

August 2011

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

The first day of school: Wednesday, August 17th

We welcome all of our students and patrons “back to school” for an expected great school year. With a new high school and the entire school district completely air conditioned, our students and staff should be excited to start the new school year. I am eager to observe the positive leadership of our high school students to be represented to our entire school community. As the new Superintendent of Ponca Public Schools, I am thoroughly looking forward to the new opportunity.

On the first day of school, August 17th, we will have many activities to welcome the students back to school. At approximately 8:30 am, we plan to take a school photograph that will include all students, teachers, and staff. Plans are presently being made to organize the approximate 500 students and staff for the picture. More activities are also being planned for the morning to celebrate the start of the school year with a new high school building. We believe the start of the 2011-2012 school year is a great event that the patrons of the Ponca School District have made possible with their tax dollars. Thank you for giving the students a beautiful school which will encourage a stronger and comfortable learning environment. Reminder: school is dismissed at 2:00 on the first day of school.

Throughout the school year, please check on your **LUNCH FUND BALANCE** with Patti in Ponca at 402-755-5700 or Sue in Jackson at 402-632-4276. I realize that your lunch bill is additional expenses for families, yet, do not allow your bill to get out-of-hand.

PLEASE APPLY...You may qualify for free and reduced lunches. This would help your family budget plus help the school district receive additional funding to help ALL of our district. Applications are included in this newsletter and are also available on our website under the “Parent Information” tab. If you have any questions concerning the application, please call Patti, Sue, or Ms. Reznicek to receive help in filling out the application.

With a specified amount of free or reduce priced lunch applications, the school may be able to receive the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant. This grant allows the school to serve a fresh fruit or vegetable during the afternoon to the students. There are also more grants and/or funding that the school can receive with additional free or reduce priced lunch applications.

If you qualify for free or reduce priced meals, your children may 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 the following number toll free 877-632-5437.

Remember, NO SCHOOL on LABOR DAY, Monday, September 5th.

Best wishes for a great school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the administrators and teachers at Ponca Public Schools if you have any questions or concerns. Let's have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Joan M. Reznicek
Superintendent of Schools

Parent Notification of Teacher Qualifications:

This notification, provided by the Ponca Public School District, will give parents the following information about their child's classroom teacher (s):

- Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher.

You may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree. Also, upon request, information can be provided whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional. The District will provide the requested information in a timely manner.

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 toll free (866)632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339 or (800)845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

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.



PONCA SCHOOL BUS RIDER RULES

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

General Conduct Rules:

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

Riding Privileges Revoked Immediately:

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

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

If your child will not be riding the bus, as a courtesy to the bus driver and the school district please call your bus driver.

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

SHUTTLE BUS TO JACKSON ELEMENTARY – Ponca Public Schools will again operate a special shuttle bus route to Jackson Elementary School for students from the town of Ponca and for rural students who are transported to Ponca by means of a regular bus route. This shuttle bus will leave from Ponca Elementary for Jackson Elementary after the rural route buses have completed their morning route. The shuttle bus is scheduled to leave Ponca for Jackson at **8:00am sharp!**

BUS #00 – will serve as the shuttle bus and will be located on the **SOUTH** side of the high school building. Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students who will be attending Jackson Elementary will need to be on the bus by **8:00am**.

At 3:10pm, the shuttle bus will leave Jackson Elementary and return students to Ponca in time for their rural route bus departure. Ponca Public Schools will have additional personnel available to help facilitate a smooth transition for students. District personnel will be on the morning and afternoon shuttle routes in order to supervise students.

JACKSON STUDENTS – Students within the village of Jackson should meet their bus at Jackson Elementary. Jackson Elementary will be the **only** pick-up and drop-off point in Jackson.

RURAL BUS ROUTES – Rural students are transported to their attendance center through the District's normal regular route system. The District has seen an increase in the number of students who need bus service. In order to comply with bus capacity and riding time constraints, the District is still working to develop these routes and pick-up times for the 2011-2012 school year. **During the week of August 1st – 5th, the bus drivers will be contacting families along their routes to notify of pick-up times.** Some routes for the 2011-2012 school year will change from the school year. It is no guarantee that students will be riding the same bus as last year or that pick-up times will be the same. We ask for your patience as these routes are developed and times become consistent during the start of the school year.

