



Ponca Public Schools

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From the desk of:

William F. Thompson, Superintendent

Hot Lunch Verification Requirement - One of the requirements for the Ponca Public School District to take part in the federal governments' free and reduced price meal program is to conduct a verification process of selected applications. Simply put, verification is the confirmation of eligibility for free and reduced price meals under the rules of the National School Lunch Program.

The verification process must include either the confirmation of a family's income eligibility or confirmation that a child is included in a household currently certified to receive benefits from food stamps or other state or federal programs. Even though families did submit documentation of eligibility with their initial application, additional documentation is required for the verification process.

Three (3) percent of the total approved applications received by the District on October 1st are required to be verified. Applications chosen for verification are done so through a random sampling process. The District will notify families chosen for verification by mail beginning in early October. According to federal guidelines, the verification process must be completed by November 15th.

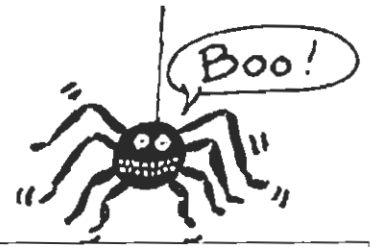
Traffic Barricade on Washington Street – During the school day, the District places two (2) barricades on Washington Street, on the west side of the elementary school. The purpose in situating the barricades is to prevent car/truck traffic from using this street during a part of the day when elementary students cross the street to use the playground for recess. We have had recent reports of vehicles bypassing the barricades, and driving through the street, even when students are crossing to the playground. We would ask the public's cooperation to not drive on Washington Street next to the school from 11:00am to 3:00pm. For the safety and security of students, faculty, and staff, your assistance is appreciated.

Dixon County Cooperative Funds – School districts in Dixon County have been the beneficiary of penalty funds assessed against Walbaum Foods and the City of Wakefield. The seven (7) school districts, with students residing in Dixon County, will share approximately \$535,000.00, based on their number of actual student residents. The Ponca Public School's share of these penalty funds is about \$130,000.00. To date, the District has used these funds for the following: teacher supplies to start the school year; Spanish I & II textbooks; twelve (12) Gateway computers; math, School-to-Work, and drafting textbooks. The school district will also be using a large portion of these funds to purchase a school bus, and possibly a van, to upgrade the district's transportation fleet.

The Dixon County Cooperative funds are considered as "one-time" monies. This means that once expended, the fund cannot be regenerated. Funds can only be used for General Fund purposes.

The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children's 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.

From the Guidance Center....Mrs. Hassler



P.S.A.T. Test for Juniors

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

This test is administered annually through the guidance office to those juniors who have voluntarily registered (and paid) for it. The purpose of the PSAT is twofold: 1. The test is designed for students who plan to enroll in a four-year college. It provides them with practice for the Scholastic Aptitude Test-S.A.T. (a college entrance test) which they may take during their senior year. 2. The PSAT serves as a predeterminant in qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship. In the event a student scores high enough on the PSAT he/she is then eligible to apply for the National Merit Scholarship. If your son or daughter has registered for the PSAT, please remind them that a good night's sleep and breakfast prior to the test are helpful test-taking tips over which they have control! If you have questions or comments concerning the PSAT contact Mrs. Hassler at the school.

PLAN Test for

Sophomores

The PLAN Test is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, October 23, 2007. This test is administered annually through the guidance office to all sophomores at P.H.S. The purpose of the PLAN is twofold: 1. The PLAN is designed as a practice test for those sophomores who consider enrolling in college following high school graduation. This test provides sophomores with practice for the American College Test (A.C.T.) which they may take as juniors or seniors. Four-year colleges in the Midwest require A.C.T. scores as one of several entrance requirements. 2. The PLAN provides the student with feedback on his/her study skills and provides him/her with an interest inventory which gives clues to the kinds of occupations he/she might like. This career information is used in a career unit (in English class) during the spring semester. The school pays for the cost of this test. Parents, please remind your son or daughter that a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast prior to test time would be a great benefit to them. If you have questions or



Red Ribbon Week Plans are Being Finalized

The National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week "Red Ribbon Week" will be celebrated at Ponca School during the week of October 22-26. Be sure to watch the newspaper for the finalized schedule of events.



