

Ponca Public Schools

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Welcome to the start of the 2007-08 school year! It seems as if the summer has gone by more quickly than ever. A very special welcome to those of you who are new to our communities and/or school. I am confident that you will find your choice to be part of our school district to be a good one. I encourage you to get involved in our communities and school and help us make them even better! As another school year begins and we see our children continue to grow and change, it serves as great motivation to live each day with a better appreciation for all of the good things in our lives that we so often take for granted. I am hopeful that all of you found some time this summer to just enjoy your families and friends.

As we begin this new school year, there are some issues that I would like to bring to your attention. Some of these may have a greater impact on some of you more so than others.

Elementary Parent Night – Parent Night for elementary students at both Jackson and Ponca will be on Thursday, August 16th, 7:00pm. This is a change from previous years in that we want parents and children to have the opportunity to meet and greet their teachers prior to the start of the school year. Classrooms are fresh and clean from summer cleaning, and teachers get to know parents informally with less concern about academic concerns. Students will be able to find their rooms, desks, and lockers. Students are greatly encouraged to bring their school supplies with them on this night to be placed in their desk and locker. This will eliminate a lot of confusion on the first day of school and greatly reduce the chance of losing any supplies while on the bus, or before school. -- Kindergarten parents will receive a letter from your teacher notifying you of a scheduled time for your visit. Teachers want to take 10-15 minutes to specifically meet you and your child to explain some of the procedures and expectations for your child's first year in school. Letters will be arriving shortly. Hope to see all of you at Parents Night.

District Grading Patterns – Last school year, the District organized an advisory council, comprised of parents, teachers, Board members, and administration to review the grading pattern for the District elementary centers in Ponca and Jackson. The purpose of this committee was to evaluate and research ways to better serve the educational needs of all children in the Ponca Public School District. The Ponca School District is a different district today than it was 2-3 years ago. Additional students, faculty & staff, and an additional building are now part of the District. The Ponca School District is a district of two (2) buildings, one at Jackson and another in Ponca. We are not two (2) buildings that just happen to make up the Ponca District. In order to better serve the needs of our students; provide for a more consistent curriculum presentation; provide for a more consistent instruction for students; and to utilize district facilities more efficiently and effectively, a grading pattern change will go into effect this school year. The District will serve all 5th and 6th grade students at the Ponca facility. Jackson area students will ride the bus currently serving the Jackson area, to and from Ponca every day. The advisory council will meet again in September to continue their work, and to provide recommendations for the 2008-09 school year to the Board of Education. The District will provide reports to the public through the monthly newsletter. The District expresses its appreciation to all members of the Advisory Council for their commitment and time.

Jackson Bus Schedule - Students from the Village of Jackson will no longer be picked up, either at home, or at various sites within Jackson. Beginning with the start of the 2007-08 school year, students will be able to board buses at two (2) stops in Jackson: Jackson Elementary School and at the AmPride convenience store. These stops are scheduled for 7:55am and 8:00am respectively. During the heat schedule for the first three weeks, this time will be 30 minutes earlier.

Free & Reduced Priced Lunch Applications – Application material for the District's Free & Reduced Priced Lunch program is provided with this newsletter. The District encourages families to complete this application, even if the chances to qualify may seem remote. The process involving application, approval notice, and the student going through the lunch line is strictly confidential. Reimbursement rates provided to the District from the state and federal government are higher than the price currently charged for a regular priced meal. These reimbursement dollars are important to the school's hot lunch account. They benefit the entire District by helping to keep prices charged for regular-priced meals low. Without the reimbursement for the free and reduced priced meals, the District would have to consider raising lunch prices more often than currently done.

Ponca Public Schools, and the communities that it serves -- Ponca, Jackson, Martinsburg, Waterbury -- must be committed to work together to provide our children with the most effective educational opportunities possible. We must continually assess and improve our system to best serve and prepare our youngsters for the challenges of the "world" they will, all too soon, face. As always, stop by anytime you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Have a great year!

