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PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Welcome to the start of the 2010-11 school year! Once we see the calendar page flip over to August, we know that the beginning of a new school year can not be far off. If most students were truthful on this matter, my guess is that they look forward to the start of school. They get to be back with their friends, get involved in school activities, and move on to that next class level which provides challenges and excitement for them. For parents, school always means life returning to normalcy. Structure and routine return to set a different pace in the home than existed during the hectic summer months.

In last year's 2009 August newsletter, this article centered on the bond vote for our new high school building. As a District, we were anxiously anticipating the vote date to see whether voters were going to support the measure.

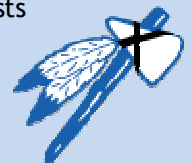
Now, one year later. We have been able to watch the structure take shape since our ground-breaking ceremony last April. It is projected that we will be able to move into the new high school building prior to the end of this school year. Moving classrooms from the old structure to the new will take planning and coordination. As we prepare for the transition, the District may be asking for your participation in moving classrooms and equipment to the new structure.

A very special welcome to those of you who are new to our communities and/or school district. 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 always, stop by anytime you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Have a great year!

William F. Thompson, Superintendent

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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 FAX (816) 823-1404; TDD (800) 437-0833

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.



Welcome Back!!



Information From

Ms. Rinas



Can I sleep just a few more minutes? What time does the bus come? Who are my teachers? Where is my locker? What class do I go to next? Do I eat first or second lunch? These are a few of the questions that soon will be racing through the minds of students as they begin their first day of school on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. The student day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Elementary students are to report to their classrooms and secondary students to the west gymnasium for a general assembly. Expectations for student conduct will be reviewed and changes for the 2010-11 school year will be presented. Class meetings and shortened class periods will follow the assembly.

A new policy and a revised policy will go into effect this school year. The new policy, "Students Dating Violence", resulted from the passing of the Lindsay Anne Burke Act. This bill requires school districts across the state of Nebraska to train, teach and provide policies about teen dating violence. The law requires that school policies include and provide dating violence training to staff, and incorporate dating violence education that is age appropriate into the school program. The selection and first reading of the policy took place at the July 19, 2010, school board meeting. The second reading of the policy will occur at the August 16, 2010, school board meeting at which time the policy will become part of the Ponca School District Policy Manual.

Revisions to the Ponca School policy "Guidelines for Extra-Curricular Activities" will go into effect this school year. A committee composed of parents, coaches, sponsors, school board members, and administration are currently meeting and working on revisions of this policy. As soon as the committee work is completed and the revised policy is approved by the school board it will go into effect. When this occurs, students and parents will be informed of the policy changes and the date the policy will be effective. Until that time, the current policy will govern student involvement in extra-curricular activities.

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 Wednesday, August 25, 2010, the signed signature pages indicating they received copies of the brochures, "Expectations for Student Conduct and Attendance", "A Student's Rights to Due Process" and the "Guidelines for Extra-Curricular Activities". The brochure, "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 25, 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.

"High School Parent's - Back to School Night" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2010. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers. The teachers will present a brief summary of classes, grading procedures, and expectations as well as answer to questions you may have. Parents of 7-12 students please report to the west gymnasium at 7:00 P.M., pick-up a copy of your child's schedule and get ready to pass to the first period class at 7:10 P.M. Parents will be finished at 8:11 P.M. We look forward to visiting with you on August 24!

This will be an exciting and changing year at Ponca School as we watch the construction of our new 7-12 educational building. As the construction develops the areas around the school will change. We will all have to be more patient and flexible as we may not be able to walk, drive or park our vehicles where we wish to during this time. For the safety of our students, staff, community and construction workers it is important that everyone respects the areas that are off limits and drive cautiously to, from and around the school. Yes we will be inconvenienced, but it will only be for a short time. Who knows we may even be able to move into our new classrooms before the school year ends and that will indeed be a very exciting day!

Elementary News

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. On behalf of the elementary staff welcome back!! We are excited to get the school year rolling. Due to construction there are a few changes to note which will be explained in the next few paragraphs.

At Ponca elementary students will need to be dropped off on the north side of the building (2nd street) and enter through the east door (the entrance near Mr. Stroud and Mrs. Burrell's rooms). Students can also be dropped off on the east side of the building (Court Street) and walk along the north side of the auditorium through the new playground to enter the building. The buses will drop students off on the north side of the building. Students will be dismissed through the same doors.

At Jackson students will enter through the south doors (through the playground). Jackson students that ride the bus will be dismissed through the south doors and students that walk or are picked up will be dismissed through the main doors.

Elementary Parent Night – Parent Night for elementary students at Jackson Elementary and Ponca Elementary will be on **Tuesday, August 17th**. The schedule for **Jackson Elementary is from 6:00 to 7:30**, while **Ponca Elementary is 7:00 to 8:30**. This evening will give parents and children the opportunity to meet and greet classroom teachers prior to the start of the school year. Teachers will have the chance to 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. Pre-school and kindergarten parents will receive a letter from your child's 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.

Elementary Student Handbook. Each family will receive a copy of the elementary student handbook at parent night. The handbook contains the procedures, rules, and regulations that pertain to the elementary students. It is a synopsis of the rules that pertain to elementary students and is an extension of the Ponca Public School Student Handbook. It does not replace the school student handbook. Please take time to read the handbook with your child to become familiar with Ponca/Jackson rules and procedures.

Welcome back!!!

Mr. Bob Hayes, Elementary Principal

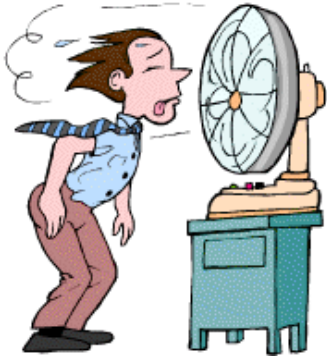
To all Parents of students enrolled at Ponca Public School...

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:

1. Whether the Nebraska Dept. of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches.
2. Whether the Nebraska Dept. 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 the information, please contact the Superintendent's office.

HEAT SCHEDULE - August 18th to September 3rd



The 2010-11 school year will be the 8th 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 two (2) weeks of the school year.

From Wednesday, August 18th, through Friday, September 3rd, 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 two weeks. Dismissal time from classes will be at 2:00 p.m. each day with buses departing shortly afterwards.

Beginning Tuesday, September 7th, the school day will return to its regular schedule for the year. School will begin at **8:15 a.m.**, and will dismiss at **3:30 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 will ride the bus or **NOT**. Please call the District office at **755-5700** to report. Messages will be relayed by radio to your child’s bus.

ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT

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



Tuesday, August 17th
6:30 – 7:30 in Jackson
7:00 – 8:30 in Ponca

(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 Tuesday, August 17th. 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.