TRI-STATE COLLEGE FAIR

Make plans to attend the Tri-State College Fair with your high school-age student! The College Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2007, at the Marina Center in South Sioux City, NE. The program will be from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Over 100 college, vocational, and military representatives will be available. Additionally, Financial Aid planning sessions are scheduled. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to begin their college searches. Make plans to attend!

Ponca Elementary Student Council



Ponca Elementary Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth graders have experienced the process of campaigning and the election process to become student council representatives. Students made campaign posters after filling out permission forms to run for student council representative. A primary election was held to narrow the candidate field after which the candidates each wrote and gave a campaign speech to their classmates telling why they would be the person to vote for to be the classroom representative on student council. Each classroom then held a general election and voted two representatives onto the council board. The representatives met Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007 from 3:30 to 5:30 for training and held their first meeting using parliamentary procedure and elected four people to the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Parents, community members and school staff attended the installation ceremony held in the elementary library at 5:30. The following students are the 2007-2008 student council representatives:

Mr. Stroud-4th
MacKenzie Boyle
Kaylee Hamar

Mrs. Carnell-5th
Lindsey Kvidera
Bailey Maise

Mrs. Stewart-5th
Kianna Kramper - **Secretary**
Ethan Swick - **President**

Mrs. Kephart 6th
Aaron Carlson - **Treasurer**
Madison Charlson
Brandon Hamar – **Vice President**

I would like to thank Mr. Thompson, Ms Rinas, teachers/staff, parents, community members, and students for their help and support given to our Ponca Elementary Student Council organization.

Cindy Anderson
Elementary Counselor



Save Your Tabs!!!

Ponca and Jackson Elementary Schools will collect pop tabs and pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux City, IA, again, as a service-learning project. There will be plastic tubs located at each school building in which to place the tabs. These tabs can be collected all year. They are taken to the Ronald McDonald House by May 1st each year. Last May we joined the Ronald McDonald Millionaire Club! We collected an accumulated total of 1,200 lbs of tabs over the past few years. One million tabs is equal to eight hundred and thirty-three pounds of tabs.

Aluminum pull-tabs can be added to the collection along with the pop tabs. Please make sure they are clean and free of food items. Thank you for your help in providing assistance in this project.

Cindy Anderson-Elementary Guidance Counselor

Lollipop Sales!

The Ponca Elementary Student Council will be selling lollipops to K-12 students the first and third Friday of each month beginning September 28, 2007. Lollipops will be sold for a cost of fifty cents each. Proceeds will be used to help fund projects throughout the year.

Lollipop Flavors:

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| Banana Split | Blue Raspberry | Blueberry Cheesecake |
| Bubble Gum | Caramel Apple | Cherry Cheesecake |
| Cherry Limeade | Cherry Snow | Cinnamon |
| Color Blasters | Cotton Candy | Grape |
| Mandarin Orange | Raspberry Lemonade | Root Beer |
| Sour Black Cherry | Sour Green Apple | Strawberry Shake |
| Strawberry Shortcake | Watermelon Slice | Wild Cherry |



Post Prom

Post Prom meeting will be held October 24th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library

Save Your Box Tops!!



Cross Country

Parent's night for the cross country team will be October 12th (half-time of the Emerson-Hubbard football game)

Jr. High Wrestling

Jr. High wrestling practice will begin October 22nd 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ponca Cheerleaders Fundraiser

WHO: Ponca Cheerleaders

WHAT: Younkers Coupon Book

WHERE: Any Younkers Store

WHEN: Sat. November 10, 2007

WHY: Promote school spirit ☺

HOW: Buy a coupon book for \$5. Each booklet contains a \$10 coupon and eight 20% off coupons.

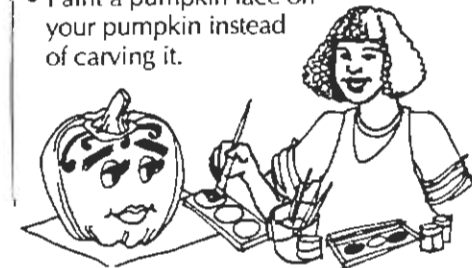
- Contact one of our PHS cheerleaders or call Christy Schweers or Patti Boyle for more information!



Thanks for supporting the Ponca High School Cheerleaders!!

O·C·T·O·B·E·R
Is A Good
Month To

- Rake up those pretty fall leaves.
- Make your own Halloween costume.
- Paint a pumpkin face on your pumpkin instead of carving it.