William F. Thompson, Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

1. The 2007-2008 school year for Ponca Public School will begin on Monday, August 20, 2007. This will be a full-day of school, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Lunches **WILL** be served, and students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
2. School buses will run their regular routes beginning on August 20th. Please allow a few days for the pick-up and drop-off times to stabilize as we adjust last year's routes with this year's students. The State of Nebraska has instituted regulations for transportation drivers and for students who ride in school vehicles. The primary reason for these recent changes is to provide the safest possible transportation as possible. Standards of behavior are set even higher and we expect students to follow the few basic rules (enclosed with this newsletter) to insure the driver's attention is directed toward driving. Drivers are required to document misbehavior. The students' privileges of riding can be **REVOKED** when they refuse to cooperate with the driver or become distractions to the driver. We appreciate your support of this endeavor and ask that you remind your students of the expectations we place on them.
3. The laws of the State of Nebraska require that evidence of physical examinations be provided for the following students:
 - (1) All students entering kindergarten
 - (2) All students entering 7th grade.
 - (3) All students moving into Nebraska from another state regardless of grade
 - (4) All students in grades 7-12 who are going to participate in athletics (students may not practice with the team without evidence of a physical exam)
 - (5) children will be required to have a visual evaluation before entering school for the first time in Nebraska.
4. Student insurance is available to all students from Student Assurance Service, Inc. This is an optional coverage for students throughout the school day and during school activities. The school does not assume responsibility for accidents and/or injuries which occur at school or during school time. Forms for this insurance will be provided to students or are available at the school office.
5. The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Childrens' Act (PL 94-142) and Nebraska statute which guarantees a free appropriate educational program for all children between birth and 21 years of age. If you have students or know of any young person who meets these criteria, please contact the Superintendent's office.
6. The Ponca Public School District does not discriminate on the base of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission to access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures, or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination: Ponca Public Schools, Superintendent of Schools, 505 3rd Street, Ponca, NE 68770, (402) 755-2241. Appeal procedures beyond the local level need to be addressed to the following office: Office for Civil Rights, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114, (816) 268-0550, Fax (816) 823-1404, TDD (800)437-0833.
7. It is the policy of Ponca Public School not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to Bill Thompson, Supt., Ponca Public School, (402)755-2241, or to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Dept. of Education, Washington, D.C.

Notes from Ms. Rinas.....



Notebooks, backpacks, pencils, crayons, rulers, folders, erasers, highlighters, pens, gym shoes, glue. . . are on our lists and in the store isles as everyone gets ready for a new school year. Starting a new school year is great fun. It is fun to buy the new school supplies, fun to have the new school clothes, fun to be back together with old friends, fun to meet new friends and fun to learn and grow.

Our first day of school is Monday, August 20, 2007. The school staff will greet and meet the students at 8:00 a.m. Elementary students will report to their classrooms and secondary students to the west gym for a general assembly. Expectations for student conduct will be reviewed and changes for the 2007-08 school year will be presented. Following the assembly secondary students will report to class meetings. This will be followed by students attending a shortened schedule of classes. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

During the general assembly on the August 20, several district policies and procedures will be reviewed with secondary students. Now that the Ponca area has cell phone service, students will be informed of the school rules for cell phone use during the school day. As stated in the Ponca School district policy, the introduction of cell phones into study halls or classrooms, may constitute grounds for disciplinary detention or action appropriate to the conduct, and if repeated, may result in short term suspension. Students can avoid the loss of a cell phone, detention or a school suspension by practicing the following rules for responsible cell phone use at school:

1. The cell phone is off during the school day (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).
2. The cell phone is out of sight during the school day. (It may be in the student's locker, book bag, or pocket.)
3. The cell phone may be used by permission in an administrator's office in the presence of office personnel.
4. Students are responsible for their own cell phone even if the cell phone is taken from someone to whom it was loaned. The district will not be responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

Following are the actions the student faces when the rules for cell phone use at school are not followed:

First Offense: The cell phone is taken from the student and given to an administrator. The student meets with the administrator after school and the cell phone may be returned

Second Offense: The cell phone is taken from the student and given to an administrator. Parent or guardian must pick-up the cell phone from the administrator.

Third Offense: The cell phone is taken from the student and given to an administrator. The administrator may keep the cell phone until the end of the school year and/or the student may be short term suspended.

Note: A student observed with a cell phone during an exam will be considered cheating on the exam and the consequences for cheating will be applied.

The dress code will also be reviewed with secondary students. Students will be informed that clothing or jewelry with lettering or graphics which are sexually suggestive, derogatory or exploit a gender group or race are not permitted at school or school sponsored events. "Hooters" shirts are one type of apparel that a teenager may own that falls in this category. If your child has "Hooters" or other apparel that is sexually demeaning, this would be a good time to have a discussion about school attire and to remind your child to choose clothing that complies with the school dress code.

District Policy 6.47, "Guidelines for Extra-curricular Activities" was reviewed this past spring. The recommended revisions were approved at the June School Board meeting. The revised policy is printed in its entirety in this newsletter. The changes in the policy have been underlined. These changes will also be reviewed with students on the first day of school.

"Parent's Back to School Night" for parents of students in grades 7-12 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Parents of 7-12 students are asked to meet in the west gym at 7:00 p.m. You will be given a copy of your child's schedule and a few instructions. At 7:10 you will pass to your first class. Parents will have 5 minutes in each classroom before moving to the next class. This is a great opportunity to meet your children's

teachers and find out a little bit about the classes in which they are enrolled. We hope to see you in the halls of PHS on August 28!

The Ponca School District is in the process of transitioning to a new student management program. This change was brought about by the Pearson company buying out several student management systems. The student management system that will soon be in place at Ponca School is called "Power School". As soon as the transition is complete, parents will be issued instructions and new passwords for their students' accounts. Once again it will be a learning process for all of us. If you used the former student management program, you should find this transition easy.

