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May Newsletter 2007



From the desk of the Superintendent:

Welcome to May 2007 and the end of another great school year for the Ponca Public School District. Commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday, May 11th, with our last day for all students on Wednesday, May 23rd. While this is an exciting time for all students, it is especially so for our graduating seniors. As their graduation approaches, they are not only looking to their future and dreaming of what may be in store for them, but they are also beginning to reflect on their days and years spent in our school.

We, as parents and teachers, must have confidence in our young people as they advance to this next phase of their life. As our presence and responsibilities in their lives diminish, we must bave the courage to step back and allow them to test their newly gained, and earned, independence. Will they make some mistakes? Yes, they will, but so have we all. We hope that there will be many more successes in their lives, than mistakes. On behalf of the teachers, administration, school board, and staff at Ponca Public School, our most sincere congratulations to the Class of 2007, and their parents. I also want to remind our graduates that your association with our school does not end with your commencement exercises. You are a part of our school system for life. Our interest in you and your future does not end when you walk across the stage. Should you ever need assistance in your future endeavors, please do not hesitate to stop in or give us a call.

This is also a great opportunity for me to personally say "thank you" to all of you who have made my first year here at Ponca very rewarding and enjoyable. Your support of our school and community, on a daily and ongoing basis, is an attribute to your character. In a time when the importance of family and a sense of "community" is so critical, we all need to take a minute to appreciate the community in which we live. The support, assistance, and reinforcement the school district receives from our community is a tribute to each and all of you! Our school and community would and could not prosper without your commitment.

Your support and commitment will never be more important, or needed, as the school district moves forward in these next few years. Constraints have, and will continue to, force the district to look at measures to be more efficient with money, faculty and staff, and utilization of existing facilities. Some of these measures may be inconvenient, and unpopular, as they may mean fewer faculty/staff or reduced opportunities for our students. Even in the face of reductions or cuts, your board of education and administration are committed to providing the highest quality of education that our students deserve.

While most of the students, faculty and staff are out of the building during June, Jnly, and early August, several of us are will be in the building throughout the summer months. Do not hesitate to stop in, or call as any questions or concerns may arise. This has been a terrific year at Ponca Public Schools with some outstanding accomplishments coming as the result of an outstanding senior class. Have an equally terrific and safe summer 2007.

William F. Thompson



LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please try to close-out your family lunch account at the end of the school year. If you need to add money to your account, please send only enough for the remainder of the year. With our accounting system and with the family accounts we now use, money that is left in your account will remain there and will be carried over for the next school year. We would prefer, however, that you try to spend all of the money that is in your account so we can close the account for the summer. Unless a family is moving out of the area and/or the students will not be returning to Ponca School, we will not issue refunds.

Have a safe Summer Vacation.

From the Principal's Pen...Ms. Rinas

Each spring the "Best of Class" programming appears on KCAU-TV. The "Best of Class" honors the top students from high schools in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. These students are featured on KCAU-TV throughout the graduation season. This year look for senior, Zachary Kramper as he represents Ponca School's "Best of Class". Congratulations Zachary for achieving this honor!

The 2006-07 Academic Honors Program is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7. Students in grades 7-12

will be recognized for their achievements in academics, FBLA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and as class officers. Please join us in honoring our students and congratulating them for their dedication and achievements throughout this school year.

Congratulations to our instrumental and choral music students and directors on their outstanding performances at the District Music Contest held April 20, at Wayne State College! This year the music students earned a one rating (the highest rating possible) in concert band, concert chorus, Girls Glee, Swing Choir and Jazz Band. There also were several instrumental and vocal solos and small groups that earned a rating of one.

Check-out the semester testing schedule printed in this newsletter. Semester tests will be administered May 21, 22, and 23. Students in grades 9-11 who have an 85% or better grade average in a class and have not exceeded the allowable eight absences for second semester are exempt from writing semester tests in the qualified classes. During semester testing days, students who meet the criteria may be released from their semester testing periods with a parental note. Grades 9-11 students may also be released from study halls with parental permission, during semester testing days.