Student/Parent Handbook

2010 – 2011



Ponca School District

Jackson Elementary

PreSchool – 2nd grade

Ponca Elementary School

3rd – 6th grade

Ponca Public School

Jackson Elementary / Preschool – 2nd Grade

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Sue Gill, Office Manager

Ponca Public School / 3rd Grade – 12th Grade

505 3rd Street, Box 568 Ponca, NE 68770
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Lorrie Huston, Office Manager
Patti Boyle, Office Assistant

Mr. William Thompson, Superintendent
Robert Hayes, Elementary Principal
Michelle Rinas, High School Principal (402)755-5701

Jackson and Ponca Elementary Classroom Teachers

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Kindergarten	Mrs. Carla Dickens	cdickens@esu1.org
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	Mrs. Trish Swetnam	tswetnam@esu1.org
2 nd Grade	Mrs. Tamara Schram	tschram@esu1.org
	Mrs. JoAnn Hogan	jhogan@esu1.org
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Pauline Miller	millerp@esu1.org
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	Mr. John Stroud	jstroud@esu1.org
5 th Grade	Mrs. Staci Carnell	scarnell@esu1.org
	Mrs. LaRita Stewart	lstewart@esu1.org
6 th Grade	Mrs. Mary Husen	mhusen@esu1.org
	Mr. Marcus Papenhausen	mpapenhausen@esu1.org

Support Instructional Staff

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Speech:	Mrs. Carol Conrad	cconrad@esu1.org
Nurse:	Mrs. Sheila Herfel	sherfel@esu1.org
Title I:	Ms. Pat Leslie	pleslie@esu1.org
P.E./Music(Jackson)	Mrs. Tiffany Lamprecht	tlamprecht@esu1.org
Music:	Mrs. Kari Lowe	klowe@esu1.org
P.E.	Mr. Troy Evans, Mrs. Carla Taylor	
Band:	Mrs. Amy Hansen	ahansen@esu1.org
Guidance:	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	cianders@esu1.org
Principal:	Mr. Bob Hayes	bhayes@esu1.org

Teacher Assistants

Nikki Carnell, Lisa Hohenstein, Sandy Jensen, Joan Taylor,
Annette Schnoor, Carlena Krueger

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. We're very happy that you and your children are a part of the Ponca Public School system. The following items are presented for your information and guidance during the coming year. This information is a combination of administrative regulations, past practices, common sense and concerns for the safety and well-being of all students.

At both Jackson and Ponca Elementary Schools, each classroom teacher will establish rules for expected behavior in the classrooms, on the playground, in the building hallways, and other student areas and activities. Our expectations for student behavior place an emphasis on respect for others and respect for property.

We believe that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, expectations affect performance, and everyone deserves a safe learning environment. We know that you have the same expectations for your children and we will keep you informed of your child's growth in social skills, responsibility, and performance in the classroom.

Areas of Interest and Importance

STUDENT CONDUCT

- Students are expected to be prepared and conduct themselves in a manner that would be a credit to themselves and to the school.
- Such behavior as yelling and running in the halls, foul, discourteous speech, unsportsmanlike conduct at play, fighting, and destruction of school property will not be tolerated and are grounds for disciplinary action.
- In the classroom, disciplinary problems are the responsibility of the teacher. On the playground, it is handled by the teacher or person assigned to playground supervision.
- Discipline problems with which the teacher feels unable to cope should be referred to the Principal. The use of suspension, expulsion and mandatory reassignment are provided for in the Nebraska statutes and may be resorted to if the situation warrants.
- Students are expected to use school equipment and playground equipment in the fashion for which they are designed. Willful and/or malicious destruction of any school property can result in suspension.
- Students who bully other students verbally, physically and through the use of technology will be dealt with severely. Name calling, threats, teasing, intimidating, or other forms of abuse will not be tolerated.

VISITOR/STUDENT RELEASES

For the safety and security of students, faculty and staff, the following procedures will be in effect:

Visitors to Ponca Public School buildings must first report to the Administrative Office upon entering either the secondary or elementary buildings. Once in the office, you will be asked to sign in, and then issued a Visitor's Pass, if you wish to visit a classroom. We will not send parents/guardians to the classrooms or to the playground to pick up their children, unless they have signed in at the office and have been issued the Visitor's Pass. Teachers and playground supervisors should not be put into a position to determine the validity of a request to release a student. That will be done from the office.

When a student needs to be dismissed during the regular school hours, parents/guardians must sign their students out in the Administrative office. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility without a signature from a parent/guardian. When a parent comes to the office to pick up their child, office personnel will contact the teacher to release that student to the office. If a parent, or other adult, enters the building and goes to a classroom, or to the playground or other area of the school to pick up a child, school personnel have been instructed to direct that person to the office.

CHILD CUSTODY MATTERS

In most cases, when parents are divorced, both parents retain parental rights. If you have court order that limits the rights of one parent in matters such as custody or visitation, please bring a copy to the office for our files. Unless your court order is on file with the School District, we must provide equal rights to both parents.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Schools, including all employees, have a moral duty and responsibility to report all **suspected** cases of child abuse. A person who has reason to believe that a child has been abused **must report** such information to the School Administer or Counselor. The information will be forwarded to the **Department of Health and Human Services**.

STRANGER DANGER

Remind your child frequently of procedures to follow when encountering strangers. Include the following guidelines in your discussion:

- A stranger may ask you to take a ride in his or her car. **DON'T GO!**
- A stranger may ask you for directions. Ignore him or her and walk away.
- A stranger may offer you toys, candy or money. Refuse it!
- A stranger may invite you into an empty building or room . **DON'T GO!**
- A stranger may act friendly, as if he or she really likes you a great deal. Don't be fooled.
- Do not allow a stranger to touch you, lift you up, pull your clothes or buttons or zippers.
- If someone does something to you that makes you feel uncomfortable, funny or scared, get away fast!!

Report all incidences to a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor.

EMERGENCY NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Accidents do happen at school and it is not always possible to know the exact extent of a student injury or illness until after x-rays or an examination by a doctor. When an accident occurs or a student becomes ill, the nurse or the school personnel will attempt to notify parents. A student is never sent home unless arrangements are made with the parents or other authorized persons identified on the student's emergency contact information.

ATTENDANCE

The alarming growth in the number of missing children makes the communication between parent and school that much more important. The administrators of the Ponca Public School District require that parents call the school when your children are going to be absent. When absences are caused by illness or injury, the parents should phone between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m. to the center that the student attends. If we do not receive a call and a student is absent, we will attempt to make certain that the parent is aware of his/her student's absence.

Nebraska state law and Ponca school board policy require that we monitor the attendance of each student and that absences do not exceed five (5) days per quarter or 20 days per school year for elementary students. In the event of habitual truancies, we are required to notify the county attorney of such excessive absences and it is the decision of the county attorney to file charges against the student/parent/guardian for this violation of the law.

Students absent from school may not attend extra-curricular activities unless approved by the principal. Students that leave school early because of illness will not be allowed to attend extra-curricular activities unless approved by the principal.

Listed below are guidelines for student arrival to school and absence from school:

TARDY: Late arrival to school or class up until 9:30 a.m. will be considered tardy.

Students with more than 5 tardies per quarter will serve one morning detention.

ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY: A student will be counted absent one-half day if he/she arrives at school after 9:30 a.m., or leaves school prior to 2:00 p.m. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments.

SCHOOL DAY

JACKSON ELEMENTARY:

Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:15, so we would ask that students **NOT ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:15**. At Jackson Elementary, the school day begins at **8:30**. Students will be dismissed at **3:05**, the bus will leave at **3:10**.

PONCA ELEMENTARY:

Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:10, so we would ask that students **NOT ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:10**. At Ponca Elementary, the school day begins at **8:15** --
- At Ponca Elementary, **town students** will be dismissed at **3:25**, allowed to get materials from their lockers, and leave the building. Buses depart each afternoon at approximately **3:35**.