Secondary students receive several forms the first days of school that require a parent signature. Please review the information on the forms with your child, sign where indicated and have your child return the signed forms to the Principal's Office. All students must have on file by Tuesday, August 28, 2007, the signed signature pages indicating they received copies of "Expectations for Student Conduct and Attendance", "A Student's Rights to Due Process" and "Guidelines for Extra-Curricular Activities". The "Guidelines for Extra-Curricular Activities" requires a separate signature page to be completed and returned to the Principal's Office. A student who does not have the signature pages on file by August 28, 2007, will not be eligible to participate in or attend school activities until such time the signed signature page is received in the Principal's Office.

I hope you are having fun as you get ready for a new school year. I am looking forward to working with your children, our school staff and you. By working together we can provide all students the best education possible to prepare them to be productive citizens in a diverse society.

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS NEEDED FOR 7-12 GRADERS



Math Students in grades 7-12 need to bring a scientific calculator to class. At times, students will not be allowed to use them such as when learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Calculators that have two lines of display are recommended. This allows students to see what they entered and to edit their work, if necessary, without reentering duplicate information. A scientific calculator of this type will be used in all junior and senior high math classes except Pre-Calculus. Scientific calculators can be purchased for about \$15.00. In Pre-Calculus, students will be allowed to check out and be responsible for a graphing calculator.

Attention 7th Graders

I would like to request that all incoming 7th graders have a large binder "trapper keeper" to keep everything they need in order to be a successful student. If you're able to find one that zips up that would be great! In Study Skills we will be focusing on organizational skills immediately, so this will be a great tool.

Thanks! Christy Schweers

Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration For the 2007-2008 School Year

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of August 6-8. Every 10-12 grader will need to stop by the elementary library between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 (Noon) or 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the day which has been set aside for his/her class to check final schedules. If there are conflicts or questions concerning a student's schedule, changes will be made at that time. Registration dates are as follows:

Seniors: Monday, August 6
Juniors: Tuesday, August 7
Sophomores: Wednesday, August 8

Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the Ponca School Elementary Library. Ms. Rinas and Mrs. Hassler will host this meeting designed to orient 9th graders and their parents on high school requirements and class scheduling.

Special Note To Juniors and Seniors:

Those 11th and 12th grade students who plan to register for college credit courses through Northeast Community College (N.E.C.C.), Norfolk, NE, must meet N.E.C.C. program requirements before registering for those classes. Program requirements include:

- 1. Student must be a junior or senior in high school.**
- 2. Rank in the upper half of his/her class academically, and have a cumulative grade point average of "B" or its equivalent, or have a composite and/or sub-score (depending on the course) of a 20 or higher on the ACT, or equivalent scores on other standardized test such as the PLAN, ASSET, PSAT or SAT.**
- 3. Be chosen carefully and recommended by the high school academic staff.**
- 4. Meet the prerequisites of the course.**

Cost for the college credit classes is \$73.00 per credit hour and most classes are three credits.

If students plan to register for N.E.C.C. college credit courses they need to pay class fees the day of final registration. Checks or money orders should be paid to the order of Northeast Community College. **No cash will be accepted for class payment.**

11th and 12th Graders in School-To-Work Class...You are reminded that in order to participate in this class you must turn in your SIGNED training agreement contract the day of final registration. Your employer must sign this sheet.

STUDENT COUNCIL TO SELL SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!



Customized Ponca Indian assignment notebooks, book covers, and folders will be sold during registration week at PHS and before and after school during the first week of classes. Be sure to purchase your supplies and support the Student Council! Costs for supplies are:

Assignment notebooks	\$2.00
Book covers	\$.25
Folders	\$.25



Buddy Pizza Party!!!!

All 7th graders and their high school buddies are invited to a kick off pizza party to celebrate the new school year!! The party is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 2007 at Pizza Hut in South Sioux City, NE. All students should meet at the school at 3:00 p.m. Each student will need to bring \$4.00 to help cover costs of the fun. Be sure to mark your calendars!

See you then!!



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

- WHAT: Organizational Meeting
- WHEN: Wednesday, August 15th, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
- WHERE: I.T. Building
- AGENDA: Planning School Kick-Off & Preliminary Homecoming ideas

ATTENTION



New Medication Rules for the 2007-2008 School Year

Due to the frequency of students requesting pain medications in the past few years, we will not be providing students with Tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids or cough drops this year. If your child has frequent headaches, or other medical conditions that require these medications, please send a bottle to school for us to have on hand, along with a note giving us permission to give the medication to your child on an as needed basis. It must be in the original bottle with the label on it. Please don't send baggies with pills in it, as we cannot dispense medications like this. If your child needs to take a prescription medication, you need to send the prescription bottle and a note from their physician giving us permission to dispense the medication during school. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Thank you,
Mrs. Herfel, School Nurse

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(Revised and approved June 2007)