On Friday, May 11, the graduation ceremony for the class of 2007 will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members of the class are commended for their academic and activity achievements and wished a bright future as they begin their life outside of Ponca School.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Zachary Kramper

KCAU-TV

"Best of Class"

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Turn into the main Ponca School Office. If you have questions please contact Kristie Hayes at (402) 755-4245 or contact her by e-mail at khayes@esul.org

From the Guidance Office... Mrs. Hassler

SENIORS OF 2008

Student and Parent Meeting Scheduled

The Seniors of 2008 and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the gymnasium. The purpose of this meeting is to update students and their parents on graduation requirements, college credit opportunities, career education/scholarship options available to seniors as they begin their final year of high school. Important college information will also be shared. We urge all 2008 seniors and their parents to attend! If you have questions please contact Ms. Rinas or Mrs. Hassler.



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HONOR ROLL 3rd Ouarter 2006-07

SENIORS

Heather Bennett Miranda Braun Josh Crosgrove Justin Curry Courtney Dohma

- *Jenna Dohma
- *Alisyn Hansen
- *Justin Hoesing
- *Jacob Jensen
- *Zach Kramper
- Kim Krause
- *Anne Langhorst
- *Andrea Paylushik Jennifer Richards
- Adam Stark

JUNIORS

Jessica Bostwick Josh Brewer Sydney Eiler Colemun Harbaugh Haley Keller Jessica McGinty *Sadie O'Neill Garrett Peterson *Crystal Rush Brent Smith

SOPHOMORES

Rebecca Walsh

Jillian Webb

Sarah Crosgrove Colton Kastning Seth Scollard Jacob Torson Samantha Woehler

FRESHMEN

Kelsey Beacom Josh Bennett Jared Curry Christopher Dohma

- *Ben Gehring

*Austin Hansen *Denotes "A" Honor Roll students (students must earn a 93 numerical grade)

"B" Honor Roll (student must earn at least an 85 numerical grade)

CAP

FRESHMEN (cont)

- *Brittany Heaton
- *Heather Husen Joel Markworth David McCreary

8TH GRADE

- *Aaron Bostwick
- *Kash Echtenkamp
- *Korah Kramper

Nichole Lux

Allison Pick Tyler Rasmussen

7th GRADE

- *Katelyn Anderson
- *Kayla Beacom
- *Colin Brandt
- *Chevenne Brown
- *Kyle Hohenstein Cari Hughes
- *Shane Husen
- *Andrew Larsen
- Nellie Logue
- *Megan McLean Seth O'Neill

Trenton Peterson

Rylee Rich

Kelsi Stoos

Jared Thompson

*Jesse Walsh

Bailey Wimmer

Semester 2 Test Schedule 2006-2007

MONDAY (May 21)

Period 1

Period 2

Period 3

Period 4

Period 5

1:06-2:10 Period 7 Test

2:20-3:30 Period 8 Test

TUESDAY (May 22)

8:25-9:55 Period 1 Test

9:55-10:12 Break/Check-out 10:15-11:46 Period 3 Test

11:49-1:03 Period 5/LUNCH

1:06-2:10 Period 4 Test

2:20-3:30 Period 5 Test

WEDNESDAY (May 23)

8:25-9:55 Period 6 Review and Test

9:55-10:12 Break/Check-out

10:15-11:46 Period 2 Review and Test

11:46-12:00 FINAL CHECK-OUT



NOTE: At the teacher's discretion, the first 20 minutes of the semester testing period may be used for review. Students may not to be released from a semester testing period early.

9-12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A SCHEDULED STUDY HALL MAY BE EXCUSED WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A PARENT/GUARDIAN, STUDENTS WHO HAVE FEWER THAN NINE ABSENCES FOR THE SEMESTER AND A SEMESTER GRADE OF 85% OR BETTER IN THE CLASS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WRITE SECOND SEMESTER. TESTS AND MAY BE EXCUSED WITH PARENT PERMISSION.

Attention....School Physicals at the Ponca Medical Clinic!!

Ponca Medical Clinic is offering a special rate of \$30.00 during the months of June, and July. Please call for appointment. No insurance will be filed.

Payment is expected at time of service.

A percentage of all physicals will be donated to the Ponca School Athletic Department to use at their discretion.

Please call 755-2231 to schedule your physical!



Save Your Box Tops & Pop Tabs This Summer!!!!



Receipts will be collected all summer!!!

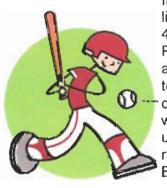
TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

As a parent of a student at Ponca School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Nebraska Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teachers.
- Whether the Nebraska Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- 3. The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- 4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the Superintendent's Office.