BUS ROUTES

The District operates bus routes on rural paved and gravel roads to pick up students who live outside of Ponca and Jackson. A danger exists when the bus makes a stop on the road and sits waiting for the students(s). To reduce the possibility of any accident, we ask that students riding the bus, be at the bus stop, when the bus arrives. It is dangerous for all concerned when the bus has to wait for extended periods for the student, and if the student fails to appear. For this reason, we ask that parents call the school when your children will not be riding the bus. District busses are equipped with radios so that messages can be transferred to the bus driver.

VOICE MAIL SERVICES

As a convenience for parents, the District provides a voice mail service. If you need to call early to report your child's absence for the day, or if your child will not be riding the bus, you may call and leave a message on the voice mail service. The number at Ponca is 755-5700 or at Jackson 632-4276.

REPORT CARDS & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report cards are issued every nine weeks with progress reports provided to parents at the mid-point of each quarter.

<u>Grading Scale</u>	<u>Grades K-1</u>	<u>Grades 2- 6</u>
943- 100%	E (Excellent)	A
85 - 92%	S (Satisfactory)	B
77 - 84%	I (Improving)	C
70 - 76%	N (Needs Improvement)	D
Below 70		F

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held following the first and third quarter. These conferences are an important part of the home/school communication process. The purpose of the conference is to share information and work together to help the student. Elementary parents will be notified of their scheduled conference time.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO CONFERENCES.

Informal conferences may be arranged with your child's teacher at any time convenient to both parents and teacher. Teachers are available to parents between **8:00 to 8:15 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.** when school is in session. Appointments will need to be made for other times.

HOMEWORK

Work assignments outside the classroom shall be for the purpose of enrichment, review, and reinforcement of the principles taught that day, or completion of daily class assignment not completed in a timely manner. Homework should not be disciplinary in nature. Homework assignments will be made at the discretion of the individual teacher. Assignments are due on time and on the date assigned. They should be finished neatly. Any assignment not meeting requirements will not be accepted. Parents and teachers realize that all children differ; one student might have more homework than another. Parental involvement in their child's homework experiences will greatly enhance their child's learning environment.

DISTRICT TESTING PROGRAMS

The ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) will be administered to grades 2-6 during the second semester of each school year. The purpose of such testing is to measure the academic growth of each child from year to year and to provide a profile of the student's academic strengths and weaknesses. Nebraska State Standard Tests are also given to grades K-6.

Children will be tested for special services after the Student Assistance Team (SAT) and Response To Intervention (RTI) Team has recommended the student for further evaluation. Each child referred will be assessed by the appropriate specialist/s. With this information, the child's team will determine if the child qualifies for services. If services are appropriate for the child, he/she will have goals written in a plan that the team will follow for one year.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The elementary school guidance program is part of the total school program and compliments learning in the classroom. It is child-centered, preventative, developmental, encourages students' social, emotional, and personal growth.

The goal of elementary guidance in the classroom is to provide students with opportunities to learn and practice effective communication skills, friendship building techniques, drug/alcohol resistance skills, personal strengths and talents, effective study skills, character education skills, safety skills, and planning for the future by goal setting and obtaining information about careers. In addition, students learn about the role of the guidance counselor in the school setting.

Parents, students and teachers/administrators can request the counselor to meet with a student. Individual and group counseling sessions can be scheduled where topics that could be addressed include: helping children cope with difficult and or unchangeable life events, giving children the opportunity to share their feelings and concerns, teaching and developing communication, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, and building self-esteem and confidence.

The school counselor consults with parents and/or teachers to help promote student success. The counselor intervenes in conflict, crisis, and emergency situations. They also help build tolerance and appreciation of persons of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: COMPLAINTS & SUGGESTIONS

When there is a situation or matter that arises where the parent wishes to notify the school regarding a specific problem, concern, or question, we believe the correct process to follow to resolve matters or to have questions answered is as follows:

1. Teacher – Parent contact.
2. Teacher - Parent – Principal meeting
3. Teacher - Parent – Principal – Superintendent meeting

Parental complaints must be addressed before classes start (8:00 – 8:25) or after the School Day (3:30 – 4:00).

STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Ponca Public Schools has a computerized program that allows parents to use their home computers to review their child's progress in each classroom.

PARTY INVITATIONS

Birthday party invitations may not be distributed at school unless the entire class or the entire boy/girl population is invited.

LIBRARY

Library facilities are available to all pupils enrolled at the school. Students will visit the library with their teachers or other supervising personnel. They may also be allowed additional library visits/privileges as permitted by their teachers. Encourage your child to return library materials promptly and to inform the teacher of any damage to library materials so that they may be repaired. If library material is lost, a fine in the amount of the original purchase price of the book will be charged in order to replace the item. Fines for overdue library materials are assessed at one cent per school day. If materials are not returned, replaced, repaired or if fines are not paid by the end of the school year, report cards will be withheld.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are planned to provide educational experiences for the students. Field trips may be an extension of the classroom experience and have educational value relevant to the material being studied, or a field trip may create a unique learning experience to be expanded on in the classroom. Written permission is necessary for any child to participate in a field trip activity. Advance notice of field trips will be provided. Parents may be asked to assist with supervision and transportation for some field trips. School administration officials and/or teachers retain the responsibility and authority for behavior control management.

PETS

Pets and other animals are not permitted in or on school grounds except for use in the classroom. Health and safety considerations make this rule necessary. Parents must make arrangements with the classroom teacher before an animal will be allowed in the school.

STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES

How a student dresses for school has an impact on how he/she acts. Therefore, we ask that students wear neat and appropriate clothes to school. Examples of inappropriate clothes would be attire which advertises or supports the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, which has any sexual connotation, which is derogatory or offensive, or dress or grooming styles which are immodest. **Hats or caps are not suitable in the building.** Hats, scarves and bandanas, or any head covering may not be worn in the building during school or at school activities. Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes that mark the floors may not be worn indoors, they must have white soles or be marked “non-marking” soles. We feel it is important for students to participate in recess activities that will be held outside during most days. Please send boots, gloves, hats, and warm winter coats with your child during the winter season. Parents will sometimes ask that students not go outside during recess. We would ask that this be done in a very limited basis due to supervision and scheduling difficulties.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Prior to 6:00am, a decision will be made whether to cancel school, or to start late for the day. Information is entered online. The relevant information for our school district is released from there to area radio and television stations. This information will also be available to our school district patrons online. You can access this by going to the school district’s website www.poncaschool.org, click on the “**SnowCap - Closings/Delays**” button on the left side of the front page. This will let you see what decision has been made for Ponca School District. This same information will be scrolling along the top of the District’s webpage.

There are occasions when the weather patterns and forecasts are clearly obvious that a decision can be made the night before. When this happens, the online process will begin to air the announcement on the 10 o’clock news. However, this may not always be possible. Should the decision be made to start school late, this will always be a **two (2) hour late start**. Classes will start in Jackson and Ponca two (2) hours later than their normal starting time. Buses will run their regular routes, but will be two (2) hours later than normal.

Occasionally, weather conditions will deteriorate during the school day to a point where early dismissal is necessary. We will try to avoid early dismissal, if possible, because contacting parents is difficult. Parents may, during inclement weather, pick up your child/children at your own discretion. Please make arrangements for the care of your child in case an early dismissal is necessary. In case of the early dismissal, all activity practices will be cancelled.

RECESS

Recess will be held inside if the temperature outside is below 10 degrees. When the weather is cold, please make sure to dress appropriately for playing outside.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH PRACTICES

Nebraska State Law requires a certificate of immunization for attendance at any Nebraska school. A revised immunization law has been passed by the Nebraska legislature that makes immunization waivers much harder to obtain. The **ONLY REASONS** a student in Nebraska can have a waiver of immunizations on file are:

1. For a medical reason (Forms are available at the school for your physician to sign).
2. Religious reasons: If this is the case, you will need to request a special waiver from the school and then it will have to be notarized.