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- B. Certain rules and codes are established and will be enforced from the time a student enters grade 7 or enrolls in Ponca Jr. /Sr. High School. Actions that are not acceptable are the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, or stealing and serious violations of the law. (In the latter case, when the student may be found guilty in court.)
1. **First Offense During Secondary School Career:** The student will be ineligible for 14 calendar days. The ineligibility period will begin with the student's first competition or performance. The ineligible student must participate in practices. The student must attend competitions or performances with the team/group, but will not be able to participate. The ineligible student may not wear the team uniform or group attire at a competition/performance. This will be applied to their current activity or the next activity if the student is not currently involved in an activity. If the violation occurs at a school activity or on school grounds the ineligibility period will be doubled.
 2. **Second Offense During Secondary School Career:** The student will not participate in any practice and competition for 90 calendar days from the date disciplinary action was imposed for said offense. The student will be given the option of having the suspension reduced. In the case of tobacco usage the suspension will be reduced upon successful completion of a Ponca Public School anti-tobacco unit. In other cases the suspension will be reduced providing the student undergoes a diagnostic evaluation and treatment for substance abuse in an approved treatment program. All costs related to evaluation, treatment, and counseling are the responsibility of the student and his/her parents or guardians. Upon completion of the treatment program the student will be ineligible for 28 calendar days. The ineligibility period will begin with the student's first competition or performance. The ineligible student must participate in practices. The student must attend competitions or performances with the team/group, but will not be able to participate. The ineligible student may not wear the team uniform or group attire at a competition/performance. This will be applied to their current activity or the next activity if the student is not currently involved in an activity.
 3. **Subsequent Offenses During Secondary School Career:** The student will not participate in or attend school activities for 90 calendar days from the date disciplinary action was imposed for said offense.

This policy affects any activity that will be publicly performed. The following activities are included but not limited to by this policy:

Football	Girls Basketball	Girls Track	Boys Track
Cross Country	Boys Basketball	Volleyball	Speech
One-Act Play	Musical	Cheerleading	Jazz Band
Swing Choir	Major Musical Productions	Golf	Wrestling

- C. The adopted policies spell out that the student will be considered in violation when observed by the coaches, administration, other staff members, law officials, or when there is just cause to investigate.

- D. This eligibility will be enforced year round. For example, this means a violation of part B during the spring of the year or summer of the year for a student who participates only in fall or winter activities will be enforced the following school year.
- E. If a student denies to having violated one of the provisions above, but afterwards is found by the school board or the court to be guilty of such, the ineligibility period will be doubled on the first offense
- F. A copy of these rules will be handed out. It will be signed by the student and a parent or guardian to be sure that they are aware of the penalties for the offense.
- G. Rules for hours, profanity, and sportsmanship violations will be dealt with by the sponsor of each activity. The use of profanity is discouraged by all students at all times.
- H. Any student who brings discredit to himself or herself, the team or the school by unsportsmanlike acts or conduct will be disciplined.
- I. Beginning with the next scheduled activity, first time offenders not involved in extra-curricular activities and have any violation of part B, will not attend 14 calendar days of school activities. The ineligibility period will double if the violation occurs on school grounds or at a school activity. This includes home and away extra-curricular activities and/or but not limited to the following school events: Homecoming, Sweetheart Dance, Prom, school dances, class trips, school banquets. In the case of a second offense the student will not attend school activities for 90 calendar days from the date the disciplinary action was imposed unless the student chooses the options as described in part B to reduce the suspension. Consequences of subsequent offenses will be the same as stated in part B.
- J. A student who personally reports to the superintendent or principal his/her violation of this policy prior, to being confronted by an administrator, will have the first offense reduced from fourteen to ten days or from twenty-eight to twenty-one days as the case may be.
- K. A student must be in attendance the entire school day of the practice, contest, performance, or other school activity. Any absence the day of the practice, contest, performance, or school activity, must be approved by the principal before 9:00 A.M. the day of the absence. Students attending school activities who were absent will be asked to leave the building or field where the activity is being held. Emergency situations will be given special consideration.
- L. All participants (7-12) in competitive sports are required by the Nebraska School Activities Association to have a physical examination by a doctor before participation in practice or athletic contest. These examinations shall be kept on file by the school. Other requirements of the NSAA will also be enforced by Ponca Public School.
- M. All guidelines of the NSAA will be followed.

PONCA SCHOOL BUS RIDER RULES



Any activity, which worries or distracts the driver is objectionable and may endanger the lives of the students. Besides the safety factor, transportation equipment is expensive. Students are expected to cooperate in the maintenance and preservation of district owned transportation vehicles. In order to operate a safe, efficient and economical transportation system, it is absolutely necessary that all passengers observe the following rules:

General Conduct Rules:

1. Students are under the authority and charge of the bus driver at all times. Students must obey the driver promptly and courteously.
2. Students shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow students, and to passers-by.
3. Students must be on time for the bus both morning and afternoon. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
4. Students should never play or loiter on the roadway when waiting for the bus.
5. Students shall cross the road in accordance with instructions from the driver.
6. Students should enter and leave the bus at school loading sites and at highway bus stops in an orderly fashion and in accordance with instructions.
7. Each student should go directly to his or her seat upon entering the bus.
8. Books and other property should be properly stored out of the way and the aisle should be clear at all times.
9. Students should refrain from crowding or pushing other students while on the bus.
10. Students shall not extend their hands, arms, or head through the bus windows.
11. Students shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
12. No horseplay, roughhousing, and throwing of objects in the bus or out through the windows is permitted.
13. Students should keep their feet off the seats and sharp objects off the upholstery. Any student responsible for damage to a bus will pay for the damage.
14. Students should keep the bus clean. Trash buckets are placed on each bus for refuse and other throw away articles.
15. In order for the bus driver to allow a student(s) off the bus at places other than the regular bus stop at/near home, proper communication or authorization from parents is required.