FAMILIES NEW TO PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Kindergarten parents needing regular route transportation and families who have moved to different addresses are encouraged to call the Superintendent's Office at 402-755-5700 for bus route information and/or approximate morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times.

The drop-off point for all elementary students riding the bus will be on the NORTH side of the Ponca Elementary School. All Ponca Elementary students will enter the Ponca Elementary building through the NORTH doors of the High School.

Junior High and High School students riding the bus will be dropped off on the SOUTH side of the High School. All Ponca Jr. High and High School students will enter Ponca High School through the SOUTH doors of the High School.



Information From Ms. Rinas

We ended the 2010-11 school year on the move! Students and staff worked together moving the contents of our now demolished 1917 building into our new 2011 building. We begin our new school year on the move. . . moving into our new schedule of classes, our new activities and our new friendships.

This school year may prove to be the most challenging of the construction process as we wait for the completion of the fine arts area and the gymnasium. There will be times when we will not be able to park or walk where we want and we will definitely feel the effects of having only one gym for a period of time. We will also face the challenges of figuring out how to best operate in our new facility. One of the challenges, however, we will not face as we begin our new school year is heat!

The main entrance to the school will now be through the south doors of the newly constructed area. Upon entering the building, visitors are asked to check into the secondary office and then will proceed to the area of the school they wish to visit. All students in grades 7-12 will also enter the school through these doors and turn left to the secondary area.

Secondary students will find our new building to be more secure than our old building. Students in grades 7-12 will now have locks on their book lockers. There also are security cameras throughout the secondary hallways as well as near school exits.

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 24, 2011, 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 24, 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.

"Parent's Back to School Night" for high school parents is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and experience our new learning environment. Just think there will be no steps and no heat to battle this year! Each teacher will present a brief summary of the class, grading procedures, and expectations as well as answer questions you may have. Parents of 7-12 students please report to the commons area 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 8:38 P.M. We look forward to visiting with you on August 23!

Beginning a new school year is always exciting, but beginning the 2011-12 school year will be especially exciting as students and staff experience and enjoy our new 7-12 academic building. Thank-you to our district patrons, School Board, staff and students for making August 17, 2011 a historic first day of school and 2011-12 an exceptional school year!

Jackson Elementary News

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. On behalf of the elementary staff welcome back!! We are excited to get the school year rolling. There are a number of changes at the elementary this year. Many teachers have changed rooms or are teaching a different grade level. 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 north door of the **new** building. The buses will drop off elementary students on the north side of the building in the morning. The shuttle bus will load on the north side of the elementary building in the morning and leave at 8:00am sharp.

After school at Ponca the shuttle will drop off students on the north side of the elementary building. The bus route students will be dropped off on the south side of the new high school building. Students being pick-up will be dismissed through the north door of the building and picked up on the north side of the elementary building (2nd street).

At Jackson students will enter through the south doors (the playground door). 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 16th**. The schedule for **Jackson Elementary is from 6:00 to 7:00**, while **Ponca Elementary is 7:00 to 8:00**. 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.

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 student section of the Board policy handbook. Please take time to read the handbook with your child to become familiar with Ponca/ Jackson rules and procedures. Parents will be asked to sign a signature page at the back of the handbook and return it to school verifying they have read the handbook.

Welcome back!!!

Mr. Bob Hayes, Elementary Principal

**JACKSON ELEMENTARY
2010/2011**

Preschool Mon/Wed Mrs. Schram	Preschool T/Th Mrs. Schram	Kindergarten Mrs. Curry	Kindergarten Mrs. Todd
Zyan Conrad Brock Hansen Tucker McGill Connor Schamp Brailyn Yellowbank Joe Saltzman	Joseph Crawford Preston Davis Gage Fowler Isabella Eifert EllaRay Nelson Danika Touney Emma Uthof Ava Voss	Charles Egdorf Abigail Fernau Taylor Fleury Grace Hansen Alix Hughes Dylan Kastning Zoe Kastning Dalton Lamprecht Josilyn Martin Katy Mitchell Andrew Pinkelman Cody Rohan Aidan Slaughter Grant Sprakel Zain Stark Brody Taylor Noah Watchorn	Andrew Brinkmann Miguel Balvantin Bella Brummond Brady Carnell Ethan Eifert Kaylie Heiner Peighton James Jaden Kay Lily Korth Gus Laible Brooklynn Lowe Isabella Mellick Oliver Persinger Tia Pick Guy Severeide Cade Statema Luke Zimmerman
5 boys/1 girls	3 boys/5 girls	10 boys/7 girls	10 boys/7 girls
6	8	17	17