We are required by state law to have your child's immunization records on file the first day of school or your child will not be allowed to attend school.

Please keep your child out of school if he/she has, or you suspect he/she has, a temperature or potentially infectious or contagious condition. Please inform the school if your child has an infectious condition or illness (chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, etc.) Students returning to school after an absence due to a contagious condition may be required to provide a doctor's statement concerning the student's condition and fitness. A child with head lice will be dismissed from school to a parent or guardian. The child will not be allowed back in school for a period of 24 hours from treatment.

MEDICATION

Laws have been enacted that limit the school's ability to dispense medicine. We cannot administer any medicine to students without proper authorization by parents. Forms are available at the school for that purpose. Notes from parents can be sent with precise information to include the following: type of medicine; quantity included; amount per dose; how often and under what circumstances it should be given to the child; and what length of time the medication is to be administered. All medications will be kept in the office. Please include the student's name and provide a parent's signature to the note. Prescription drugs must be in the original container with the pharmacist's label containing directions for administration. A staff member will administer all medications and all administrations will be documented. If you should have additional questions, please contact the school nurse.

Allergies/Asthma

Please let the school know if your child has any allergies or a history of asthma. Ponca school has an Emergency Response Team. They keep track of the students with these conditions and set up a treatment plan, so they're prepared in case of an emergency. If your child requires an epi-pen or an inhaler, please make sure they carry these items to school with them, or the office has a supply on hand for your child if it is needed.

LUNCH

The District's hot lunch program offers a nutritionally balanced lunch with milk to all students in grades K-6. The current price for lunch is \$2.35 daily. Students may purchase extra half-pint milk for \$.30. Students choosing to bring a lunch from home may also purchase milk at school. Students may bring beverages from home with their lunch, although soda pop is not allowed. Students will be allowed to purchase ice cream for \$1.00 after having eaten their lunch with approval from their teacher.

The District participates in the National School Lunch Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to provide free or reduced price meals to eligible students. Eligibility for this program is based on income guidelines provided by the USDA. The issues of privacy and confidentiality of personal applicant information is strictly maintained.

Applications for free and reduced price lunches are available throughout the school year to all students. Free and reduced lunch students are factored into many school aid formulas. Please check your eligibility, it could help Ponca Public School and yourself.

“In Accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964.”

“USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

DRUG-FREE ENVIROMENT

We are committed to being a Drug-Free Zone at Ponca Public Schools. Seizure of any type of drug on school grounds or at any school sponsored event will result in immediate disciplinary action.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

The District will conduct emergency drills, to include fire, tornado, and bus evacuation, in compliance with Nebraska State Laws.

GUNS AND WEAPONS POLICY

All students who enter the Ponca Public School system have the right to be safe and free of harm or threat from guns, knives, and other dangerous weapons. The District will exercise the right, and uphold its responsibility, to discipline those students who choose to make our school environment unsafe. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a firearm or other dangerous weapon at school, at a school sponsored event or during a school event off school grounds will result in disciplinary action, up to, and including, expulsion from school.

Knives of any type or size are never permissible at school, at school-sponsored events, or during an event off school grounds. The student will be sent to the office and knife will be confiscated and not returned to the student. Any student in the possession of a knife at school will face the possibility of being suspended or expelled as determined by the Board of Education.

**Ponca Elementary
Class Assignments
2010-2011**

Third Grade Ms. Wierda	Third Grade Mrs. Miller	Fourth Grade Mrs. Fields	Fourth Grade Mr. Stroud
DeRoin, Alivia Janssen, Katie Keller, Meg Kingsbury, Carter Leeker, Brayden Masin, Paul McCoy, Bailey McGill, Maggie Nelson, MaKayla Peterson, Jordan Stroud, Mia Sullivan, Alec Touney, Dalton Voss, Gracie Watchorn, Evan	Bauman, Nathan Beckner, Carson Dorcey, Grace Gill, Breanna Kneifl, Brandon Kratke, Dana Kunkel, Shellby Lamprecht, Jordan Nelson, Morgan Peterson, Teyden Purucker, Shawn Solomon, Brooke Solomon, Hailey Tramp, Jared Voss, Brock	Beach, Kaitlyn Hamar, Kelsey Hoelsing, Claire Kastning, Kaitlyn Kreegar, Noma Krueger, Kelby Lamprecht, Taylor Logue, Michael Martin, Cody McGill, Gage Merical, Adam Mitchell, Toby Salmen, Grace Stroud, Michael Tangeman, Graci Watchorn, Colson	Anderson, Evan Anderson, Garrett Anderson, Joel Bacon, Brooklyn Baker, Dane Eifert, Olivia Fethkenher, Kortney Hughes, Sydni Huls, Tosha O'Neill, Quest Reid, Jayde Richards, Cole Rush, Logan Swick, Morgan Webb, Emma
7= Boys 8=Girls /15	7= Boys 8=Girls /15	7= Boys 9=Girls /16	7=Boys 8=Girls /15
Fifth Grade Mrs. Carnell	Fifth Grade Mrs. Stewart	Sixth Grade Mrs. Husen	Sixth Grade Mr. Papenhausen
Anderson, Jacob Brentlinger, Casey Brickett, Sam Brockhaus, Jacob Cook, Cullen Gill, Elexia Groth, Alexis Hegge, Michael Huls, Dylon Lieber, Steven Masin, Max Messlerie, Walter Nelson, Zach Perales, Elija Persinger, Emily Schroeder, Stockton Schweers, Abby VanDyke, Alexa	Albrecht, Joe Beach, Emma Berg, Isaac Cridle, Kristie Crosgrove, MacKenzie Fields, Kelsey Gallardo, Alexis Kingsbury, Logan Kramper, Sophie Krohn, Levi Krusemark, Colton Maise, Braeden Mellick, Carin Nolasco, Jose Schweers, Hudson Statema, Zach Volkert, Hunter Watchorn, Joel	Barker, Tre'Kel Beacom, Joel Bennett, Bailey Bentz, Ryan Bostwick, Tristan Chavarria, Victor Gallardo, Dylan Lundberg, Katherine McDowell, Brenden Millard, Abby Rush, Maya Schweers, Hunter Sullivan, Lauren VanDyke, Abigail Watchorn, Elizabeth Zavadil, Keoka	Bennett, Jacob Bentz, Rachel Carmona, Justin Charlson, Jack Finnegan, Sadie Graves, Tayler Heiner, Tim Kneifl, Ashley Lamprecht, Andrew Niemeier, Madison Peterson, Seth Rich, Quincy Rickett, Shelby Salmen, Emily Stowe, Cassandra Touney, Derrek
13=Boys 5=Girls / 18	11=Boys 7=Girls / 18	8=Boys 8 =Girls / 16	9=Boys 7 =Girls / 16