Music Boosters' Concession Stand Workers

Please find a replacement if you can not work.

Date	Opponent	Sport	Contact Person	Student & Parent Workers
Oct 12	Emerson-Hubbard	FB	Maureen Anderson 755-4193	DeAnna, Josh, & Bill Markworth Jillian Webb Meleny Olsen
Oct 18	Pender	FB	Dawn Bostwick 755-2591	Rylee Rich Cara Ericksen Ashton Greenleaf
Nov 29	Hartington	B/G BB	Sandy Jensen 632-4588	Jayce Gustafson Rachel Krause
Dec 4	Elk Point-Jefferson	G BB	Julie Kramper 632-4748	Jamie & Kayla Herfel Travis Hall
Dec 6	Randolph	B/G BB	Mary Rager 755-2415	Lauren Conrad Isaac Bennett

Parents and students, please report to the stand at least 30 minutes before the start of the game.
Thanks for supporting the students in Ponca's instrumental and vocal music programs!



Ponca Public School is an asbestos-free facility except for the old art building which has some asbestos in the floor tile in the bathroom. This building which is located south of the Tech Building, is used only for storage and there are no classes which meet there.

In the remainder of the school facilities, materials thought possibly containing asbestos were analyzed and no asbestos were analyzed and no asbestos was found. Contact the Superintendent's office for more information.

As part of Public Law 107-107 and No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, all public schools are required to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of all secondary students to military recruiters and to post secondary educational institutions. Parents or guardians may ask that this information not be released.

Ponca School will comply with this law and release names, addresses, and phone numbers of secondary students unless parents or guardians notify us in writing that this information should not be released.

Read!!

WOW! THEY WON!

WHO: The Masin Boys'
 WHAT: A rare autographed first edition of "The Magic Tree House – Monday with a Mad Genius"
 FROM: Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program

Read!!

*See what happens when you read.
 Next year it could be you!!*



Read!!

MUSIC BOOSTER'S MEETING

October 17th – 6:00 p.m.



Oscar's Restaurant

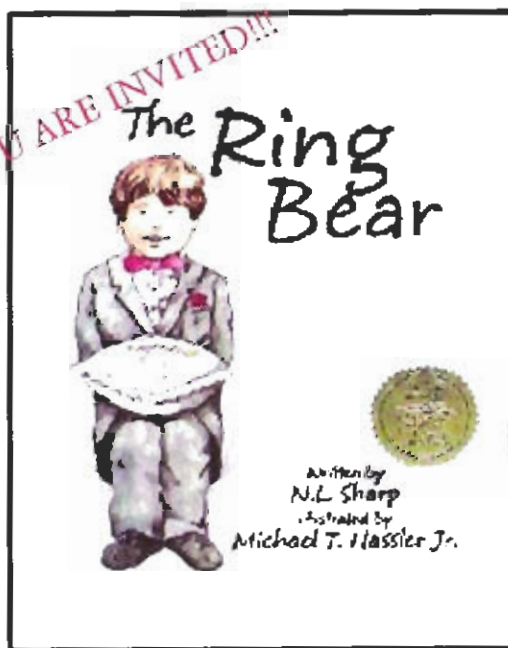


Everyone is encouraged to come.
 No dues are required to be a booster – just a love of music!!!

Upcoming Music Events...

- October 12th PHS Marching Band Half-Time Show
- October 13th Cavalcade of Bands @ Wayne State - Perform at 3:00 pm
- October 18th Ponca Jr. High Band Half-Time Show

YOU ARE INVITED!!!



Author, N. L. Sharp will also be on hand to autograph books

MICHAEL T. HASSLER, JR., illustrator of The Ring Bear will be at **Ponca Carnegie Library** on **Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 PM** to talk about his work as an illustrator.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

TREATS

The Ponca Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or 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

PLEASE HELP KEEP A.S.K. ALIVE!!!!
(Always Say Know To Drugs & Alcohol)

Students at P.H.S. are excited about organizing fun events for the A.S.K. group. If you are interested in helping with this outstanding program, please contact Ponca School, Bill Thompson or Chip Watchorn @ 755-2241.

**Volunteers
Needed!!!**

Without additional adult support
A.S.K. will no longer
be available for our students.
Please Help Support a great organization!!!