1st Grade Mrs. Hill	1st Grade Mrs. Swetnam	2nd Grade Mrs. Sprakel	2nd Grade Mr. Starkweather
Claire Burrell Kemper Carlson Gracen Evans Cole Jackson Ashlyn Kingsbury Kiley Laible Julia McKinney Tierney Peterson Alexondra Rohde Marianna Romero Alyssa Schamp Ryan Slaughter Weston Solomon Merissa Twohig	Trevor Arrasmith Landon Atchison Sydney Baker Nate Coffman Lorelai DeRoin Briena Gallardo Emily Guy Evan Keller Kyler Mahler Ellie McAfee Jill McClure Katie Jo Utech Brooklyn Voss Natalie Willers	Gracey Anderson Owen Anthony Conner Bromander Brynn Chicoine Jarrett Denker Jana Fontenot McKenna Hammer Matthew Hayes Lucas Hoelsing Josi Holgate Chase Kastning Matt Logue Markus Martin Lindsay McLaughlin Eli Persinger Gage Rogers Grace Rooney Alyssa Swick Samuel Taylor	Madelin Bacon Emma Berg Aidan Cook Grant Dorcey Zachary Fernau Ethan Goodier Taylor Korth Matthew Lentz Addie McGill Mary Niemeier Jaci Peterson Faith Pick George Rush Mackenzie Schram Journey Strong Jackson Stroud Lucas Twohig Eli Watchorn
4 boys/10 girls	5 boys/9 girls	11 boys/8 girls	10 boys/8 girls
14	14	19	18

14 Pre-K Students
99 Students Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
113 Students Pre-K through 2nd Grade

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

2011 - 2012 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: Curry/Todd

- 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
- 1 box Ziploc baggies (any size)

FIRST GRADE: Hill/Swetnam

- 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: 25 cheap paper plates (not Styrofoam)
Todd: Ziploc sandwich baggies – one box

SECOND GRADE: Starkweather/Sprakel

(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)
- 3 dry erase markers (blue)
- 4 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 container (35 count or larger) of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes.

THIRD GRADE:Papenhausen/Wierda

(Put names on all items)

- 1 spiral wide ruled notebook /120 pg.
- 2 spiral wide ruled notebooks /70 pg.
- Eraser (large)
- Markers (basic colors)
- 2 boxes facial tissue – 200 count
- Scissors (Fiskars)
- Colored Pencils (basic colors)
- Lined index cards 3x5 (100–not spiral bound–white only)
(NO trapper keepers or 3 ring binders)
- 4 - #2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 3 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

- 4 college rule notebooks/70 pg
- #2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 blue or black ink pen
- 1 wooden ruler (inches/cm.)
- 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
- 1 large eraser

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

- 4 book covers 9 (jumbo size)
- 1 box of quart size Zip-loc baggies
- 1 medium glue bottle
- 3 glue sticks (large)
- #2 pencils (mechanical pencils o.k.)
- 1 ruler (inches/centimeter)
- 1 large eraser
- 1 Scissors
- Colored pencils – large packet
- 2 Highlighters
- 4 pkg wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 Facial tissue – 200 count
- 1 pkg 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.

ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT

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



Tuesday, August 16th
6:00 – 7:00 in Jackson
7:00 – 8:00 in Ponca

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

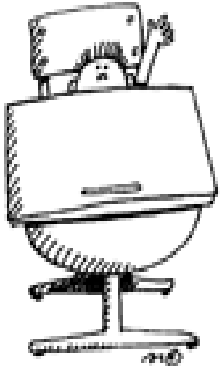
Kindergarten Parents:

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 16th. Students and Parents will be assigned a time slot when they will have an opportunity to see the room, find their locker and put supplies away. Kindergarten parents will receive a letter from the teachers notifying them of the assigned time to visit your child's teacher and classroom.