69 = Boys
60 = Girls
129 Total

**Jackson Elementary
Class Assignments
2010-2011**

PreSchool Monday/Wednesday Miss Roemen	PreSchool Tuesday/Thursday Miss Roemen	Kindergarten Mrs. Dickens	Kindergarten Mrs. Hill
Fluery, Taylor Hansen, Grace Jones, Madelyn Kay, Jaden Laible, Gus Lamprecht, Dalton Mitchell, Katy Pick, Tia Slaughter, Aidan Sprakel, Grant Stark, Zain Watchorn, Noah	Brinkman, Andrew Fernau, Abigail Fogarty, Donovan Hans, Lexi Korth, Lilly Lowe, Brooklynn Persinger, Oliver Rohan, Cody Statema, Cade	Balvantin, Miguel Burrell, Claire Carlson, Kemper Fowler, Ryan Guy, Emily Heiner, Kaylie Keller, Evan Kingsbury, Ashlyn Liable, Kiley McAfee, Ellie Romero, Lilianna Schamp, Alyssa Solomon, Weston Willers, Natalie	Arrasmith, Trevor Baker, Sydney Coffman, Nate DeRoin, Lorelai Evans, Gracen Gallardo, Briena Jackson, Cole Mahler, Kyler McKinney, Julia Ronero, Marianna Slaughter, Ryan Twohig, Merissa Utech, Katie Jo Voss, Brooklyn
8= Boys 4=Girls /12	5= Boys 4=Girls /9	5 = Boys 9 = Girls/ 14	5 = Boys 9 = Girls/ 14
First Grade Mrs. Swetnam	First Grade Mrs. Todd	Second Grade Mrs. Hogan	Second Grade Mrs. Schram
Anderson, Gracey Anthony, Owen Berg, Emma Bromander, Conner Chicione, Brynn Cook, Aidan Denker, Jarrett Fernau, Zach Holgate, Josi Kastning, Chase Korth, Taylor Logue, Matthew Niemeier, Mary Persinger, Eli Peterson, Jaci Rooney, Grace Strong, Journey Watchorn, Eli	Bacon, Madelin Dorcey, Grant Hammer, McKenna Hayes, Matthew Hoesing, Lucas Jones, Kate Lentz, Matthew Martin, Markus McGill, Addie McLaughlin, Lindsay Pick, Faith Rush, George Schram, Mackenzie Stroud, Jackson Swick, Alyssa Taylor, Sam Twohig, Lucas	Antonio, Casandra Arbuthnot, Ayla Arrasmith, Tyler Beach, Sarah Bennett, Bryar Chase, Tommy Crosgrove, Alyssa Fields, Kaden Gallardo, Natalie Graves, Dylan Mellick, Brandon Pick, Hunter Statema, Jacob Strong, Blessing	Bennett, Hunter Brummond, Braealie Eifert, Tristin Fannon, Breanna Gill, Lauryn Groth, Zoey Kreegar, Anika Krusemark, Evy Mitchell, Josh Reid, Josie Salmen, Jacob Schram, Caden Swigart, Jocelynn
10= Boys 8=Girls /18	9= Boys 8=Girls /17	8= Boys 6=Girls /14	5= Boys 8=Girls /13

55 = Boys
56 = Girls
111 Total

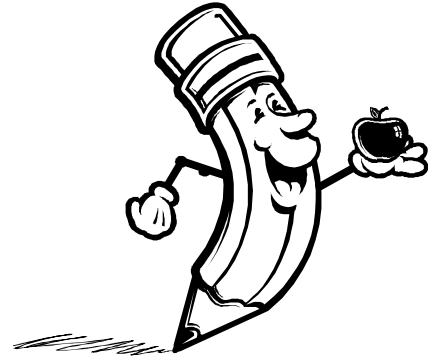
School Supplies

Jr. High/High School

To help with organization skills, we are asking that each 7th grade student have the following items ready for the first day of classes. For the **prong folders**, we ask that students have the **stronger plastic material**, as these folders are used quite often throughout the year. **Notebooks** should be **college-ruled**.

7th graders will need:

- English
 - Green prong folder
 - Green 2 pocket folder
 - 1 Green notebooks (1 subject only)
- Science
 - Red prong folder
 - Red 2 pocket folder
 - Red notebook
- Math
 - Blue prong folder
 - Blue 2 pocket folder
 - Blue notebook
- Social Studies
 - Black 2 pocket folder
 - Black notebook
 - 1" 3 ring binder, any color is acceptable
- Study Skills
 - Large binder (trapper keeper/it is helpful, if it zips) In Study Skills, students will focus on organizational skills immediately. This is a great tool to be a successful student.
- Red pen
- Blue/Black pen
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- Calculator – scientific optional



8th graders will need:

- English
 - Yellow 2 pocket folder
 - Yellow notebook (1 subject only)

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS NEEDED **FOR 7-12 GRADERS**

Math Students in grades 7-12 are asked to bring a scientific calculator capable of fraction conversion to class. 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. At times, students will not be allowed to use them such as when learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. 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.

PHONE CARDS FOR 7-12 STUDENTS

There may be times when a student needs to make a long distance phone call during the school day. Students are encouraged to carry a phone card. If parents prefer, the card can be kept in the high school office. (Please place your name on the card).

CELL PHONE USAGE

Cell phones may be used to call parents provided they are used in the Elementary or High School Office with permission.

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

2010 - 2011 Ponca Public School K-6 Supplies

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

Students at Jackson should also bring: Two containers (35 count or larger) of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes.

KINDERGARTEN: Dickens/Hill

- 1 school box (the smaller size) – please label
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 2 bottles of school glue (no gel glue)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 5 pencils (#2)
- 1 pair of scissors – please label
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 pair of P.E. shoes – please label
- 1 back pack – please label
- 1 resting mat – please label
- 1 paint shirt
- 1 extra outfit in case of accident

FIRST GRADE: Swetnam/Todd

- Facial tissue – 200 count
 - 2 – 24 count colors (no larger)
 - 2 Elmer’s School Glue – 4 oz (white)
 - Scissors (Fiskars are best)
 - School supply box (6 x 9)
 - 2 spiral notebooks /70 pg wide-ruled
 - Old shirt for art
 - 12 pencils & 2 large erasers
 - 8 Glue sticks
 - 2 Folders
 - Colored pencils (12 count)
 - Markers (basic colors)
- Swetnam: 1 box quart sized Zip-loc baggies
Todd: 1 box gallon sized Zip-loc baggies

SECOND GRADE: Hogan

(Put names on all items)

- Crayons-24 count (no larger)
- 2 red ink pens
- 1 large Kleenex box
- 1 bottle white glue
- 3 pocket file folders (blue, yellow, red)
- 2 dry erase markers (blue)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 wooden ruler (inches/centimeter)
- School supply box (8 X 5)
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- Washable markers (12 count)
- Scissors (Fiskars are best)
- 20 #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 BLUE and 1 any color wide ruled spiral notebook (70 page)
- 3 large erasers
- 1 old clean dark sock (for eraser)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 plastic shoebox with lid to hold supplies (approx 12 x 7 x4)

Students at Ponca should also bring: One 8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer and One container (35 count or larger) of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes.