Riding Privileges Revoked Immediately:

1. No smoking, tobacco, or alcohol use on the bus at any time.
2. Profanity will not be tolerated. Any profanity or obscene gestures used on the bus, or directed towards the driver, will result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Physical attacks, threats, intimidation or bullying of other students on the bus will result in suspended privileges.
4. Other misconduct, as deemed inappropriate by school administration, will be reviewed as necessary.

In the past parent cooperation has been exemplary and we trust it will continue. Students who cannot behave while riding the bus and whose actions distract the driver from his/her job of safely transporting students, will have riding privileges suspended or revoked. We sincerely hope you will help us make our school buses safer for both students and drivers. We would appreciate all parents taking a few minutes to review these few rules, and to go over them with your child.

Thank You.

Note: Other items brought to school will be returned home.

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K-6 SUPPLIES

Note: Teachers may request other items to be brought later.

REMINDER: EACH STUDENT IN P.E. CLASSES MUST HAVE GYM SHOES THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL FOR P.E. USE ONLY. THANK YOU.

KINDERGARTEN-MILLER/DICKENS

Mat - please label
Back-pack - please label
4 box crayons-24 count - no washable
Facial tissue-200 count
1 pocket folder
2 School glue-4 oz.-no washable

FIRST GRADE-TODD/SWETNAM

Facial tissue-200 count
Mrs. Todd: Old shirt for art
2 - 24 count colors (no larger)
12 Pencils & 2 large erasers
2 Elmer's School Glue-4 oz. {white}
8 Glue Sticks Scissors (Fiskars are best)
2 Folders
School supply box (6x9)
Colored pencils-12 count
2 spiral notebooks-70 pg. wide-ruled
Swetnam: 1 box qt. sized Zip-loc Baggies
Todd: 1 box gal. sized Zip-loc Baggies

SECOND GRADE- FIELDS/HUSEN

#2 Pencils (no mech) Large Eraser
Pencil Sharpener Paint Shirt
Crayons-24 count
2 Facial tissue-200 count
Scissors (Fiskars)
2 Glue sticks Colored pencils
Elmer's school glue (white)
Small supply box (6x9)
2 pocket folders NO Rulers
4 dry erase markers (ass't. colors)
2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled

THIRD GRADE- WIERDA

1 spiral notebook-wide ruled-120 page
2 spiral notebooks-wide ruled-70 page
2 pocket folders
Glue Stick Index cards 3x5 (100-not spiral bound)
2 Dry erase markers (blue or black)
4--#2 Pencils (not mechanical) Eraser
1 Black or blue pen Markers (basic colors)
Crayons-24 ct. Colored Pencils (basic colors)
Facial tissue-200 count
Wood ruler (inches/centimeters)
Scissors (Fiskars)
(NO trapper-keepers or 3-ring binders)
Pencil Box (6x9)

FOURTH GRADE-STROUD

3 notebooks-70 pg. college ruled
2 pocket folders (1-solid color)
#2 pencils (not mechanical)
1 blue or black ink pen
1 red pen 1 Ruler (inches/centimeter)
1 bottle glue-4 oz. 1 Scissors
Colored pencils (basic colors)
Facial tissue-200 count
Pencil box (6x9) 3x5 notecards (100)
6 book covers - no stretchy ones
Put name on all items
1 old sock - dark color
1 dry erase marker (blue/black)
(NO trapper-keepers)

FIFTH GRADE/SIXTH GRADE-STEWART/CARNELL/WHITE

5 book covers
2 Facial tissue-200 count
1 bottle glue-med. 2 glue sticks
#2 pencils
1 ruler (inches/centimeters)
1 large eraser 1 Scissors
Colored pencils-large packet
2 Red pens 3 pens (black or blue)
2 highlighters
1 pkg. 3x5 ruled notecards
Markers (basic colors)
5 70-pg. notebook-college ruled
5 pocket folders
1 old sock (dark color)
4 dry erase markers (dark colors only)
Stewart/Carnell/White: 1 2" 3-ring binder or trapper keeper (hardcover)
1 water bottle

All students should bring:

1 small bottle of hand sanitizer
1 Container of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes

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Cross Country	Boys Basketball	Volleyball	Speech
One-Act Play	Musical	Cheerleading	Jazz Band
Swing Choir	Major Musical Productions	Golf	Wrestling

- C. The adopted policies spell out that the student will be considered in violation when observed by the coaches, administration, other staff members, law officials, or when there is just cause to investigate.