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 Superintendent's office.

PONCA T-BALL PROGRAM 2007



It's time to start thinking about Summer T-Ball. In order to organize teams, we would like you to fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to: City of Ponca, PO Box 465, Ponca, NE 68770 by FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007. PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD. To be eligible to play, your child must be age five (5) or entering kindergarten in the 2007-2008 school year, and not old enough to participate in the Ponca Summer Recreation softball or baseball programs. To help defray expenses, there will be a \$15 registration fee PER CHILD, including t-shirt which must be returned with the registration form(s). Your child will not be registered until this fee is paid. Once teams are determined, the coaches will contact you regarding further details and game schedules. Thank you, Ponca Park and Recreation Board

Child's Name	Birth Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Telephone	



Prom 2007



Beginning with a Grand March held at Ponca High School, Juniors & Seniors with their escorts/dates lined up for all to admire their attire, glamour & glitz. Emcee for the event was Mrs. Christy Schweers. The 2007 Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Ponca State Park on Saturday, April 21. The theme & decorations were of a Las Vegas theme. Following the 2007 Junior-Senior Prom dance, students were entertained at Long Lines Family Rec, Center in Sioux City at the annual After-Prom Party. The students were served Pizza Hut pizza and poptook the challenge of the rock climbing wall, courts and game tables and last but not least, students were entertained by a hypnotist. Drawings were held for great prizes. The After-Prom party is sponsored by parents for the benefit of our students to provide a safe, memorable evening for our students. A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE (area businesses, community members, parents) WHO SUPPORTED AND MADE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

Junior, Seniors & dates attending the After-Prom activities:

Becca Walsh Evan Bartels Jenna Dohma Jordan Walsh Alisyn Hansen Man Watchorn Kim Krause Chris Chase Anne Langhorst Zach Weiss Steven Schnoor Amanda Polkinghorn Dale Krause Deanna Markworth Sydney Eiler Jake Carlson Jacob Jensen Tara Gunlock Garrett Peterson Josie McRoberts Breland Ridenour Rachael Hassler DJ Smith Melissa Hohenstein Jamie Herfel Mel Olsen Ryann Greenleaf Cody Krueger Autumn Conrad Robert Montgomery Justin Curry Jessi Coffey Cody Erbes Anna Lambrecht Miranda Braun Bill Markworth Sam O'Neill Haley Brown Josh Crosgrove Grace Nelsen Zack Kramper Ellen Duffy Melissa Christiansen Jeff Markworth Crystal Rush Seth Scollard Jessica Bostwick Luke Lingenfelter Jennifer Richards Heather Bennett Brandon Rush Adam Stark Sadie O'Neill Dan Richards Coleman Harbaugh Alyssa Spillane Tracey Hughes Jesse Hall Casey O'Neill Colin Trusty Andi Paylushik Danny Norby Michael Jensen Laura Johns Brandon Watchorn Abby Spillane Megan Hughes Casey Millard Brandi Monk Erik Knudsen Haley Keller Jessilyn Haden Brent Smith Jillian Webb Rvan Peter Courtney Dohma Ben Taylor Paige Lux Justin Blatchford Jason Jones Katie Nissen Jessica McGinty Jack Fitzsimmons Jared Crosgrove Codi Hingst

Thank you to the parents who sponsored and organized this event and to all those who made a contribution. Special thanks to Bruce Blatchford & Brian Scollard for breathalizing the students.

Chris & Deanna Bennett
Brian & Barb Braun
Bob & Pam Curry
Richard & Joni Dohma
Dave & Val Hansen
Jeff & Shella Herfel
Janis Keller
Dan & Deb Krause
Pat Leslie
Peggy McGinty
Joe & Deb O'Neill
Doug & Jodi Rickett
Brian & Tami Scollard
Kent & Sherry Stark
Tom & Holly Walsh

Bruce & Rhonda Blatchford Kandis Conrad Ron & Jeanne Davis Gary & Beth Duffy Greg & Kate Harbaugh Kenny & Sandy Jensen Sheldon & Cyndi Koeppe Dan & Laurie Krause Phil & Kari Lowe Tonya Mellick Ron & Sherry Perrin Rick & Diane Rush Jim & Diane Smith Keith & Carla Trusty Dick & Mary Watchorn

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4Th Grade Band Display

Midbell Music Store will be at Ponca School Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. for the 4th grade band display. Any 4th grade student interested in being in band next year, should be present on the 8th to buy a lesson book.