THIRD GRADE: Miller/Wierda

(Put names on all items)

- 1 spiral wide ruled notebook /120 pg.
- 2 spiral wide ruled notebooks /70 pg.
- Eraser
- Markers (basic colors)
- Facial tissue – 200 count
- Scissors (Fiskars)
- Colored Pencils (basic colors)
- Index cards 3x5 (100–not spiral bound–white only)
(NO trapper keepers or 3 ring binders)
- 2 Dry erase markers (blue or black)
- 4 - #2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 2 pocket folders
- Glue Stick
- 1 Black or blue pen
- Crayons – 24 ct.
- Wood ruler (inches/cent.)
- Pencil Box (6 x 9) no larger

FOURTH GRADE: Fields/Stroud

- 3 college rule notebooks/70 pg
- #2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 blue or black ink pen
- 1 wooden ruler (inches/cent.)
- 1 scissors
- 2 boxes Facial tissue – 200 count
- 3x5 note cards (2 pkgs.)
- 4 dry erase marker (blue/black)
- Markers (basic colors)
- 2 pocket folders (1 solid color)
- 1 trapper keeper/hardcover
- 1 red pen
- 1 - 4 oz glue bottle
- Colored pencils (basic colors)
- Pencil box (6x9)
- 1 old sock – dark color
- 1 box crayons – 24 count

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE: Carnell/Stewart/Husen/Papenhausen

- 4 book covers
- 1 box of quart size Zip-loc baggies
- 2 medium glue bottle
- 4 glue sticks
- #2 pencils (mechanical pencils o.k.)
- 1 ruler (inches/centimeter)
- 1 large eraser
- 1 Scissors
- Colored pencils – large packet
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 pkg wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 Facial tissue – 200 count
- 4 pkgs 4 x 6 ruled note cards
- Markers (basic colors)
- 2 notebooks - college ruled/ 70 pg.
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 old sock (dark color)
- 4 dry erase markers (dark colors only)
- 1 – 2” three ring binder or trapper keeper (hardcover)
- 2 pens (red)
- 3 pens (black or blue)

Reminder: ALL students must have gym shoes that can be left at school for P.E. use only.



**STUDENT COUNCIL TO SELL
SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!**



Customized Ponca School assignment notebooks 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! Cost for assignment books will be: Assignment notebooks \$2.00

ATTENTION STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHAT: Organizational Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, August 5th, 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: I.T. Building
AGENDA: Planning School Kick-Off & Preliminary Homecoming ideas

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 21, 2010 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!!



Back to School Band Day Thursday, August 12th 2010

"All activities to be held at the football field"

- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Flags Sectional
- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Percussion Sectional
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Section Leaders Meeting
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Learn Chart for Smooth (Full Band)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the football field) (Provided by the Music Boosters)



Do you need a cause to support? The Ponca School Band Program is always in need of new instruments to update our program. If you wish to support us in the way of a new instrument, please contact Superintendent Thompson or the Ponca Community Educational Foundation. This can also be a gift that is tax deductible. We appreciate your support.



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Please think of Ponca Public School when those early magazine renewal notices start to arrive in the mail! You can renew current subscriptions or buy new and gift subscriptions through our school this fall.

40% of the subscription price stays at our school to fund many needed items and activities throughout the year. If we can count on your support this year, we are sure to have a successful campaign!

Please start reminding your family, friends, and business associates that we would greatly appreciate it if they ordered selections from our school through the upcoming sale or by visiting www.qsp.com today!

- ❖ We encourage you to order online. It is quicker and easier for all those involved. This may be the wave of the future.
- ❖ Encourage your high school student to contact family and friends outside of the local area as soon as possible to support the sale
- ❖ Make sure your high school student is registered at QSP to take credit for the internet sales as they count double towards prizes
- ❖ When the sale begins please ignore the \$2.00 processing fee on the blue order form. It is being waved. Do not cross it off as that will cause problems in scanning the order. Simply ignore the fee. If you include the fee it will be considered a donation to the school organization.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



You can get an early start on our annual magazine sale by logging onto www.qsp.com

Our school code is:
425004576

Our Magazine Campaign
will take place:
Approx. September 2

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Parents & Guardians

- Does your child have adequate insurance?
- Do you have a deductible or co-pay with your current coverage?
- Protect your child with one of our affordable plans designed to meet your needs.



STUDENT
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INCORPORATED

1-800-328-2739
www.sas-mn.com

Forms available in
Ponca Superintendent's Office



Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration For the 2010 - 2011 School Year

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of August 4-6. 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: Wednesday, August 4
Juniors: Thursday, August 5
Sophomores: Friday, August 6

Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 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 & 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 \$84.25 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.**

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.

Ponca Public School

Ponca Public School / 3rd Grade – 12th Grade

505 3rd Street, Box 568

Ponca, NE 68770

(402)755-5700 (402)755-5773 (Fax)

Michelle Rinas, High School Principal (402)755-5701

www.poncaschool.org

William F. Thompson, Superintendent

Jackson Elementary / Preschool – 2nd Grade

223 North John Street, Box 67

Jackson, NE 68743

(402)632-4276 (402)632-5014 (Fax)

Robert Hayes, Principal

July 25, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you about new guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students and staff. The federal government, which requires all states to collect the information, has developed a new way to report ethnicity and race that includes new categories.

The federal government has developed these new categories in order to provide a more accurate picture of the nation's ethnic and racial diversity. This will enable individuals to be identified in ethnic and racial classifications and in more than one racial category. In the past, forms allowed individuals to be identified in only one racial category. Beginning in the fall 2010, we will ask every family to complete a brief form to update information on their children's ethnicity and race. The collection of data from staff is also being collected.

The data with the new ethnicity and race categories will be used in the same manner that such information is currently used. For example, the federal government uses racial and ethnic data in reporting and analyzing test results, such as the Nebraska Assessment and the High School Assessments. The new categories will replace all existing categories for use in state and federal data collections that include data on ethnicity or race.

The two-part question will look like this:

Part A. Is this student (or Are you) Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one)

No, no Hispanic/Latino

Yes, Hispanic/Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)

The above part of the question is about ethnicity, not race. No matter what you selected above, **please continue to answer the following** by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider your student's (or you) race to be.

Part B. What is the student's (or your) race? (Choose one or more)

_____ (AM) **American Indian or Alaska Native** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), **and** who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)

_____ (AS) **Asian** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)

_____ (BL) **Black or African American** (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)

_____ (PI) **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)

_____ (WH) **White** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at (402)755-5725 or email me at khayes@esu1.org. Data will be collected at the back to school night. Please take the time to fill out the student information forms that evening. The data has to be entered into powerschool and reports created for the Nebraska State Department of Education by September 30, 2010.


Thanks in advance for all your help in keeping all your students' information up to date.

Parent/Guardian Access to PowerSchool

Create Your Single login for families

With single sign-on access parents/guardians can now have their own individual parent/guardian account, including user name and password that will give them access to all their children in the Ponca School District.

To get started, you must go to the Powerschool Parent Portal from the Ponca School Website

www.poncaschool.org Click on the button . Do not login--click on the blue Create Account button. You must fill in the following information.

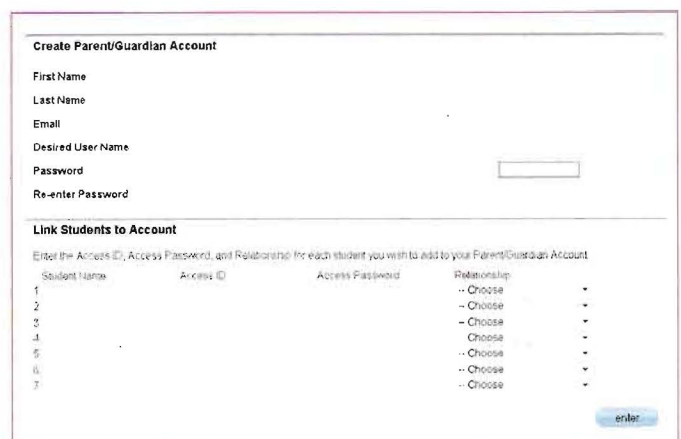
1. Enter your first name.
2. Enter your last name.
3. Enter your email address.
4. User name you want to use when logging into powerschool
5. A password you want to use (must be at least 6 characters long)
6. Re-enter the password

To link students to your account

1. Enter the first and last name of the student you want to add to your account (regardless of the name you enter, the system will populate the name based on the access ID and password for the student).
2. Enter the unique access ID for the student (will be given out parent night—will also be on high school student schedules)
3. Enter the unique access password for the student (will be given out parent night—will also be on high school student schedules)
4. Indicate how you are related to the student by choosing the appropriate association from the pop-up menu.
5. Click Enter---The login page appears.