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 Elementary
Class Assignments
2011-2012**

Third Grade Mr. Papenhausen	Class of 2021	Third Grade Ms. Wierda	Fourth Grade Mrs. Fields	Class of 2020	Fourth Grade Mr. Stroud
Antonio, Casandra Arbuthnot, Ayla Atchison, Logan Beach, Sarah Brummond, Braelie Fannon, Breanna Graves, Dylan Groth, Zoey Mellick, Brandon Mitchell, Josh Pick, Hunter Reid, Josie Schram, Caden Salmen, Jacob Strong, Blessing		Arrasmith, Tyler Bennett, Bryar Bennett, Hunter Chase, Thomas Crosgrove, Alyssa Eifert, Tristin Fields, Kaden Fontenot, Ava Gallardo, Natalie Gill, Lauryn Graves, Jocelynn Kreegar, Anika Krusemark, Evy Statema, Jacob	Bauman, Nathan Beckner, Carson Dorcey, Grace Gill, Breanna Janssen, Katelyn Keller, Meg Kratke, Dana Lamprecht, Jordan Leeker, Brayden Masin, Paul McClure, Joshua McCoy, Bailey Nelson, Makayla Purucker, Shawn Stroud, Mia Touney, Dalton		DeRoin, Alivia James, Garrett Kingsbury, Carter Kneifl, Brandon Kunkel, Shellby McGill, Maggie Nelson, Morgan Peterson, Jordan Peterson, Teyden Solomon, Brooke Solomon, Hailey Sullivan, Alec Voss, Brock Voss, Gracie Watchorn, Evan Wiig, Daityn
7= Boys 8=Girls /15		7= Boys 7=Girls /14	7= Boys 8=Girls /16		8=Boys 8=Girls /16
Fifth Grade Mrs. Carnell	Class of 2019	Fifth Grade Mrs. Stewart	Sixth Grade Mrs. Husen	Class of 2018	Sixth Grade Mrs. Miller
Anderson, Evan Anderson, Garrett Anderson, Joel Bacon, Brooklyn Beach, Kaitlyn Eifert, Olivia Ellis, Chris Hoesing, Claire Huls, Tosha Logue, Michael Martin, Cody McGill, Gage Meister, Katie Reid, Jayde Salmen, Grace Stroud, Michael Swick, Morgan		Baker, Dane Fethkenher, Kortney Franke, D.J. Hamar, Kelsey Hughes, Sydney Kastning, Katy Kreegar, Noma Krueger, Kelby Lamprecht, Taylor Merial, Adam Mitchell, Toby Richards, Cole Rush, Logan Tangeman, Graci Watchorn, Colson Webb, Emma Zimmerman, Hailey	Beach, Emma Berg, Isaac Brentlinger, Casey Brockhaus, Jacob Fields, Kelsey Gallardo, Alexis Gill, Elexia Hegge, Michael Kingsbury, Logan Krohn, Levi Lieber, Steven Maise, Braeden Messlerlie, Walter Nelson, Zach Persinger, Emily Schroeder, Stockton Schweers, Abby VanDyke, Alexa Watchorn, Joel		Akbar, Tejaun Albrecht, Joe Anderson, Jacob Atchison, Karianne Brickett, Sam Cook, Cullen Criddle, Kristie Crosgrove, Mackenzie Groth, Alexis Huls, Dylan Kramper, Sophie Krusemark, Colton Masin, Max Mellick, Carin Perales, Elija Schweers, Hudson Statema, Zach Volkert, Hunter Zimmerman, Samantha
9=Boys 8=Girls / 17		7=Boys 10=Girls / 17	12=Boys 6 =Girls / 18		12=Boys 6 =Girls / 18

**69= Boys
61 = Girls
130 Total**

COULD THIS BE YOU?

We hope so!!!

- ✓ ***Are you an adult in our community who thinks young people are fun to be around?***
- ✓ ***Do you enjoy math and science classes?***
- ✓ ***Would you have a little time each week that you could share with student(s)?***
- ✓ ***Could you spend time assisting 7-12 grade students with math and science homework by answering their questions?***

If so, we need you! Ponca School wants to build a "tutor program", especially in the areas of math and science, for our secondary students. Mentoring young people regarding study habits is important, energizing, and rewarding. A bonus to this volunteer activity is that you would be working in a beautiful environment in our new school!

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.*

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





**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 \$3.00

ATTENTION STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHAT: Organizational Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, August 4th, 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 20, 2011 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 \$5.00 to help cover costs of the fun. Be sure to mark your calendars! See you then!!



Back to School Band Night Thursday, August 11th 2011

"All activities to be held at the football field"

Please bring your instrument!!!!!!

- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Flags Sectional
- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Percussion Sectional
- 5:30 -5:45 p.m. Section Leaders Meeting
- 5:45- 6:45 p.m. Learn Chart for Holiday (Full Band)



6:45

Supper 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 Ponca Public School or the Ponca Community Educational Foundation. This can also be a gift that is tax deductible. We appreciate your support.



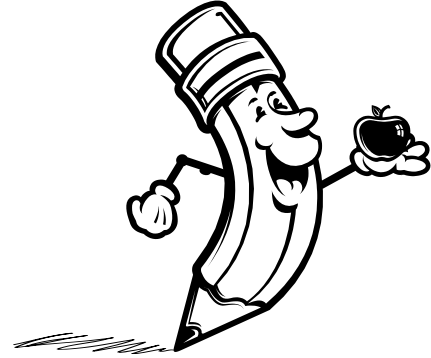
School Supplies

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. **Notebooks** should be **college-ruled**.

7th graders will need:

- English
 - Green 2 pocket folder
 - 1 Green notebook
- 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
 - 5 subject notebook
- 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
 - Red pen
 - Blue/Black pen
 - Pencils

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

Math Students in grades 7-12 are asked to bring a two-line 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 two-line 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. Two-line 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.



Will Your Child Be Able To Start School This Fall??

Nebraska law requires that all students in Nebraska schools, grades K-12 have 2 varicella vaccines or written proof of the chicken pox disease prior to starting school in Aug 2011.

Kindergarteners must have a physical, eye exam, and kindergarten shots (including the 2 doses of varicella) prior to the first day of school.

7th graders must have a physical, tetanus booster and 2 doses of varicella or written proof of the disease, prior to the first day of school.

If your child does not meet the state required items listed above, they will be sent home the first day of school. They will not be able to return to school until we receive the state required items. Please schedule your appointments as soon as possible.

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.

Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration For the 2011 - 2012 School Year

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of August 1-3. Every 10-12 grader will need to stop by the elementary library between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 (Noon) or 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the day which has been set aside for his/her class to check final schedules. If there are conflicts or questions concerning a student's schedule, changes will be made at that time. Registration dates are as follows:

Seniors: Monday, August 1
Juniors: Tuesday, August 2
Sophomores: Wednesday, August 3

Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Ponca High School Commons. Ms. Rinas and Mrs. Hassler will host this meeting designed to orient 9th graders and their parents on high school requirements and class scheduling.

Special Note To Juniors and Seniors:

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

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

Cost for the college credit classes is \$88.50 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 as books need to be ordered for the start of classes. Checks or money orders should be paid to the order of Northeast Community College. No cash will be accepted for class payment.

Ponca Athletic Boosters



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\$20.00 Couple \$15.00 Single

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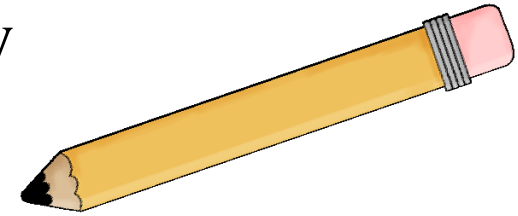
AUGUST 2011






**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

Jackson Elementary August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	
14	15	16	17 Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Peas Watermelon	18 Pizza Carrots with Ranch Dip Fruit Salad	19 Cheeseburger French Fries Peaches	<p>Learning is fun!</p>
21 	22 Breaded Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Roll with Butter Orange Slices	23 Turkey & Cheese Rollup Lettuce Salad Applesauce	24 Omelet Cinnamon Roll Tri-Tater Orange Juice	25 Lasagna Green Beans Roll with Butter Banana	26 Dog on a Log Curly Fries Watermelon	
28	29 Loosemeat Sandwich Chips Cantaloupe Grapes	30 Soft Shell Taco Lettuce with Ranch Peaches	31 Chicken A La King Green Beans Pears	<p>Favorite things about school LUNCH AND RECESS</p>		

Ponca 3rd - 12th Grade Lunch Menu

August 2011

Milk Served with Every Meal		17 Burrito Lettuce Salad Cinnamon Applesauce Krispy Bar	18 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Roll	19 Mini Corn Dogs Nachos/Cheese Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail
22 Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Pineapple Roll	23 Tavern Cheesy Potato Corn Pears	24 Goulash Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Garlic Sticks	25 Deli Turkey Sandwich Scalloped Potato Cole Slaw Peaches	26 Chicken Fajita Lettuce/ Cheese Potato Rounds Raspberry Applesauce
29 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Pears Roll	30 Hamburger/Bun Potato Cubes Corn Orange	31 Chicken and Noodles Peas Pineapple Roll		

Hot Lunch Accounts

Lunch accounts will be set up as individual accounts, just like last year.