- D. This eligibility will be enforced year round. For example, this means a violation of part B during the spring of the year or summer of the year for a student who participates only in fall or winter activities will be enforced the following school year.
- E. If a student denies to having violated one of the provisions above, but afterwards is found by the school board or the court to be guilty of such, the ineligibility period will be doubled on the first offense
- F. A copy of these rules will be handed out. It will be signed by the student and a parent or guardian to be sure that they are aware of the penalties for the offense.
- G. Rules for hours, profanity, and sportsmanship violations will be dealt with by the sponsor of each activity. The use of profanity is discouraged by all students at all times.
- H. Any student who brings discredit to himself or herself, the team or the school by unsportsmanlike acts or conduct will be disciplined.
- I. Beginning with the next scheduled activity, first time offenders not involved in extra-curricular activities and have any violation of part B, will not attend 14 calendar days of school activities. The ineligibility period will double if the violation occurs on school grounds or at a school activity. This includes home and away extra-curricular activities and/or but not limited to the following school events: Homecoming, Sweetheart Dance, Prom, school dances, class trips, school banquets. In the case of a second offense the student will not attend school activities for 90 calendar days from the date the disciplinary action was imposed unless the student chooses the options as described in part B to reduce the suspension. Consequences of subsequent offenses will be the same as stated in part B.
- J. A student who personally reports to the superintendent or principal his/her violation of this policy prior, to being confronted by an administrator, will have the first offense reduced from fourteen to ten days or from twenty-eight to twenty-one days as the case may be.
- K. A student must be in attendance the entire school day of the practice, contest, performance, or other school activity. Any absence the day of the practice, contest, performance, or school activity, must be approved by the principal before 9:00 A.M. the day of the absence. Students attending school activities who were absent will be asked to leave the building or field where the activity is being held. Emergency situations will be given special consideration.
- L. All participants (7-12) in competitive sports are required by the Nebraska School Activities Association to have a physical examination by a doctor before participation in practice or athletic contest. These examinations shall be kept on file by the school. Other requirements of the NSAA will also be enforced by Ponca Public School.
- M. All guidelines of the NSAA will be followed.



INTERESTED IN CROSS-COUNTRY??

It's that time again. If anyone, boy or girl, is interested in participating in junior high or high school cross-country this season. Please attend the following practice.

Monday, August 13th, 2007

Practices start at 7:00 a.m.

Please meet in the lobby by the concession stand.

****Reminder**** If you are planning on participating you will need to have an athletic physical before you will be allowed to participate in any practices. Please check the school website for the new physical forms.

Thanks, Coach Trusty and Coach McLean

Legal School Age

Every child who, on or before the 15th day of October in any year, shall have attained the age of five years and who has not attained the age of 21 years shall be deemed to be of legal school age.



Enrollment in kindergarten is available to children who live within the Ponca Public School district boundaries and who are five (5) years of age or will be five (5) years of age by October 15th of the year of their enrollment. The only exception to this rule is in the case of an incoming transfer student who has been enrolled in a kindergarten program in another school district during the present school year and has not reached five (5) years of age by October 15.



Ponca School Lunch Prices 2007-2008

Students Full Lunch

K-6.....	\$1.75
7-12.....	\$2.00
Milk (K-12).....	\$.25

Students Seconds

Main dish.....	\$.75
Fries, etc	\$.50
Cookies, cake.....	\$.50
Ice Cream.....	\$.75

Adults

Singles Meal/Salad.....	\$3.00
Single Serving.....	\$ 1.00
Single Milk	\$.30

New Lunch Prices!!

HEAT SCHEDULE - August 20th to September 7th

The 2007-08 school year will be the 5th year for the heat schedule to begin the school year for the Ponca Public School District. To create a consistent schedule for school attendance, regardless of the daily weather, students will be dismissed on a special schedule for the first three (3) weeks of the school year.



With the 2003-04 school year, the District implemented this schedule at the start of the school year because the high school building, as it is not air-conditioned, became very uncomfortable for students and staff. Heat and humidity affected the learning process in this three-story brick building. Dismissing school early on specific days due to the heat caused

problems and inconveniences for parents. Living in Nebraska, we are all aware of the inconsistent nature of our weather, and the impact that it does have on our daily lives, both in the summer and in the winter.

From Monday, August 20th, through Friday, September 7th, school will begin at 8:00 a.m., and will be dismissed at 2:00pm. During this special "heat" schedule, school buses will run their routes thirty (30) minutes earlier than last year. For example, if a bus picked up your child at 7:30 a.m. last year, that student would be picked up at 7:00 a.m. for the first three weeks. Dismissal time from classes will be at 2:00 p.m. each day with buses departing shortly afterwards.

Beginning Monday, September 10th, the school day will return to its regular time schedule for the year. School will begin at 8:25 a.m., and will dismiss at 3:25 p.m., barring unforeseen circumstances due to weather, breakdowns, or other emergencies. As in previous years, your cooperation is greatly appreciated calling the school to report whether your child is riding or NOT. Please call the District office at 755-2241 to report. Messages will be relayed by radio to your bus driver.

ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT

Elementary Students and Parents of Jackson and Ponca will have an opportunity to meet and greet their teachers on....



Thursday, August 16th
7:00 p.m.

(Students are encouraged to bring all their school supplies with them on this night to be placed in their desk or locker.)