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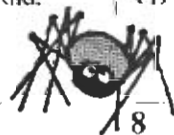
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October



<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 All-State Rehears @SSC VB-JrHi-Allen-Home 3:00 JrHi/IV FB @ E-H- 4:00/5:45	2 CC-JrHi @ Wayne- 5:30 VB @ Luth. High- Norfolk-5:30-C,B,A Jostens-Srs. @ 10:45, Soph @ 11:15	3	4	5 CC @ Bloomfield-4:00 FB @ Laurel - 7:00	6 VB-Fr @ Heelan-9:00 VB-JrHi Ponca Inv.-9:00
8 All-State Rehears @SSC VB-JrHi-Homer-Home- 3:00 FB-JrHi-Hart CC-Home- 6:00	9 CC-JrHi @Yankton- 5:00 VB-JrHi-Laurel-Home- 3:00 VB @ Vermillion-CBA 5:30	10 Elem. St.Council Leader- ship Conf. @ WSC	11 Dist CC @ Bloomfield VB @ Newc Tri.-5:30	12 FB-Emer-Hub-Home 7:00 High School Band@halftime	13 All-State Auditions-Norfolk VB @ Hart. Inv.-10:00 Cavalcade of Bands @ WSC
15 Soph Career Day-WSC Board Meeting @ Jackson School-7:30	16 VB-JrHi @ Wake-3:00 VB @ Laurel-5:30 CBA	17 PSAT Test-Vol. Jrs-pm Character Wksp- 7,8,9-8:30 10,11,12-9:15 Music Boosters - 6:00	18 End 1st Qtr. 43 da. FB - Pender - Home 7:00- JrHi Band @halftime	19 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	20
22 Conf VB Tourn- TBA	23 PLAN Test-Soph- Prds 1-3 Conf VB Tourn @ Wake -----RED-----	24 County Government Day Post Prom Mtg-6:00 -----RIBBON-----	25 FB Playoffs --1 st Rnd. -----WEEK-----	26 VB Conf Finals-Wake 7:00	27
29 Sub-Dist VB @ B-R	30 Sub-Dist VB @ B-R	31 FB Playoffs --2 nd Rnd. Halloween	1 VB Dist Finals-TBA	2	3
5 FB Playoffs-Qtrfinals Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00 - 8:00 Music Fundraiser	6 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00--8:00 L&C Academic Contest @ WSC	7 L&C Conf. Exec Mtg- Wayne - 4:30	8 Parent-Teacher Conf At Jackson 4:00--8:00 WR-Ponca Inv. Jr-Hi- 4:00	9 Veteran's Day Program 10:00 State VB	10 State VB Ponca Craft Fair(both Gyms) 9:00--2:00

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Sunday, October 7-Tri State College Fair-So. Sioux City Convention Center—1:00-3:30

October 2007

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Hamburger/Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Applesauce	2 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Pears Roll/Butter	3 Tavern Scalloped Potato Green Beans Apple	4 Ham Sandwich Potato Wedges Cole Slaw Peaches	5 Crispito/Chili/Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Cocktail Roll/Butter
8 BBQ Rib Fries Corn Pineapple Roll/Butter	9 Hot Dog/Bun Nachos/Cheese Sauce Green Beans Peaches	10 Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Roll/Butter	11 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Raspberry Applesauce Roll/Butter	12 Peanut Butter Jelly Sand. Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit Cocktail
15 Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Roll/Butter	16 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Sticks	17 Scalloped Potato/Ham Peas Pineapple Roll/Butter Cookie	18 Burrito Lettuce Salad Fruit Roll/Butter	19 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK
22 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Applesauce Roll/Butter	23 Pizza Beef Sandwich Potato Cubes Baked Beans Oranges	24 Creamed Chicken/Biscuit Peas Peaches Krispy Bar	25 Chili/Crackers Carrot Sticks Pears Cinnamon Roll	26 Mini Corn Dogs Curly Fries Green Beans Pineapple
29 Crispito/Chili/Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Cocktail Roll/Butter	30 Deli Turkey Sandwich Mac & Cheese Corn Pears	31 Goulash Lettuce Salad Banana Garlic Sticks	1 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Peaches Roll/Butter	2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup/Crackers Carrot Sticks Jello/Fruit

Milk Served Everyday