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.

**New
Lunch
Prices!**

Ponca School Lunch Prices 2011-2012

Students Full Lunch

PreK-6.....	\$2.50
7-12.....	\$2.75
Milk (K-12).....	\$.30

Students Seconds

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

Adults

Singles Meal/Salad.....	\$3.75
Single Serving.....	\$ 1.25
Single Milk	\$.30

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – School Calendar for 2011-12

Start - Finish
(August 17 – May 16)

Summary of Calendar:

Days in classroom:

First Semester 86

Second Semester 92

TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS 178

CALENDAR LEGEND

Start/End

Quarter

Holidays

Vacation Days



Includes Professional/Staff Development Days.

HOLIDAYS:

- Labor Day (9/5)
- Veterans Day (11/11)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/24)
- Christmas Day (12/25)
- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/16)
- President's Day (2/20)
- Easter Sunday (4/8)
- Memorial Day (5/28)

1,032 Hours = K-6 Requirement
1,080 Hours = 7-12 Requirement

Calendar subject to Change due to School Cancellation Events.

August		Student Days			
M	T	W	Th	F	F
1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16		18	19	3/3
22	23	24	25	26	5/8
29	30	31			
September					
			1	2	5/13
5	6	7	8	9	4/17
12	13	14	15	16	5/22
19	20	21	22	23	5/27
26	27	28	29	30	5/32
October					
3	4	5	6	7	5/37
10	11	12	13	14	5/42
17	18	19	20	21	4/46
24	25	26	27	28	5/51
31					
November					
1	2	3	4		5/56
7	8	9	10	11	5/61
14	15	16	17	18	5/66
21	22	23	24	25	2/68
28	29	30			
December					
			1	2	5/73
5	6	7	8	9	5/78
12	13	14	15	16	5/83
19	20	21	22	23	3/86
26	27	28	29	30	
January					
2	3	4	5	6	3/89
9	10	11	12	13	5/94
16	17	18	19	20	5/99
	24	25	26	27	5/104
30	31				
February					
		1	2	3	5/109
6	7	8	9	10	5/114
13	14	15	16	17	5/119
20	21	22	23	24	4/123
27	28	29			
March					
			1	2	5/128
5	6		8	9	4/132
12	13	14	15	16	5/137
19	20	21	22	23	5/142
26	27	28	29	30	4/147
April					
2	3	4	5	6	4/151
9	10	11	12	13	4/155
16	17	18	19	20	5/160
23	24	25	26	27	5/165
30					
May					
1	2	3	4		5/170
7	8	9	10	11	5/175
14	15	16	17	18	3/178
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

178 Student Days

Date	Events
Aug. 15-16	Faculty In-Service Meet & Greet Night
Aug. 16	Jackson: 6:00 – 7:30 Ponca: 7:00 – 8:30
Aug. 17	First Day of School/1 st Semester Dismiss at 2:15
Sept. 5	No School – Labor Day
Sept. 27	Grades 3-12, Parent-Teacher Conf. 1:30 Dismissal
Oct. 14	End 1 st Qtr. (42 days)
Oct. 21	No School – Staff Development
Nov 3	Grades K-2 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00 – 8:00
Nov 23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec 21	End 2 nd Qtr. (44 days)
Dec 21	End 1 st Semester (86 days)
Dec 22-30	No School – Winter Break
Dec 25	No School - Christmas
Jan. 1	No School - New Year's Day
Jan. 2	No School
Jan. 3	No School – Staff Development
Jan. 4	Start: 2 nd Semester/3 rd Quarter
Feb 20	No School
Mar. 7	End 3 rd Qtr. (45 days)
Mar. 9	No School – Compensation Day For Parent-Teacher Confs.
Mar. 15	K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 8:00, Dismiss at 1:30
Apr 6	No School - Good Friday
Apr 9	No School – Spring Break
May 11	Graduation
May 16	Last Day: End 4 th Qtr. (48 days)
May 16	Last Day: End 2 nd Sem. (92 days)
May 17-18	Faculty In-Service
May 28	No School – Memorial Day