Parent Portal

1. Main Menu: Grades and Attendance, teacher comments, school daily bulletins, lunch balance, add student to your parent/guardian account
2. Student tabs: The first names of the students associated to your parent/guardian account appear in alphanbetical order. Click the name of the student for whom you want to view information.
3. Your name: the first and last name of the person logged in. Your name should appear, if it does not contact Kristie Hayes our PowerSchool Administrator.
4. Login: In an effort to ensure that your account is secure and your information protected, the date and time of the last time you logged in appears next to your name. If you hover over the date and time, you can view how your last session ended by logging out, timing out, or logging off due to multiple concurrent logins. You will not see how your last session ended, ilf it ended for any other reason, such as a server rest.
5. Printer icon: Click to print a printer friendly version of the page your are viewing
6. Help icon: Click to view page-specific online help.
7. Logout: make sure to click logout of the parent portal.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create Parent/Guardian Account". It contains several input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Email", "Desired User Name", "Password", and "Re-enter Password". Below these fields is a section titled "Link Students to Account" with the instruction "Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent/Guardian Account". This section contains a table with columns for "Student Name", "Access ID", "Access Password", and "Relationship". There are seven rows, each with a "1" through "7" in the "Student Name" column and "-- Choose" in the "Relationship" column. A blue "enter" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Student Name	Access ID	Access Password	Relationship
1			-- Choose
2			-- Choose
3			-- Choose
4			-- Choose
5			-- Choose
6			-- Choose
7			-- Choose

Part 1: Children in School (Must fill out a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all Children in School (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Name of School	Grade

Part 1a: SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR:
 (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4.

Part 2: Foster Child/Institutionalized Child

Check this box if application is for a foster child or a child who is residing in an institution. List the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____. If there is no income, record "0". Skip to Part 4.

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income - You must tell us how much and how often.

1. Name List everyone in household <u>and</u> the income each earns <u>or</u> check the box at the right if they have no income	2. Gross Income and how often it was received								3. Check if NO income	
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		All Other Income (Self Employment)			
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Part 4: Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his/her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on page 2)
I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip _____ Phone Number: _____
 Social Security Number: _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Part 5: Children's Racial and Ethnic identities (optional)

Mark one Ethnic Identity: -- and -- Mark one or more Racial Identities:

Hispanic or Latino Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Not Hispanic or Latino White American Indian or Alaska Native

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52; Every 2 Weeks X 26; Twice a Month X 24; Monthly X 12

Total Household Size _____ Free Temporary Approval for Zero Income Until: _____
 Total Income \$ _____ per _____ Reduced
 Year Month 2 X Mo. Every 2 Wks Week Results of Follow-up (45 days or less): _____
 SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)/FDPIR/TANF Denied Reason for Denial: _____ Follow-up Signature _____ Date: _____
 Foster/Institutionalized Child Income too high Incomplete App. Date Withdrawn from School: _____
 Signature of Determining Official _____ Date Approved: _____
 Signature of Confirming Official (Verification only) _____ Date Confirmed: _____

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Ponca Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs are \$2.35/\$2.60. 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 18, in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

Frequently asked questions and answers:

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. Bill Thompson, Ponca Public School, P O Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770.

2. Who can get free meals?

Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program), or getting TANF, and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free 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 402-755-5700 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 402-755-5700, if you have questions.

6. I receive 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 receiving SNAP, 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, Board President 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 **402-755-5700**.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 402-755-5700.

Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 402-755-5700.

Sincerely,
William F. Thompson, Superintendent

Instructions for Completing the Free and Reduced Priced School Meals Application

If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP), formerly FOOD STAMP Program, or receives TANF, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List child(ren)'s name, school, and grade
- Part 1a:** Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD or an institutionalized child, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** Use a separate application for each foster or institutionalized child. List the child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 1a:** Skip this part.
- Part 2:** Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income or zero if none.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, school and grade.
- Part 1a:** Skip this part.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
 - Column 1–Name:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.
 - Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received.** Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work*: List the **gross income** each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income*: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column) and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.
 - Column 3–Check if no income:** If the person does not have any income, check the box.
- Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

**Your Ponca Indians Cheerleaders
are at it again!!!**

Driveway Paintings!

Please allow us to decorate your driveway or sidewalk to show your Ponca pride! We will be offering vertical & horizontal paintings. We can also refresh an old painting! New paintings are \$10. A refresh is only \$5! Please fill out the form & return with payment to Mrs. Hartman. Please include directions if your house is not easily located. Orders are due by Monday, September 20 and paintings will be done Saturday, September 25.

Thank you for continued support!!!!

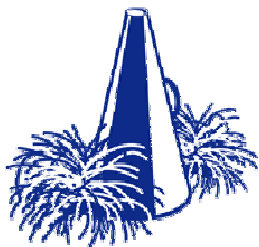
Make checks payable to: Ponca Public School

Send to: P O Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770 ATTN: Jennifer Hartman

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____

(Directions, if needed: _____



___ **Horizontal**

___ **Vertical**

___ **Driveway**

___ **Sidewalk**

___ **New Painting \$10.00**

___ **Refresh Painting \$5.00**



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 at 755-5700.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, if there has been any change in your address or phone numbers over the summer.

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 3rd - 12th Grade Lunch Menu

August 2010

Milk Served with Every Meal		18 Burrito Potato Rounds Lettuce Salad Pineapple	19 Mini Corn Dogs Smiley Fries Green Beans Peaches	20 Ham Sandwich Chips Cole Slaw Pears
23 Chicken Fajita Lettuce/Cheese Tri-Tater Rasp. Applesauce	24 Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce Peas Fruit Cocktail Garlic Sticks	25 Deli Turkey Sandwich Mac & Cheese Corn Apple	26 Pork Fritter Mashed Pototo/Gravy Green Beans Pears Roll and Butter	27 Super Nacho Lettuce/ Cheese Pineapple Krispy Bar
30 Shredded Pork Sand. Scalloped Potato Corn Peaches	31 Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potato Green Beans Cinnamon Applesauce Roll and Butter			

Hot Lunch Accounts

Lunch accounts will be set up as individual accounts, just like last year. If a **family** owes a total of \$100, we will not serve a hot lunch to the students. Students will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich until the account is paid.

Families are encouraged to review the free and reduced application that is enclosed in this newsletter.

Just a reminder: You are able to log on PowerSchool and check your child's lunch account balance at any time. If you have lost your parent ID and password, please call the school, and we can easily give it to you again.