Kindergarten Parents

The Kindergarten teachers would like to meet with your child and get a chance to visit with him or her for a few minutes during the Elementary Open House on Thursday, August 16th. Students and Parents will be assigned a time slot when they will have an opportunity to see the room, find their locker and put supplies away. Kindergarten parents will receive a letter from the teachers notifying them of the assigned time to visit your child's teacher and Classroom.

**Ponca Elementary Class Assignments
2007-2008**

KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Dickens

1. Rebecca Allgood
2. Avery Fredericksen
3. Meg Keller
4. Brandon Kneifl
5. Dana Kratke
6. Brayden Leeker
7. Paul Masin
8. Bailey McCoy
9. Autumn Nolan
10. Shawn Purucker
11. Jered Tramp
12. Evan Watchorn-Newbrey
13. Gracie Voss

KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Miller

1. Nathan Bauman
2. Conner Bromander
3. Dylan Graves
4. Carter Kingsbury
5. Jordan Lamprecht
6. Maggie McGill
7. Morgan Nelson
8. Brooke Solomon
9. Hailey Solomon
10. Mia Quintana
11. Brock Voss
12. Whisper Whitetwin

1st GRADE - Mrs. Todd

1. Evan Anderson
2. Joel Anderson
3. Dane Baker
4. Kaitlyn Beach
5. Olivia Eifert
6. Kelsey Hamar
7. Michael Logue
8. Gage McGill
9. Makayla Nelson
10. Jadee Schmitz
11. Morgan Swick
12. Colson Watchorn-Newbrey

1st GRADE - Mrs. Swetnam

1. David Franke
2. Claire Hoelsing
3. Sydni Hughes
4. Tosha Huls
5. Kaitlyn Kastning
6. Cody Martin
7. Andrew McLean
8. Quest O'Neill
9. Cole Richards
10. Logan Rush
11. Graci Tangeman
12. Kortney Fethkenher

2nd FIELDS - Mrs. Fields

1. Joe Albrecht
2. Emma Beach
3. Isaac Berg
4. Sam Brickett
5. Jacob Brockhaus
6. Elyssa Collins
7. Kristie Criddle
8. MacKenzie Crosgrove
9. Logan Kingsbury
10. Colton Krusemark
11. Max Masin
12. Carin Mellick
13. Dallas Nolan
14. Sebastian Quintana
15. Hudson Schweers
16. Hunter Volkert

2ND GRADE - Mrs. Husen

1. Edith Allgood
2. Jacob Anderson
3. Casey Brentlinger
4. Kelsey Fields
5. Alexis Groth
6. Dylan Huls
7. Sophie Kramper
8. Levi Krohn
9. Steven Lieber
10. Braeden Maise
11. Zach Nelson
12. Emily Persinger
13. Stockton Schroeder
14. Abby Schweers
15. Joel Watchorn

3RD GRADE - Ms. Wierda

1. Joel Beacom
2. Bailey Bennett
3. Jacob Bennett
4. Tristan Bostwick
5. Justin Carmona
6. Jack Charlson
7. Michael Chase
8. Tayler Graves
9. Rachel Hohenstein
10. Ashley Kneifl
11. Andrew Lamprecht
12. Brenden McDowell
13. Russell McLean
14. Abby Millard
15. Tre'kel O'Neill
14. Seth Peterson
15. Quincy Rich
16. Shelby Rickett
17. Maya Rush
18. Hunter Schweers
19. Cassandra Stowe
20. Lauren Sullivan
21. Elizabeth Watchorn
22. Julia Whitetwin
23. Keoka Zavadil

4th GRADE - Mr. Stroud

1. Alexis Anderson
2. Crystal Beaston
3. MacKenzie Boyle
4. Parker Conrad
5. Abby Duffy
6. Kelsea Fethkenher
7. Ashley Gill
8. Kaylee Hamar
9. Jonathan Higgins
10. Nicholas Kastning
11. Brooklyn Lundin
12. Rachael Lux
13. Tanner Perkins
14. Kyle Rielly
15. Jolunny Rinerson
16. Kari Rooney
17. Corey Ryker
18. Holden Schweers
19. Trey Stapleton
20. Jordan Walker
21. Whitney Wieseler
22. Reid Wimmer

5th GRADE - Mrs. Carnell

1. Kari Bass
2. Emilee Brewer
3. Lauren Brickett
4. Nathan Brockhaus
5. Spencer Criddle
6. Alexis Eifert
7. Morgan Ehrp
8. Tommy Gill
9. Brady Krusemark
10. Lindsey Kvidera
11. Bailey Maise
12. Mario Markworth
13. Jake Masin
14. MacKenzie Neimeier
15. Taylor O'Neill
16. Alex Rickett
17. Sam Schuidt
18. Michael Walsh

5th GRADE - Mrs. Stewart

1. Hannah Albrecht
2. Chase Baker
3. Mickemen Blackwell
4. Kayla Crosgrove
5. Zach Granato
6. R.J. Hartman
7. Sean Holgate
8. Kianna Kramper
9. Dean Manning
10. Jordan Markworth
11. Tara Millard
12. Angelica Antonio
13. Colton Oswald
14. Brady Peterson
15. Jada Rush
16. Alisha Sullivan
17. Ethan Swick
18. Sean Uhl