Midbell will also have instruments to buy or rent available that night. Please come with your questions about rental and be prepared to purchase that night!

I have met with the 4th grade students and will be allowing them to look at the instruments and try them to see what they would like to play.



This is an exciting time for the band program.

Help us keep the Ponca music program strong!!





Summer Band Lessons

Summer band lessons will be offered on Tuesday & Thursday mornings, June 5-29.

Beginning 5th Graders will meet on Wednesday mornings.



Elementary Spring Concert May 14, 2007 7.00 p.m.

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Smoothie time

Here's a sure-fire way to get kids excited about eating healthfully. Toss fruit, a few ice cubes, yogurt, and juice into a blender, and mix until thick. With your supervision, your youngsters can even do it themselves! Try these combinations.

Red & White — 4 strawberries, 1 banana, 1 container low-fat vanilla yogurt, 1 cup orange juice

Cool Blue—1½ cups fresh or frozen blueberries, 1 container low-fat blueberry yogurt, 1 cup 100% grape juice

Just Peachy—1 cut-up peach or 1 cup frozen peaches, 1 container low-fat peach yogurt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice

Tip: Add a teaspoon of wheat bran (available at your grocery or health food store) to put fiber into your youngsters' treats. ►

Parents: Our lost and found "pile" has grown quite large.

Please make a point to have your child or yourself check the box for lost items.

We have acquired winter coats, boots, sweatshirts & many gloves!! Items that are not claimed are donated at the end of the year. Thank you.



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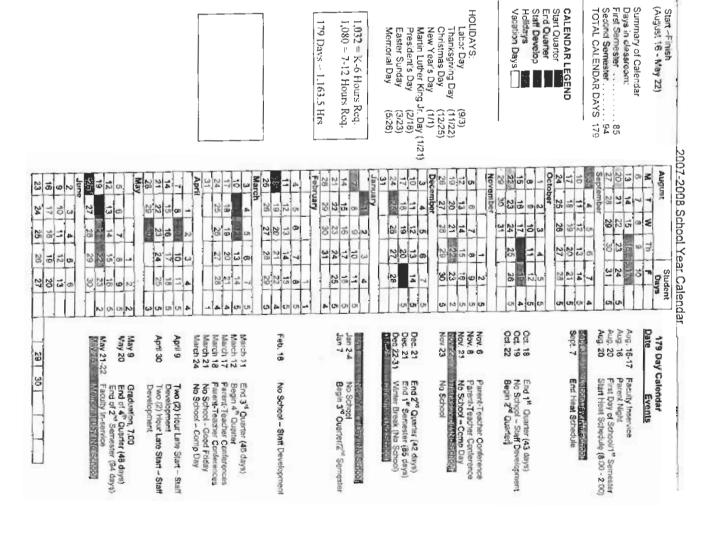
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Ponca Boys Basketball Camp

June 4th -June 6th



Cost \$25.00

Grades 3-5

8:30 - 10:30

Grades 6-8

10:30 - 1:00

(Grade the student will be in during the 2007-2008 school year)

Pre-register by filling out the following form and returning it to Coach Bob Hayes,
P O Box 275, Ponca, NE 68770 by May 20, 2007.
It is important that you pre-register in order to guarantee a t-shirt. If you have any questions, please Call (402) 755-2764.

(T-Shirt Adult Sizes Only)

Small	Medium	Large	_ XL
Name:Phone Number:		Grade	
	Phone Number:		

Ponca Girls Basketball Camp

June 13th



Cost \$25.00

Grades 3-5

Grades 6-8

8:30 - 10:30

10:30 - 1:00

(Grade the student will be in during the 2007-2008 school year)

Pre-register by filling out the following form and returning it to Coach Kylee White
P O Box 611, Ponca, NE 68770 by May 26, 2007.
It is important that you pre-register in order to guarantee a t-shirt. If you have any questions, please call (402) 755-4127.

(T-Shirt Adult Sizes Only)

SmallMedium	Large XL	
Name:	Grade	
Phone Number:		

Ponca High School Graduation



Friday, May 11, 2007 7:00 p.m.



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