-up.
(Approximately 5:45 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 29 Baldwin (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 6 Spring Hill (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 12 Louisburg (7th Home /8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 Wheatridge (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 Ottawa (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1 7th JV Lg. Tourney @ Baldwin.....9:00 a.m.
Oct. 1 8th JV Lg. Tourney @ Eudora.....9:00 a.m.
Oct. 3 Eudora (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Oct. 8 7th V. League Tourney @ Ottawa.....9:00 a.m.
8th V. League Tourney @ Paola.....9:00 a.m.

WRESTLING

Oct. 27 PMS, Pioneer Ridge @ Spring Hill*.4:00 p.m.
Nov. 1 Ottawa, PMS @ Wheatridge.....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 Eudora, Baldwin @ PMS4:00 p.m.
Nov. 8 Louisburg, Jay-Linn, Osa @ PMS.....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 12 League Tourney @ Wheatridge.....9:00 a.m.

BAND/CHOIR

Sept. 23 7th/8th Band-O-Rama @ PHS.....7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 6th Music Concert.....6:30 p.m.
7th/8th Fall Vocal Concert.....7:00 p.m.
6th/7th/8th Band Concert.....7:45 p.m.
Oct. 10 Lg Vocal Concert @ Louisburg.....7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15 6th Music Concert.....6:30 p.m.
7th/8th Choir Concert.....7:00 p.m.
6th/7th/8th Band Concert.....7:45 p.m.
Feb 21 8th Choir Solo Recital.....3:15 p.m.
6th/7th/8th Band Recital.....4:15 p.m.
Mar. 1 6th Music Concert.....6:30 p.m.
7th/8th Choir Concert7:00 p.m.
March 6 Lg Band Concert @ Spring Hill.....7:00 p.m.
May 3 District-Wide Band Concert.....7:00 p.m.
May 8 6th Music Concert.....6:30p.m.
7th/8th Spring Vocal Concert.....7:00 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oct. 27 Spring Hill (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 1 Mill Creek (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 Wheatridge (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 Baldwin (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 15 Eudora (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 Ottawa (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 21 Louisburg (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Nov. 29 Lexington Trails (7th Home/8th Away)4:00 p.m.
Dec. 3 7th JV League Tourney @ Ottawa....9:00 a.m.
Dec. 3 8th JV League Tourney @ Paola.....9:00 a.m.
Dec. 5 Pioneer Ridge (7th Away/8th Home)..4:00 p.m.
Dec. 8 League Tournament.....TBA
Dec. 10 League Tournament.....9:00 a.m.
7th Grade @ Pioneer Ridge
8th Grade @ Spring Hill

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 5 Spring Hill (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Jan. 9 Lexington Trails(7thAway/8thHome)4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12 Baldwin (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17 Monticello Trail (7thHome/8th Away)4:00 p.m.
Jan. 19 Eudora (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Jan. 26 Pioneer Ridge (7th Home/8th Away)..4:00 p.m.
Feb. 2 Wheatridge (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Feb. 6 Louisburg (7th Home/8th Away).....4:00 a.m.
Feb. 9 Ottawa (7th Away/8th Home).....4:00 p.m.
Feb. 11 7th JV League Tourn. at Spring Hill...9:00 a.m.
Feb. 11 8th JV League Tourn. at Pion. Ridge.9:00 a.m.
Feb. 13 League Tournament.....TBA
Feb. 18 League Tournament.....9:00 a.m.
7th @ Baldwin
8th @ Eudora

TRACK

Apr. 3 Spring Hill @ PMS.....3:30 p.m.
Apr. 10 Pioneer Ridge, Louisburg @ PMS...3:30 p.m.
Apr. 17 Eudora, PMS @ Wheatridge.....3:30 p.m.
Apr. 24 PMS, Baldwin @ Ottawa.....3:30 p.m.
Apr. 26 Eagle Relays @ Wellsville.....3:30 p.m.
May 5 League Meet @ Louisburg.....9:00 a.m.

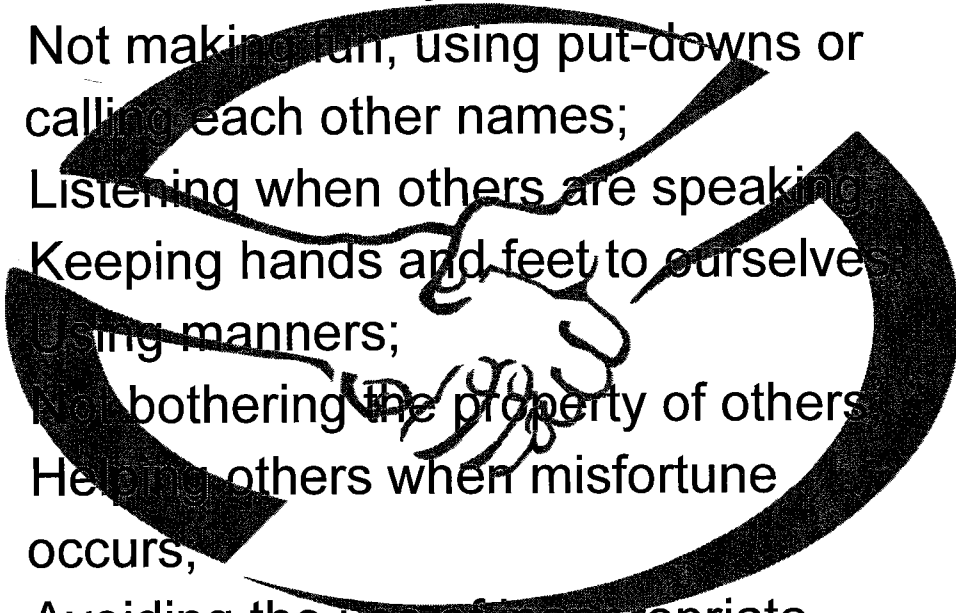
MATH

Apr. 16 Math Relays @ Louisburg.....4:00 p.m.

RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE

ALL Paola Middle School students are expected to respect each other by:

1. Being kind and considerate;
2. Realizing we are all unique and deserve to be treated fairly;
3. Not making fun, using put-downs or calling each other names;
4. Listening when others are speaking;
5. Keeping hands and feet to ourselves;
6. Using manners;
7. Not bothering the property of others;
8. Helping others when misfortune occurs,
9. Avoiding the use of inappropriate language; and
10. Treating others the way I want to be treated.





Paola Middle School will focus on the following for all students:

PANTHER

Prepare students for productive citizenship

Relate to students and community

Inspire students to make educated decisions

Develop life-long learners

Expect excellence