Ponca School Lunch Prices 2010-2011

Students Full Lunch

K-6.....	\$2.35
7-12.....	\$2.60
Milk (K-12).....	\$.30

Students Seconds

Main dish.....	\$ 1.00
Fries, etc	\$.50
Cookies, cake.....	\$.50
Ice Cream.....	\$ 1.00





Adults

Singles Meal/Salad.....	\$3.60
Single Serving.....	\$ 1.25
Single Milk	\$.30

**New
Lunch
Prices!**

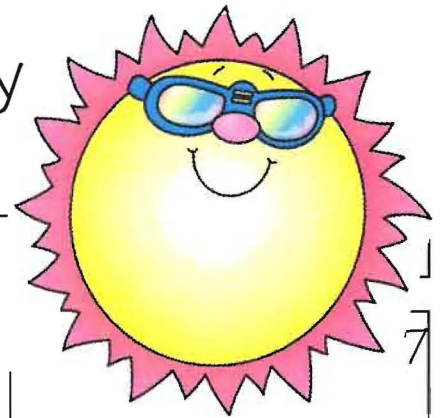
August 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Fall Registration Seniors 8-12, 1-4 Freshman/Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 Fall Registration Juniors 8-12, 1-4 Student Council Kick-off Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Fall Registration Sophomores 8-12, 1-4	7 
SUMMER SCHOOL AUGUST 2ND THROUGH 6TH						
8	9 FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTS	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16 VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE STARTS School Board Meeting 7:30 Faculty In-Service	17 Elementary Parents' Night Jackson 6-7:30 Ponca 7-8:30	18 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! (HEAT SCHEDULE) Music Booster Meeting 6 p.m.	19	20 Football Scrimmage 7:00 p.m.	21 Buddy Party 3:00 to 5:30
22	23 Community Club/ School Faculty & Staff Picnic 6:00 p.m. Highland Oaks	24 7-12 Parents' Night 7:00 p.m.	25 L & C CONFERENCE MEETING	26 VB Scrimmage 7:00 p.m.	27 FB—Lutheran High NE @ Home Jr. Hi Band at 1/2 Time	28 
29	30	31 	September 2010		3 Hearing Screening Ponca A.M. FB-@Neligh- Oakdale 7:00 p.m. HEAT SCHEDULE ENDS	4 JV VB @ Emerson Triangular 9:00 a.m. FR-VB @ Emerson Triangular 9:00 a.m.
5	6 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	7 VB @ Randolph FR—5:30 JV—6:30 V—7:45	8	9 VB @ Bancroft- Rosalie FR—5:30 JV—6:30 V—7:45	10 FB—BYE WEEK	11 9-11 Decorating 8:00 Coronation JV FB @ ELK POINT JEFFERSON 11:00 A.M. FR VB @ Osmond/ Randolph Inv. 8:30

Jackson Elementary

August 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	1	7
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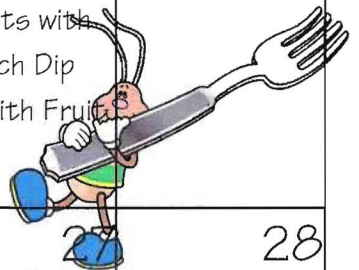


PARENT NIGHT
6:00 - 7:30

Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Roll with Butter
Watermelon

Hot Dog
French Fries
Peaches

Pizza
Carrots with Ranch Dip
Jello with Fruit



Cheeseburger
Curly Fries
Banana

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Lettuce with Ranch Dressing
Breadstick
Orange Slices

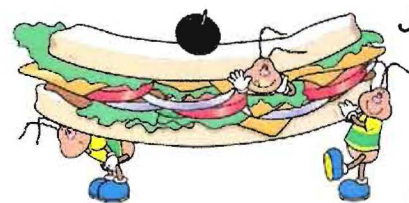
Taco In A Bag
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Cheddar Cheese
Pineapple

Mac & Cheese
Pears
Watermelon

French Toast
Sausage
Tri-Taters
Peaches
Orange Juice

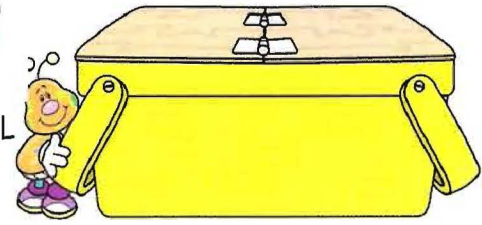
Fajitas
Tater Tots
Chips & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato Salad

Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Apple



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 18TH

HEAT SCHEDULE AT
JACKSON ELEMENTARY
8:20 TO 1:40



PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - CALENDAR FOR 2010 - 2011

Student Classroom Days:

First Semester 86
 Second Semester 92
TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS - 178

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Start
- Quarter
- End
- Holidays
- Vacation Days

HOLIDAYS:

- Labor Day (9/6)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/25)
- Christmas Day (12/25)
- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Martin Luther King Day (1/17)
- President's Day (2/21)
- Easter Sunday (4/24)
- Memorial Day (5/30)

1,032 = K-6 Hours Req.
 1,080 = 7-12 Hours Req.

178 Days = 1,201.5 Hours

**Calendar Subject to
 Change due to School
 Cancellation Events.**

August					Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F	
9	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	3
23	24	25	26	27	5
30	31				2
September					
		1	2	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	4
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	5
27	28	29	30		4
October					
				1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	5
18	19	20	21	22	4
25	26	27	28	29	5
November					
1	2	3	4	5	5
8	9	10	11	12	5
15	16	17	18	19	5
22	23	24	25	26	2
29	30				2
December					
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6	7	8	9	10	5
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	3
27	28	29	30	31	
January					
3	4	5	6	7	4
10	11	12	13	14	5
17	18	19	20	21	5
24	25	26	27	28	4
31					1
February					
	1	2	3	4	4
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	5
21	22	23	24	25	4
28					1
March					
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21	22	23	24	25	5
28	29	30	31		4
April					
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18	19	20	21	22	4
25	26	27	28	29	4
May					
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	3
23	24	25	26	27	
30	31				

178 Day Student Calendar

Date	Events
Aug. 16-17	Faculty In-Service
Aug. 17	Parent Night Jackson: 6:00 – 7:30 Ponca: 7:00 – 8:30
Aug. 18	First Day of School/1 st Semester
Aug. 18	Heat Schedule Begins
Sept. 3	Heat Schedule Ends
Sept 6	Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 28	Grades 3-12 Parent-Teacher Conf. 1:30 Dismissal
Oct 15	End 1 st Qtr. (42 days)
Oct. 22	No School – Staff Development
Nov. 4	Grades K-2 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00 – 8:00
Nov. 24-26	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 22	End of 2 nd Qtr. (44 Days)
Dec. 22	End of 1 st Sem. (86 Days)
Dec. 23-31	No school – Winter Break
Dec. 25	No School - Christmas
Jan 1	No School - New Year's Day
Jan. 3	No School – Staff Development
Jan. 4	Start 2 nd Semester/3 rd Quarter
Jan. 24	No School
Feb. 21	No School
March 9	End 3 rd Qtr. (46 days)
March 11	Two (2) Hour Late Start - Staff Development
March 17	K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 8:00. Dismiss at 1:30.
March 18	No School – Comp Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 22	No School - Good Friday
April 25	No School – Spring Break
May 13	Graduation
May 18	Last Day: End 4 th Qtr. (46 days)
May 18	Last Day: End 2 nd Semester (92 days)
May 19-20	Faculty In-Service
May 30	Memorial Day (No School)

Ponca Athletic Boosters



**Pay dues at our September Tailgates
or mail to P.O. Box 63, Ponca, NE 68770**
\$20.00 Couple
\$15.00 Single

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Ponca, Nebraska 68770

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**Free and Reduced
Hot Lunch
Application Enclosed**

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AUGUST 2010