6th GRADE - Mrs. Kephart

1. Joaquin Antonio
2. Brandon Bauman
3. Connor Brandt
4. Nicholas Brewer
5. Benjamin Brickett
6. Aaron Carlson
7. Lorena Carmona
8. Charlie Charlson
9. Madison Charlson
10. Rusty Chase
11. Hannah Cook
12. Tyler Davis
13. Dylan Eifert
14. Anthony Gehring
15. Blake Hamar
16. Brandon Hamar
17. Abby Hayes
18. Zachary Heaton
19. Madison Kimear
20. Alexis Markworth
21. Jason Markworth
22. Jose Markworth
23. Savannah Rager
24. Gavin Richards
25. Stormy Rinerson
26. Christian Rush
27. James Stark
28. Kim Stowe
29. Jonathon Webb

**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
2007-2008**

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Carson Beckner Alivia DeRoin Grace Dorcey Breanna Gill Katie Janssen Teyden Petersen Jordan Peterson Emma Sherry Alec Sullivan Dalton Touney Maria Woehler	Garrett Anderson Brooklyn Bacon Noma Kreegar Kelby Krueger Adam Mercial Jayde Reid Grace Salmen	Reed Albenesius Cullen Cook Elexia Gill Michael Hegge Rachel Nelson Jose Romero Zachary Statema Alexa VanDyke	Rachel Bentz Ryan Bentz Madysen Driscoll Katherine Lundberg Keali Mari Cortney Nelson Madison Niemeier Emily Salmen Derrek Touney Abigail VanDyke
5 boys/6 girls 11	4 boys/3 girls 7	5 boys/3 girls 8	2 boys/8 girls 10

4th Grade	Teachers:										
Emilye Gill Timothy Hayes Branden Hohenstein Megan Janssen Kyley Krueger Travis Manning Leo Markworth Christian Romero Abigail Sullivan Shelby Utech	Mr. Robert Hayes Principal Mrs. Staci Hill Kindergarten & Head Teacher Mrs. Kristen DeWald 1st & 2nd Grade Mrs. Joann Hogan 3rd & 4th Grade Mrs. Tiffany Lamprecht Music/P.E. Mrs. LuAnn Petersen Special Education										
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**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
2007/2008 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**

All Kindergarten – 4th grade students will need a pair of gym shoes. These will be left at school to be used only in the gym. Shoes must have non-marking soles.

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 small school supply box
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 2 boxes Tissues
- 1 nap mat
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 paint shirt
- 1 extra outfit in case of accident
- 2 bottles school glue
- 5 - #2 pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 1 eraser
- 2 glue sticks

1st/2nd GRADE

- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 small school supply box
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 paint shirt
- 2 boxes Tissues
- 10 - #2 pencils
- 2 bottles school glue
- 2 wide ruled spiral notebooks
(each a different color)

3rd/4th GRADE

- 2 red ink pens
- 1 pkg. colored pencils
- 1 pkg. markers
- 1 pkg. crayons
- 1 pair large, pointed tip scissors
- 2 pocket file folders (green & yellow)
- 1 small pencil box
- 1 paint shirt (optional)
- 2 bottles school glue
- 1 box #2 pencils (NO mechanical)
- calculator (age appropriate)
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 2 erasers
- 1 ruler
- 1 wide ruled spiral notebook

Help your School as a Volunteer

Becoming a school volunteer can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Sharing a special talent, reading a book to a kindergartner, helping an elementary student with reading, assisting the school librarian, helping to put up an interesting bulletin board for the classroom teacher, acting as a crossing guard to help children across a busy street, and helping chaperone on a field trip are all ways that one can serve as a school volunteer. School volunteers enhance the effective use of teachers in the classroom, broaden the educational experience of our students and, generate greater community involvement and good will in our schools.

Volunteers are made up of parents, business people, retirees, high school students, and community organization members. People may volunteer regularly, on special occasions, or serve as special resource speakers.

If you would like to volunteer your time, abilities, or talents, simply call your principal's office.

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Michelle Rinas, Principal
Robert Hayes, Principal (Jackson)
Francine Hassler, Secondary Guidance Counselor
Cindy Anderson, Elementary Guidance Counselor
Diane Neill, Treasurer

Ponca Public School

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2007-08

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Ponca Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$---; lunch costs are \$1.75/\$2.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.40 for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by August 20, 2007 in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to:** Supt. William Thompson, Ponca Public School, PO Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770
- 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free price meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please call Ponca School at (402)755-2241 to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on page 2 of the application.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 755-2241 if you have questions.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Richard Dohma, Bd. Pres., 402-755-2606.
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 13. If I qualify for free or reduced price meals will my children be eligible for Kid's Connection: Nebraska Children's Health Insurance Program?** For more information on this program that provides health care coverage for children up to age 19, please call toll free 1-877-632-5437.
- 14. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. **All other allowances must be included in your gross income.**

If you have other questions or need help, call (402)755-2241.

Sincerely,

